

# POLICY DIALOGUE ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2020

## ***Aligning Post-COVID19 Recovery 'Towards Sustainable Economies': Sustainable Consumption and Production in Focus***

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## *How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected consumption & production patterns?*

### **The Examples of negative impact**

(1) COVID-19 spurs wastes in South Korea.

- \* vast medical wastes ↑
- \* NO-Contact delivery↑ → packing wastes ↑

(2) The government sacrifices environment policy in the short term.

- \*Plastic ban relaxed
- \*Using 58 million plastic gloves during the election

### **The Example of positive impact**

(3) South Korea embraces Green Deal for COVID-19 Recovery.



*How can policy measures **support** post-pandemic recovery as well as **promote** sustainable means of consumption and production?*

(1) Insufficient incineration capacities.

→ (Q) only “waste import ban” without reducing national waste?

(2) Single-Use Plastics are back.

→ (Q) will the plan to ban plastic & paper cups in coffee shops by 2021 be delayed?

(3) **K-Green New Deal** was lacking in detail.

→ (Q) will K-Green New Deal be integrated into the **K-SDGs** ?

