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Agenda Item: V c

Information Sharing Mechanism: Policy Dialogue on  
Key Aspects of Free Trade Agreements and  
Regional Trade Agreements – Chile's Experience –  
Presentation

Purpose: Information  
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# CTI3 Information Sharing Mechanism: Policy Dialogue on WTO Aspects of FTAS/RTAS:

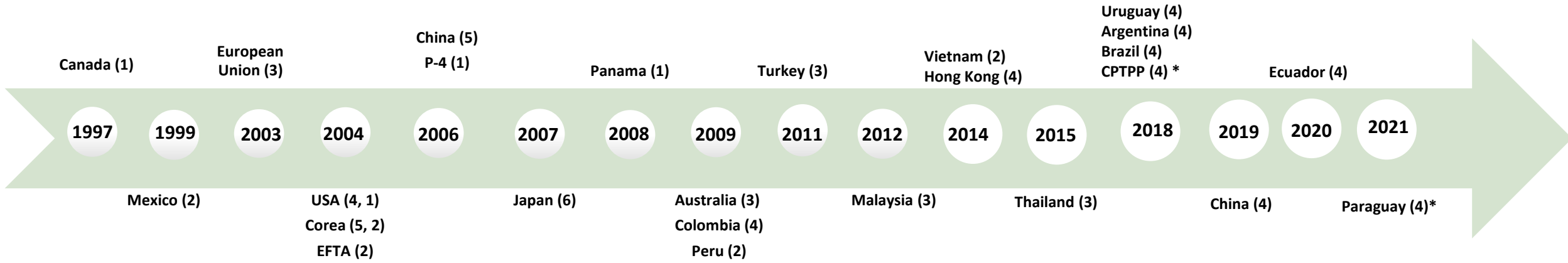
## Chile's Experience



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# III. RTAs AND ENVIRONMENT



(1) Environmental Cooperation Agreement  
 (2) Preamble  
 (3) Cooperation Article

(4) Environment Chapter  
 (5) MoU  
 (6) Joint Declaration

\* Not in force

## IV. TYPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN CHILE'S FTAs

- General commitments
  - promote high levels of environmental protection
  - Enforcement of environmental law
  - Non derogation clause.
- Public participation (e.g public sessions, submission)
- Cooperation (on forestry, fisheries, agriculture, wild fauna and flora, climate change, others)
- Institutional arrangements (e.g Contact Points, Committee)
- Consultation mechanism and dispute resolution

# FTA CHILE – USA: Environment Chapter and ECA

- The Environmental Cooperation Agreement was signed in 2003 as part of the FTA.
- More than **one hundred activities** have been carried out.
- The training of **more than five hundred** public officials, which represents a total investment of close to **3 million dollars**.
- Areas of cooperation: glacier monitoring; the strengthening of protected wild areas, both terrestrial and marine; environmental control; combating wildlife trafficking; air quality; the protection of endangered species; and the improvement of the productive processes of the extractive industries.

# FTA CHILE – CANADA: Environment Cooperation Agreement

19th Annual Session of the Council of the Chile-Canada Commission for Environmental Cooperation.  
Some activities developed in 2021:

- The implementation of the **Organic Recycle Program**, which seeks to reduce emissions from the waste sector in support of the NDC.
- A virtual dialogue on the progressive **phase-out of coal and just transition**, in the electricity sector.
- Workshop to combat the **illegal trade in wildlife species**: illegal trade in turtles.
- A webinar on advancing the **low-carbon economy** through hydrogen technologies.
- The webinar on the regulation of **single-use plastics**.
- Technical meeting on **bird conservation**, which reactivated the joint work that began in 2004.

# Pacific Alliance Lima Presidential Declaration on Plastics


The Pacific Alliance (PA) members signed in Lima in July 2019, the Presidential Declaration on the Sustainable Management of Plastics. PA members committed to work on the analysis and development of initiatives that contribute to the comprehensive management of plastic. This work is being implemented under the Environment and Green Growth Technical Group.




# Santiago Roadmap for the Sustainable Management of Plastics (2020)


 Regulation of plastics


 Good Practices and public policies


 Innovation, Research and transformation

 Management of plastics waste and recycling

 Circular Economy

 Trade and Financing

 Education and Information

 International Cooperation

**“Regional Public Good on Sustainable Management of Plastics (BPR-BID)” in the following areas: regulatory improvement; communication strategy and generation of information.**



# Final Comments

- International trade is a **key component** of sustainable development:
  - It helps in a more effective distribution of resources, and
  - It facilitates access to environmental goods, services and technologies.
- Therefore, it is essential to promote **trade and environmental** policies that are mutually supportive.
- The addition of environmental chapters in FTAs help in establishing a platform to discuss and promote trade and environmental issues.
- Cooperation is a relevant tool to address trade and environmental issues, in priority areas such as climate change, biodiversity or conservation.
- The Environment Chapters can contribute to Sustainable Development Goals.



**THANK YOU!**

