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Communication from Seychelles

The following communication has been received from the Ministry of Finance and Communications of the Republic of Seychelles with the request that it be circulated to members of the Working Party.

Flexibility Paper

WTO Agreements	Full Implementation and Proposed Time Frame*
Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM)	Eight years from accession
Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)	Two years from accession
Import licensing procedures	Two years from accession
Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)	One year from accession
Agreement on Government Procurement	Five years from accession

* Seychelles, like almost all developing countries, is now pursuing policies promoting export-oriented growth, making its economy increasingly dependent on foreign trade. Seychelles has, therefore, the same vital interests as all WTO Members in seeing that the uniform rules embodied in the WTO Agreements are applied by all countries. Unfortunately, the lack of human and financial resources compel the Seychelles Government to request a transitional period to implement fully the above-mentioned WTO Agreements.