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### THE PLASTICS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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All Members/All Members of the COA

Dear Sir(s),

### **Sub : Regarding Market Access Unfairness in Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries**

We wish to inform you that there has been an increased thrust in enhancing our exports in the LAC region as there is immense untapped potential. As you are aware that India's bilateral trade with 43 countries of the LAC (excluding Mexico) stood at US\$ 30.29 billion in 2018-19 as compared to USD 29.34 billion in the previous year. There has been an increase of 3.25 % in bilateral trade with the LAC region in 2018-19.

As far as performance of Plastic exports to the LAC region is concerned, please find below the details of it:

#### **Trade Potential (all Plastic products at 6-digit HS level)**

Region	Region's import from World during Year 2018	India's export to Region during year 2018	India's export to World during year 2018	Trade Potential - Year 2018
	USD million	USD million	USD million	USD million
LAC	70,573	747	11,632	10,885

Source: TradeMap

If we take LAC's global import of plastic products, our share in their global imports is miniscule i.e. only 1.05%. There may be reasons for our share of exports in the total imports of LAC being lesser. Among those could be unfair trade practices which are impeding our exports in the LAC region. These issues are now being reviewed at higher levels so that these can be addressed effectively.

In view of the above, members are requested to send any **market access unfairness** being faced by them in the LAC region so that immediate intervention could be made to overcome this problem. The information may kindly be provided latest by **17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 (12pm)** at **bharti@plexconcil.org**

With best regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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(Sr. Executive)