

## Session 10: Protocol X on Green Economy

CAREC will promote the greening of regional trade and explore how trade can be part of climate solutions



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## Comment 1

### Article 1: Definitions

(h )Green mining and minerals means the mining and trade of mineral products needed by green and low-carbon industries, and the "greening" of the whole process of mineral resources development, production, use and recovery.

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### Article 13: Green Mining and Minerals

1. The Parties recognise that promoting green transformation and sustainable development in the field of mineral resources will help promote economic development, resource conservation and environmental friendliness, and benefit the people in a tangible way.
2. The Parties **may strengthen cooperation** in the following aspects, including:
  - (a) ensuring an open and secure policy environment. Promoting coordination of trade and environmental policies, encouraging docking of development strategies, exchange of laws and regulations, policy communication, sharing of experience and good practices, maintaining policy stability, and creating an open, stable, transparent, standardized, fair and predictable policy environment.

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- (b) maintaining stability and sustainability of the green mineral supply chain. Where applicable, measures taken should comply with WTO rules when they are designed, adopted and implemented, and do not constitute disguised restrictions on international trade.
- (c) promoting investment and financing, encouraging the government, international institutions and the private sector to build a tripartite/multi-party joint financing mechanism to guide private capital to green mining and mineral projects.
- (d) promoting cooperation on standards and conformity assessment regarding green mining and minerals.
- (e) strengthening the protection, application and management of intellectual property rights, and encouraging an innovative market environment.
- (f) promoting green technology innovation through technology exchange and sharing, capacity building, joint research and co-construction of incubation platforms.

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- (g) deepening cooperation in multilateral fora, encouraging extensive dialogue on international economic and trade cooperation on green mining and minerals in multilateral fora such as the United Nations and WTO, and welcome intellectual and technical support from relevant international organizations.
- (h) encouraging government, enterprises, media, public and environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, community development organizations to strengthen communication, fulfill their social responsibilities. Encouraging industry organizations to improve the level of green mining and mineral cooperation through developing standards and guidelines, capacity building, consulting services, industry self-discipline and compiling best practices.
- (i) promoting construction of an inclusive global green mining and mineral value chain, encouraging and support small and medium-sized enterprises to participate in green mining and mineral cooperation, advocating the establishment of a community benefit-sharing mechanism, safeguarding the employment rights and sustainable livelihoods of vulnerable groups.

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