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Possible core mechanism of the plastics instrument

The role of sustainability criteria and trade

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Clean Pacific Roundtable 2021. Outcomes Statement

1 3R+Return Waste Hierarchy



2 Safer Circular Economy

Practices and products are safe, toxic and hazard free

Right to repair

3 Enabling Policies

Import and manufacturing restrictions on products:

- problematic in the region
- cannot be safely recycled or reused in the region

Legislation to ensure:

- end-of-life plastics returned to producers if located outside the region



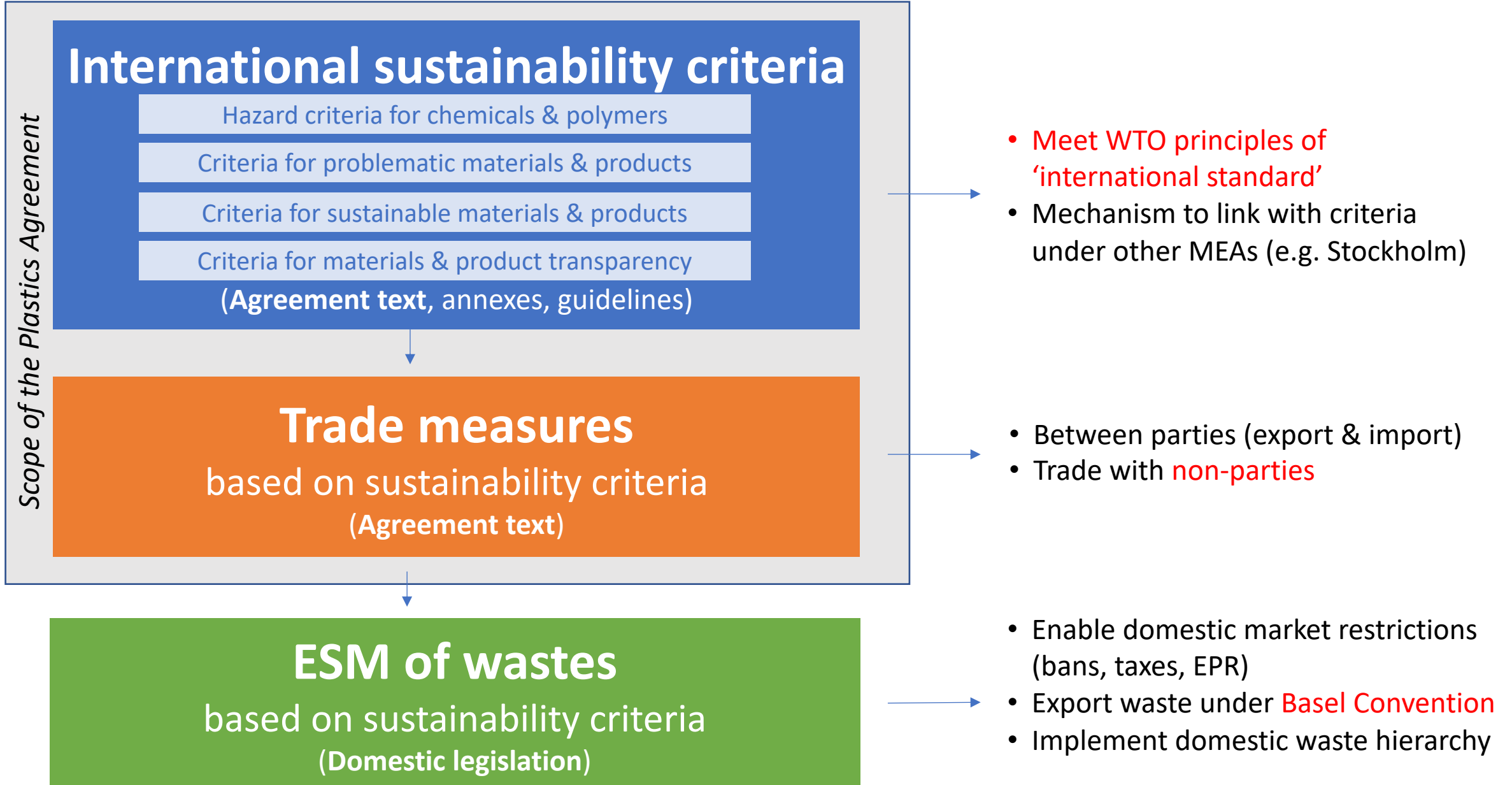
INC-2 Contact Group 1

- Broad support for establishing **criteria**
- Identify and prioritise (list)
 - **problematic** and **avoidable** plastic products
- Definitions

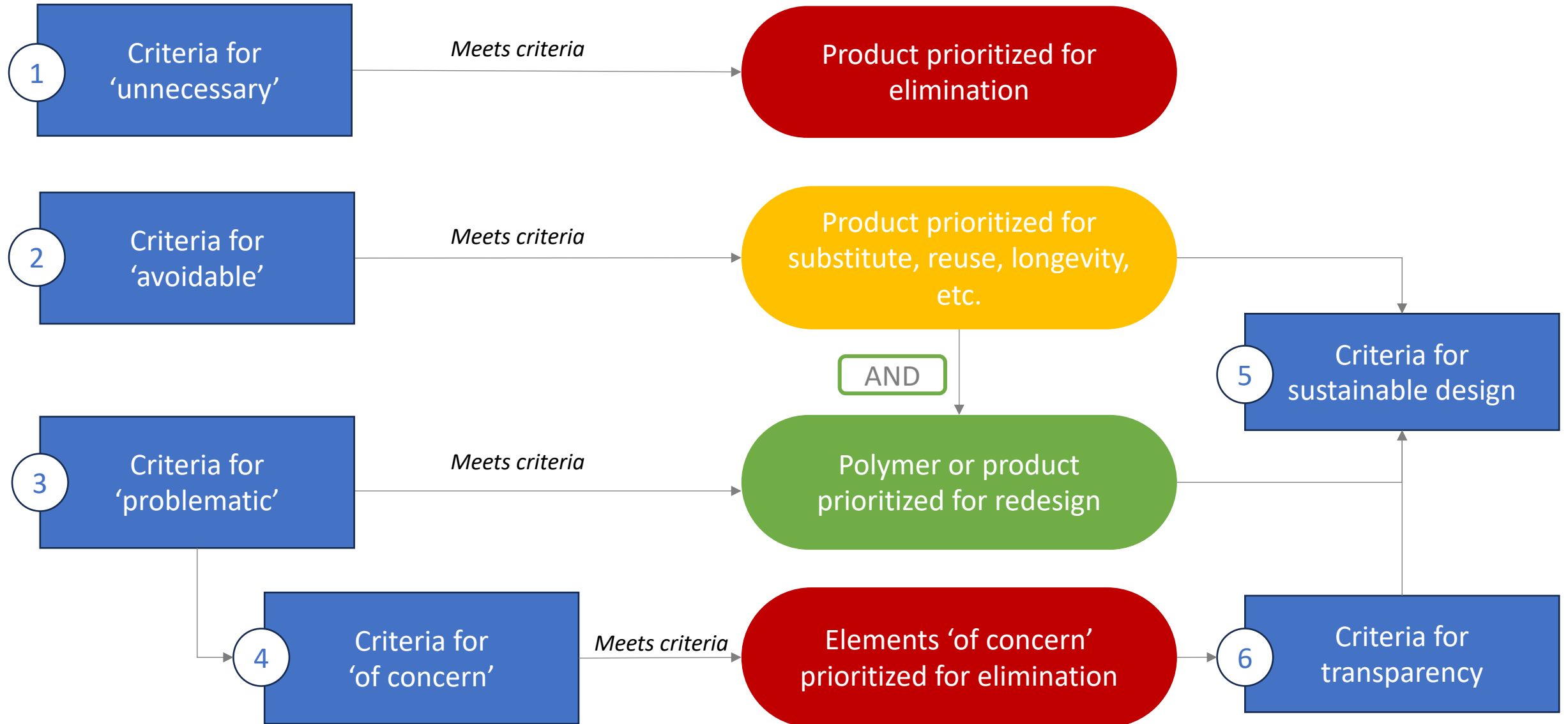
Project: Unnecessary, avoidable and problematic (UAP) polymers and products



Core mechanism of the plastics agreement (design)



Possible Criteria Sets - UAP



Intersessional work on sustainability criteria

- INC-3 - INC-4
 - Principles to guide the development of the criteria
 - Options for sets of criteria needed
 - Potential for listings and mechanisms for updating listings
 - Assess linkages of criteria sets to control measures in draft agreement text
 - Supported by **transparency criteria** across the life cycle of plastics
- INC-4 - INC-5
 - Draft criteria
 - Draft listings
 - Suggest amendments to draft agreement text, where needed
- Start with phased approach
 - Outline **high-level sustainability** criteria in the text of the agreement (INC)
 - Develop **detailed criteria** in possible annexes to the agreement (COP)

