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Delegations will find attached an additional chapter no. 216 for the PRADO glossary.

Flexographic printing

Flexography is a **direct printing technique**, as is the (much more traditional) relief printing technique → **letterpress printing**.

Thin sheets of, for example laser engraved, polymer material can be used as 'printing plates'. Water-based, solvent-based or UV hardening low-viscosity inks can be used.

Flexo printing is very flexible and can be used for printing on almost any kind of absorbent or non-absorbent substrate, including for example on laminates.



Flexo printing on → laminate