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**Matters relating to the United Nations Centre
for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business:
decisions on matters relating to the
United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation
and Electronic Business**

Decisions related to the Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

Background

1. At its twenty-seventh session (Geneva, 19–20 April 2021) the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) adopted the mandate and terms of reference of the Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy for the period mid-2021 to mid-2023.
2. The Team of Specialists will support more responsible consumption and production patterns (United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12) and the transition to a circular economy. It will build upon the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) e-business standards for agriculture and agri-food; fishery; garments and footwear; the transboundary movement of waste; the trade of products under sanitary or phytosanitary control; and the trade of endangered species of wild fauna and flora (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, CITES). It will be further supported by the establishment of a multi-stakeholder collaborative mechanism for the collection and exchange of experiences, and for capacity building of key industry actors and vulnerable groups in particular, including in countries with economies in transition.
3. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the mandate and terms of reference of the Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), as contained in document [ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/23/Rev.1](#), for the period mid-2021 to mid-2023.

Draft Decision

4. The Executive Committee hereby approves the mandate and terms of reference of the Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation



and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), as contained in document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/23/Rev.1, for the period mid-2021 mid-2023.
