



# Supporting Information: Upstream Financing Mechanism – Polymer Premium



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### Key Points:

- The Polymer Premium is a standardised small fee imposed on producers of primary plastic polymers at the very first stage of plastic polymer creation.
- The Polymer Premium is not only a mechanism to reduce plastic waste but will bridge the financing gap between our ambition to end plastic pollution by 2040 and current funding sources.
- The Polymer Premium complements, and doesn't compete, with other funding sources including Extended Producer Responsibility schemes and is compliant with obligations under the WTO.
- The implementation of the polymer premium provides an industry wide level playing field, respects a country's sovereignty and provides flexibility in implementation.
- *De minimis exemptions, redistributed and retention shares percentage allocations* should be negotiated and agreed to at the First Conference of Parties.

### Supporting Evidence:

- The OECD in [Policy Scenarios for Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040](#) found an upstream policy measure was required to reduce plastic waste.
- A report by [Eunomia Consulting & Research Ltd](#) found the Polymer Premium is complementary to other financing sources (including EPR) and is critical to ensuring successful implementation of an ambitious treaty to end plastic pollution by 2040.
- A report by Dr Luisa Cortas on [how the Polymer Premium can be implemented](#).
- [Minderoo Foundation's Report on the Polymer Premium](#) identified a financing gap between our ambition to end plastic pollution by 2040 and current funding sources available.



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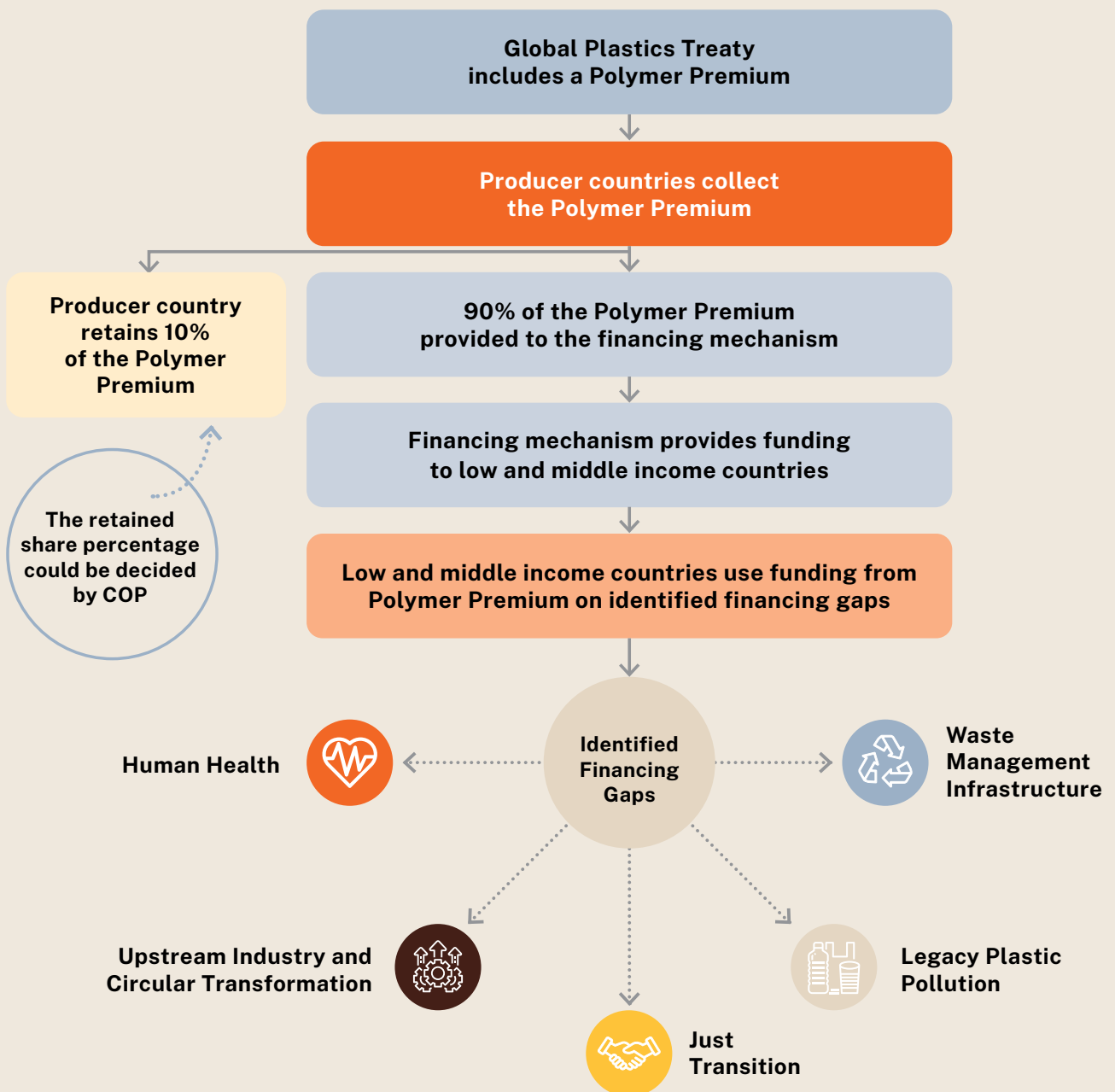
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## FAQs

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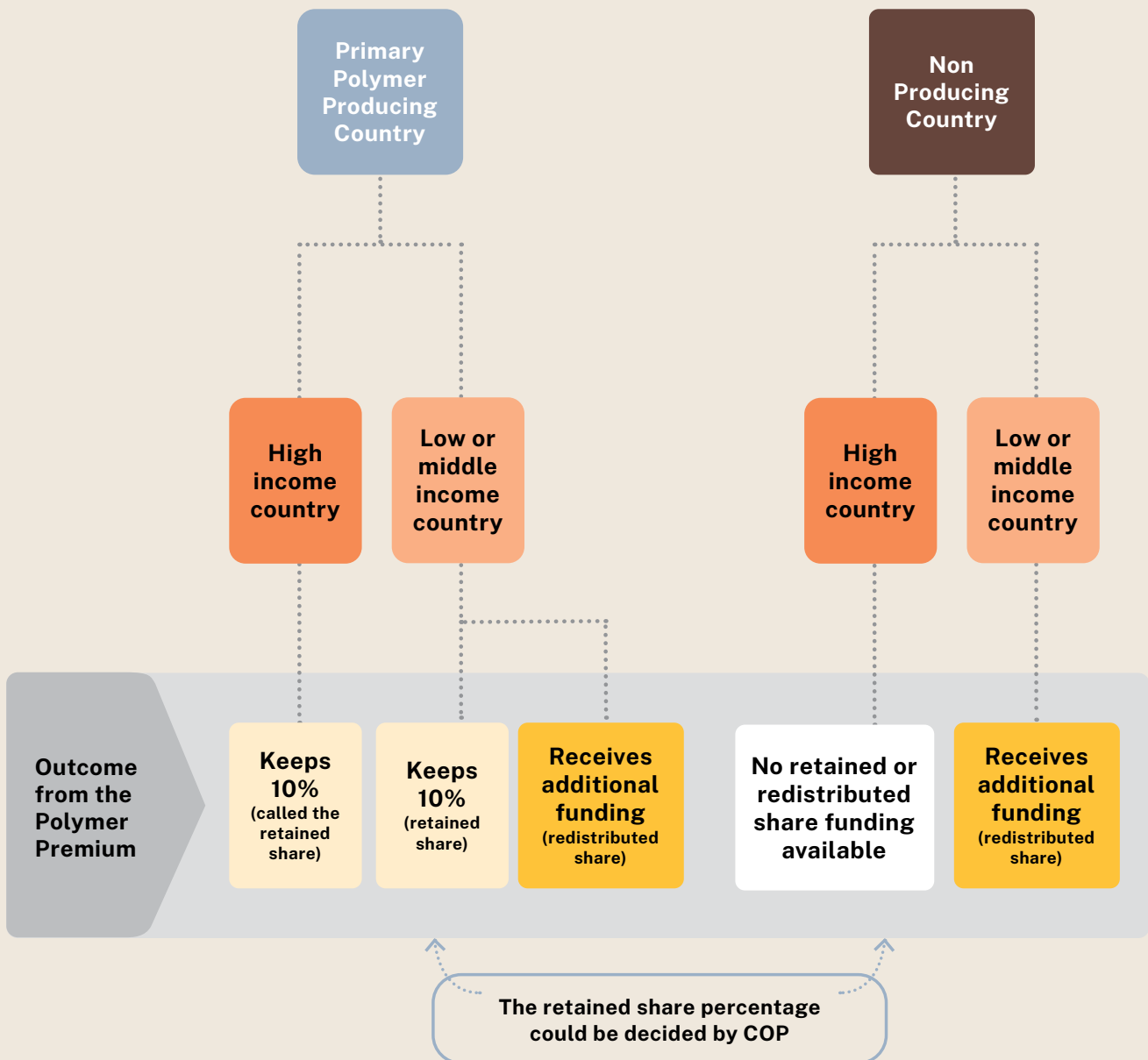
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#### **Are the Polymer Premium and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) the same?**

The Polymer Premium and EPR are not the same.

EPR is a downstream measure that extends the responsibility of an entity (often the one responsible for the final product sold to consumers) to the post-consumer stage of a product's life cycle. The Polymer Premium is an upstream measure imposed on producers of primary polymers.

#### **Does a Polymer Premium breach WTO laws?**

No. No measure taken under a Multilateral Environmental Agreement has been found to be contrary to WTO rules.

#### **What is not a Polymer Premium?**

The Polymer Premium is a form of private financing and is not:

- EPR,
- Public financing,
- Financing from development finance institutions,
- Multilateral environment funds,
- Equity/Debt financing,
- Impact investment,
- Grants,
- Co-financing, or
- Social impact bonds.

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