



**General Council  
16-17 December 2020**

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

- 1. REPORT ON INFORMAL TNC AND INFORMAL HODS MEETINGS**
- 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BALI, NAIROBI AND BUENOS AIRES OUTCOMES – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**
- 3. WORK PROGRAMME ON SMALL ECONOMIES – REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEDICATED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**
- 4. THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ASPECTS OF COTTON**
  - A. ACTION PLAN TO ENHANCE SUPPORT FOR COTTON BY-PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT IN LDCS – DRAFT GENERAL COUNCIL DECLARATION – COMMUNICATION FROM BURKINA FASO ON BEHALF OF THE C4 AND CÔTE D'IVOIRE (WT/GC/W/808)
  - B. STATEMENT BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL
- 5. TWELFTH SESSION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE – DATE AND VENUE**
- 6. WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE**
  - A. REPORTS BY THE CHAIRS OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS AND THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN SERVICES (G/C/67; S/C/61)
  - B. WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND MORATORIUM ON IMPOSING CUSTOMS DUTIES ON ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS – REQUEST FROM INDIA
  - C. REINVIGORATING THE WORK UNDER THE 1998 WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE – COMMUNICATION FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND INDIA (WT/GC/W/812)
- 7. TRADE RELATED CHALLENGES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND WAY FORWARD: A DRAFT FOR MC DECISION – COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAD ON BEHALF OF THE LDC GROUP (WT/GC/W/806, WT/GC/W/807)**
- 8. COVID-19 AND BEYOND: TRADE AND HEALTH – STATEMENT BY COSPONSORS OF WT/GC/223**
- 9. PROPOSAL ON AGRICULTURE EXPORT PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME**
  - A. DRAFT GENERAL COUNCIL DECISION - COMMUNICATION FROM ALBANIA, ANGOLA, AUSTRALIA, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, EUROPEAN UNION, GRENADA, GUYANA, ICELAND, INDONESIA, ISRAEL, JAPAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, LIECHTENSTEIN, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, MALI, MEXICO, MOLDOVA, MONGOLIA, MONTENEGRO, MYANMAR, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PARAGUAY, PERU, THE PHILIPPINES, QATAR, SAMOA, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SWITZERLAND, THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU, UKRAINE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, VANUATU, AND VIET NAM (WT/GC/W/810/REV.2 – TN/AG/46/REV.2)

- B. COMMUNICATION FROM SINGAPORE (WT/GC/W/811 – TN/AG/47)
- 10. IMPORTANCE OF MARKET-ORIENTED CONDITIONS TO THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM – JOINT STATEMENT BY BRAZIL, JAPAN, AND THE UNITED STATES (WT/GC/W/803/REV.1)**
- 11. PROCEDURES TO STRENGTHEN THE NEGOTIATING FUNCTION OF THE WTO – STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES (WT/GC/W/757/REV.1 AND WT/GC/W/764/REV.1)**
- 12. STRENGTHENING THE WTO TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSIVITY – COMMUNICATION FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP, CUBA, AND INDIA (WT/GC/W/778/REV.3)**
- 13. TRIPS COUNCIL MATTERS**
- A. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SPECIAL COMPULSORY LICENSING SYSTEM – PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE ANNEX TO THE AMENDED TRIPS AGREEMENT AND PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE DOHA DECLARATION ON THE TRIPS AGREEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH (WT/L/540 AND WT/L/540/CORR.1) – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS (IP/C/86)
- B. STATUS REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION BY THE TRIPS COUNCIL OF THE "PROPOSAL FOR A WAIVER FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT OF COVID-19" (IP/C/W/669) – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS
- 14. WAIVERS UNDER ARTICLE IX OF THE WTO AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**
- A. INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 2002 CHANGES INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS – DRAFT DECISION (G/C/W/782)
- B. INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 2007 CHANGES INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS – DRAFT DECISION (G/C/W/783)
- C. INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 2012 CHANGES INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS – DRAFT DECISION (G/C/W/784)
- D. INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 2017 CHANGES INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS - DRAFT DECISION (G/C/W/785)
- E. REVIEW OF WAIVERS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX:4 OF THE WTO AGREEMENT
- (i) Preferential Treatment in favour of Services and Service Suppliers of Least Developed Countries, granted on 17 December 2011 until 31 December 2030 (WT/L/847, WT/L/982)
- (ii) Preferential tariff treatment for least-developed countries, granted on 16 October 2019 until 30 June 2029 (WT/L/1069)
- (iii) Cuba – Article XV:6 – Extension of waiver, granted on 7 December 2016 until 31 December 2021 (WT/L/1003, WT/L/1102)
- (iv) European Union – Application of Autonomous Preferential Treatment to the Western Balkans, granted on 7 December 2016 until 31 December 2021 (WT/L/1002, WT/L/1103)
- (v) United States – African Growth and Opportunity Act, granted on 30 November 2015 until 30 September 2025 (WT/L/970, WT/L/1097)

<sup>1</sup> In connection with this Item, the attention of Members is drawn to the Decision-Making Procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council on 15 November 1995 (WT/L/93).

- (vi) United States – Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, granted on 16 October 2019 until 30 September 2025 (WT/L/1070, WT/L/1096)
- (vii) United States – Former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, granted on 7 December 2016 until 31 December 2026 (WT/L/1000, WT/L/1098 and WT/L/1098/Corr.1)
- (viii) United States – Trade Preferences granted to Nepal, granted on 7 December 2016 until 31 December 2025 (WT/L/1001, WT/L/1099)

**15. REVIEW OF WTO ACTIVITIES**

Reports of:

- (i) General Council (WT/GC/W/809), Dispute Settlement Body (WT/DSB/81) and Trade Policy Review Body (WT/TPR/452)
- (ii) Sectoral Councils (G/L/1381, S/C/60, and IP/C/87) and Committee on Agriculture (G/L/1380)
- (iii) Committees on Trade and Development (WT/COMTD/100), Trade and Environment (WT/CTE/27<sup>2</sup>), Balance-of-Payments Restrictions (WT/BOP/R/118), Budget, Finance and Administration (WT/BFA/192), and Regional Trade Agreements (WT/REG/31)
- (iv) Working Group on Trade and Transfer of Technology (WT/WGTTT/22)
- (v) Committees under the Plurilateral Trade Agreements (GPA/AR/3, WT/L/1100 – TCA/16)

**16. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO WTO BODIES – ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 7.1(A) OF THE GUIDELINES (WT/L/510)**

**17. COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2020 (WT/BFA/189, WT/BFA/190, WT/BFA/191)**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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