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INTRODUCTION

The number of WTO technical cooperation and training activities carried out in 1999 totaled 382 representing an increase of 24 per cent over 1998. These activities took place in 127 countries and covered most WTO Members (100), countries and territories in accession (20), countries that have expressed an interest in joining the WTO (7), and a large number of least-developed countries whether a WTO Member or not (27). The increase in number of activities compared to previous years has again largely been made possible through extra-budgetary contributions and the active participation of WTO Divisions. In addition to funds provided by the more regular donors, new contributions were received in 1999.

At present, extra-budgetary contributions constitute some ninety percent of total funding of all technical cooperation activities. It was anticipated that the Third Ministerial Meeting in Seattle would lead to a decision to increase WTO's regular budget for technical assistance on a permanent basis to sustainable levels, thus reducing the reliance on ad hoc extra budgetary contributions. In the absence of such a decision, the sustainability of the level of activity reached in terms of financial support continues to be questionable.

The WTO Secretariat continued to design, plan, monitor and evaluate technical cooperation activities on the basis of its guidelines, modalities and other documentation prepared to that effect.

During 1999 discussions continued in the Committee on Trade and Development on modalities for evaluating technical cooperation in the WTO. As of last summer, the Secretariat has started using two questionnaires with the specific purpose of evaluating technical cooperation and to produce a first evaluation report contained herein.

The present report contains a factual and qualitative description of WTO's technical cooperation activities undertaken during 1999. In general, it can be said that while respecting the demand-driven approach, a geographical balance was maintained in the delivery of assistance and priority given to least-developed countries and to low-income economies. WTO's technical assistance covered a very broad and diverse range of countries, including Members and non-Members and a very broad range of trade-related topics, which were addressed in a general and/or specific way, depending on the requirements of the beneficiary countries.

In this report on technical cooperation (1999), Chapter I provides a broad overview of all technical cooperation activities, their characteristics, regional distribution and specific areas covered; Chapter II provides a non-exhaustive overview of the main subject matters covered in technical cooperation activities; Chapter III elaborates further on regional/national activities and programmes; Chapter IV focuses on the follow-up to the High-Level Meeting on Integrated Initiatives for Least-Developed Countries; and Chapter V addresses budgetary issues.

I. OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES¹

During 1999, a total of 382 technical cooperation activities were organized, involving most Divisions in the WTO. This compares with 308 activities in 1998, representing an increase of 24 per cent. These activities were held in 127 countries, of which 100 were WTO Members, 20 in the process of accession, while the remaining 7 countries had expressed interest in joining the WTO. Out of the 100 Members where technical assistance activities were held, the large majority were developing countries, 19 were least-developed.² Another 8 LDCs, not Member of the WTO were also visited.

A. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN RELATION TO THE THREE-YEAR PLAN (TYP) 1999

The WTO Programme for Technical Cooperation (WT/COMTD/W/64), generally referred to as the 'Three-year Plan' contains a list of activities for the period 2000-2001. This is a 'rolling' plan, which is adjusted and updated every year. Out of the 153 activities planned, 79 were actually carried out. Out of the remaining 74 activities, 26 were carried over to the Three-year Plan for the year 2000. The other 48 were either combined with other activities or were cancelled.

From the above, one can conclude that about half of the planned activities for 1999 were conducted, representing a share of 21 per cent of the total number of activities in 1999. To this should be added some 34 activities that were contained in the Three-year Plan of 1998, but not conducted during 1998 and thus carried over to 1999. This brings the total number of activities having a reference in the Three-year Plans for 1998 and 1999 to 113, thus representing a share of 30 per cent of all activities carried out during 1999.

Table I

Three-Year Plan 1999 (TYP99)

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES	382
Activities contained in TYP99	153
Relative share of activities contained in TYP99, compared to all activities	40 %
Activities contained in TYP99 and carried out	79
• Execution rate TYP99	52 %
• Activities carried out from TYP99/total activities	21 %
Activities contained in TYP98 (and carried over to 1999)	34
Total number of activities having a reference in TYP98 and TYP99	113
• Relative share to all activities	30 %
Activities not having a reference in TYP98 or TYP99	269
• Relative share to all activities	70 %

A total of 269 activities (over 70 per cent) did not have a reference in the Three-year Plan. This can be explained by the fact that most requests for technical assistance are made 'ad hoc', i.e. in the course of the year, often on short notice. This total also includes activities organized jointly with

¹Full details on all technical cooperation activities are provided in Annex I.

²The WTO currently counts 29 Members that are recognized as least-developed countries. A total of 48 countries are recognised as least-developed according to the UN definition.

other organizations and activities to which WTO experts are invited. Countries often cannot anticipate their specific needs long in advance. While this is understandable, the uncertainty it engenders has wider repercussions, including those on planning, human resource allocation and on the budgetary and financial aspects of technical assistance. It complicates the Secretariat's task to give clear indications to donors what the financial needs are likely to be for technical assistance in years to come or even in the next year.

B. RELATIVE SHARE OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY WTO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Given WTO's Secretariat relative small size it cannot take charge of all technical cooperation activities it undertakes. In fact, as illustrated in Table II, 158 activities were fully organized by the WTO, representing a share of 41 per cent of total activities. In addition, 86 activities were held jointly with other institutions, representing a share of 23 per cent compared to all activities and the WTO was invited to participate in 138 activities, representing 36 per cent of all activities.

The WTO is increasingly developing and strengthening links with regional and other institutions, bodies and organizations to cooperate in the organisation of activities. Also, it is increasingly outsourcing activities, when and where feasible so as to alleviate the task of the Secretariat and to share the burden of the preparatory process. Memoranda of Understanding have been signed between the WTO Secretariat and the Secretariat of other bodies to formalize such ties.

Table II

Technical Cooperation Activities by Lead Organizer

ACTIVITIES FULLY ORGANIZED BY WTO	158
• Relative share to all activities	41 %
ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY WTO AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS	86
• Relative share to all activities	23 %
ACTIVITIES WHERE WTO WAS INVITED	138
• Relative share to all activities	36 %

C. REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Looking at the geographical distribution of technical cooperation activities held, Table III gives a regional breakdown which shows that major efforts were directed in assisting African countries, which benefitted from nearly 28 per cent of all activities (106) in 1999. Activities in other regions also increased with 79 held in Asia and the Pacific, 64 held in Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries, 100 in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 33 in the Middle East.

The table also shows that the share of Africa in all technical cooperation activities represents nearly 28 per cent and an increase of 14 per cent compared to the year 1998. North/Latin America & the Caribbean had 100 activities, representing a share of 26.2 per cent and corresponding to a growth rate of some 43 per cent compared to 1998. The Asia/Pacific region had 79 activities, representing over 20 per cent of all activities and a growth of 27.4 per cent. Activities in Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries numbered 64, or 16.8 per cent of all activities, an increase of 12.3 per cent. The Middle East had 33 activities, or 8.6 per cent of total, an increase of 26.9 per cent.

Table III
1999 Technical Cooperation Activities by Region

	Total	Percentage 1999	Relative Increase 1999/1998
Africa	106	28	14
Asia / Pacific	79	21	27
Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries	64	17	12
North ³ /Latin America & the Caribbean	100	26	43
Middle East	33	9	27

The rather important increase in all technical cooperation activities over time (growth rates) and their regional distribution is shown in Table IV. It also shows that all regions have substantially seen an increase in the absolute number of activities, but at a different pace. African countries have systematically been the largest beneficiaries, followed closely by North/Latin America and the Caribbean in 1999.

Table IV
Technical Cooperation Activities by Region
(Growth Rates)

Region	1995	1996	1996/ 1995	1997	1997/ 1996	1998	1998/ 1997	1999	1999/ 1998	Total
Africa	20	43	115 %	66	53 %	93	41 %	106	14 %	328
Asia/Pacific	20	28	40 %	53	89 %	62	17 %	79	27 %	242
Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries	17	16	-6 %	32	100 %	57	78 %	64	12 %	186
North ³ /Latin America and the Caribbean	16	26	62 %	58	123 %	70	21 %	100	43 %	270
Middle East	6	11	83 %	18	64 %	26	44 %	33	27 %	94
Total	79	124	57 %	227	83 %	308	36 %	382	24 %	1,120

³ Refers to activities for developing countries held in North America.

Also, as presented in the annexes to this document, the distribution of technical cooperation activities is given by region and by lead agent. As indicated earlier, the WTO also undertakes joint technical cooperation activities with other international organizations and is also invited to activities organized by other institutions. This information is summarized in Table V.

Table V
1999 Technical Cooperation Activities by Region and Lead Agency
Total: 382

Annex 1: Activities undertaken by WTO	Total	Percentage of total activities	Percentage distribution
Total	158	41	100
a. Africa	43	11	27
b. Asia / Pacific	33	9	21
c. Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries	25	6	16
d. North / Latin America and the Caribbean	43	11	27
e. Middle East	14	4	9

Annex 2: Activities undertaken jointly with other organizations	Total	Percentage of total activities	Percentage distribution
Total	86	23	100
a. Africa	31	8	36
b. Asia / Pacific	15	4	17
c. Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries	12	3	14
d. North / Latin America and the Caribbean	23	6	27
e. Middle East	5	2	6

Annex 3: Activities where WTO was invited	Total	Percentage of total activities	Percentage distribution
Total	138	36	100
a. Africa	32	8	23
b. Asia / Pacific	31	8	23
c. Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries	27	7	20
d. North / Latin America and the Caribbean	34	9	24
e. Middle East	14	3	10

D. DISTRIBUTION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES BY MODE OF SUPPLY

It is recalled that WTO's technical cooperation activities are conducted by basically four modes of supply: national seminars, regional seminars, technical missions and workshops, conferences, symposia and training courses. Summary information on the modes of supply is contained in Table VI.

Table VI

Technical Cooperation Activities by Mode of Supply

Type of Activity	Area Year	Africa	Asia/ Pacific	Europe/ Central and Eastern European and Central Asian Countries	Latin/ North America and Caribbean	Middle East	Total
National Seminars	1995	7	7	8	7	4	33
	1996	13	4	1	10	1	29
	1997	13	7	4	16	4	44
	1998	7	10	7	13	4	41
	1999	12	12	7	18	8	57
Total		52	40	27	64	21	204
Regional Seminars	1995	3	8	1	6	0	18
	1996	7	7	2	8	2	26
	1997	14	13	4	16	3	50
	1998	17	19	5	22	8	71
	1999	15	11	9	14	2	51
Total		56	58	21	66	15	216
Technical Missions	1995	10	3	0	2	1	16
	1996	9	5	1	1	3	19
	1997	21	12	8	9	5	55
	1998	44	20	8	12	6	90
	1999	33	19	5	35	9	101
Total		117	59	22	59	24	281
Workshops, Conferences, Symposia, Training Courses	1995	0	2	8	1	1	12
	1996	14	12	12	7	5	50
	1997	18	21	16	17	6	78
	1998	25	13	37	23	8	106
	1999	46	37	43	33	14	173
Total		103	85	116	81	34	419
All Activities	1995	20	20	17	16	6	79
	1996	43	28	16	26	11	124
	1997	66	53	32	58	18	227
	1998	93	62	57	70	26	308
	1999	106	79	64	100	33	382
Total		328	242	186	270	94	1,120

With respect to the modes of supply, Table VI shows that the distribution of activities in 1999 consisted of technical cooperation workshops and conferences (173) technical missions (101), national seminars (57) and regional seminars (51).

Compared to 1998, the number of workshops and conferences in which the Secretariat participated increased considerably from 106 to 173 in 1999 in all regions, with the fastest growth in Asia/Pacific. In absolute terms, the largest number of such activities continue to be held in Africa (46). This strong demand reflects a continuously strong interest in the WTO issues and the need to address implementation issues of the Agreements. The topics of the workshops, conferences, round tables, training courses were wide-ranging and generally dealt in-depth with specific issues. Workshops follow a 'hands-on' approach, with officials being trained and/or familiarised with the intricacies of a specific agreement. Furthermore, the expertise of the WTO Secretariat continued to be solicited by other organizations. The number of technical missions increased from 90 in 1998 to 101 in 1999, reflecting a continuous demand for specific assistance in implementation and regulatory issues.

Technical cooperation activities in Africa were mainly delivered in the form of workshops, conferences, symposia and training courses (46), technical missions (33), regional seminars (15) and national seminars (12). The increase in the number of workshops, conferences, symposia and training courses (from 25 in 1998 to 46 in 1999) can largely be explained by the implementation of the JITAP and the Integrated Framework (cf Chapter IV).

In Asia and the Pacific the total number of activities increased to 79 from 62 in 1998; with most of the technical cooperation delivered through workshops and conferences (37), technical missions (19) national seminars (12) and regional seminars (11).

In North/Latin America and the Caribbean, a total of 100 activities were carried out, up from 58, mostly consisting of workshops and conferences (33), technical missions (35), national seminars (18) and regional seminars (14).

Of the 33 activities held in the Middle East, most consisted of workshops and conferences (14), national seminars (8) and technical missions (9).

In Europe / Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries, technical cooperation activities (64) were largely organized in the form of workshops, conferences, symposia, training courses (43), most of which actually took place at the WTO headquarters in Geneva.

While the mode of delivery can vary among regions, each region continued to be covered by a variety of activities.

E. RELATIVE SHARE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION IN ALL TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

It has often been emphasized that technical cooperation is provided by the WTO as a whole and not solely by the Technical Cooperation Division. The information available (Table VII) shows that of all activities, 115 were carried out by the Technical Cooperation Division, representing a share of 30 per cent. A total of 43 activities were conducted jointly between TCD and other Divisions, representing 11 per cent, and the vast majority of activities (224) were conducted by other Divisions representing a share of 59 per cent. It should also be noted that this increasing number of activities carried out by all Divisions in the WTO is carried out with only a modest increase in staff. As pointed out further in the report, the increase in demand for technical assistance translates into an equivalent increase in workload for most Divisions.

Table VII
1999 Technical Cooperation Activities:
TCD and/or other Divisions

	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE 1999
TCD only	115	30
TCD jointly with other divisions	43	11
Other Divisions (excl. TCD)	224	59

II. TECHNICAL COOPERATION: SUBJECTS COVERED

A. ACCESSION

During 1999, the Secretariat continued to provide technical assistance to countries in the process of accession to the WTO. The year was marked by a rush to conclude as many accessions as possible prior to the Seattle Ministerial Conference, and thus the workload of Accessions Division was at a peak. Due to the unusually extensive programme of accession meetings in Geneva, the number of technical missions had to be reduced, with more emphasis on assistance provided to delegations of acceding governments during their visits to the WTO. The Secretariat also spent considerable time assisting governments, at different stages of accession, to ensure that the flow of information between them and WTO Member governments remain pertinent and timely.

Countries visited in 1999 included Saudi Arabia, Georgia and Estonia. Requests for, and consequently the number of, technical assistance missions is expected to increase in 2000.

B. AGRICULTURE

The Agriculture and Commodities Division was extensively involved in technical cooperation activities in 1999. The Division was frequently contacted by Geneva-based delegations or from capitals for assistance in the preparation of notifications and with regard to responses to specific implementation questions. Also in Geneva assistance was provided through the 3-week trade policy courses organized by the Technical Cooperation Division and through meetings arranged with representatives of developing countries, such as Uruguayan officials on administration of tariff quotas and Kenyan officials on safeguards. In addition, a number of meetings were held with representatives of private sector companies, such as South African sugar and Caribbean rum producers, and non-governmental organizations, such as Consumers International and the World Wide Fund for Nature. In Geneva, a number of acceding countries sought assistance with the accession process, including Georgia, Jordan and Chinese Taipei, while others asked for assistance in their capitals, such as Vietnam and China.

A wide variety of seminars, workshops and symposia took place in 1999 ranging from one day seminars in Europe organised by NGOs to week long workshops in Africa organised by official aid agencies. Others included participation in trade policy courses organised by the Technical Cooperation Division in conjunction with regional bodies such as Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) and the Islamic Development Bank which were held in Paraguay for Latin American countries, in Pakistan for Central Asian countries and in Austria for East European countries. The Division also participated in national and regional seminars organised by international and national organisations such as in Côte d'Ivoire organized by UNCTAD, in Colombia organized by the Colombian Ministry for Agriculture and in Nigeria organized by ECOWAS.

The type of assistance provided depended very much on the requirements of the particular mission. For many developing countries a general overview of the Agreement on Agriculture is needed, but for many regional seminars a short presentation followed by discussion, when specific issues can be addressed, might better suits their needs. The understanding of the Agreement varies considerably from one country to the next and from one group within a country to another, and it is necessary to tailor the presentations to suit the audience. In general, the presentations could be said to fall into three general categories. The first provides a general overview of the Agreement on Agriculture, the second deals with specific sets of provisions within the Agreement covering a single generic issue such as market access, and the third covers the whole agreement and how it affects a particular product or product group such as sugar or beef. In addition, since the start of 1999, another type of presentation has become necessary to help countries prepare for the mandated negotiations on continuing the reform process for agriculture.

It is clear that there is still a great deal to be done in many countries about the details and the implications of the Agreement on Agriculture. At the same time rising trade volumes and improved trade opportunities are increasing the importance of the Agreement. There is some evidence that the work of the WTO and other international organisations such as the FAO, ITC and the World Bank is beginning to have some impact although it is also clear that trade policy is one of many factors that must be addressed by some of the poorer countries before they can take advantage of the opportunities created by the WTO Agreements. Improving infrastructure, recovering from natural and man-made disasters and finding the most appropriate macro-economic policy are also very important. As trade becomes more important these physical constraints, as well as difficulties sometimes encountered when dealing with cumbersome systems of customs administration are being commented on by more participants in more meetings.

The main difficulties facing the agriculture technical cooperation activities include the following:

- Internal co-ordination within countries requesting technical cooperation is difficult to achieve as different ministries deal with agriculture, trade and foreign affairs. (Indeed, countries at all stages of development have difficulties co-ordinating their various ministries.);
- Co-ordination among international agencies could be improved by participation of WTO representatives in activities run by other agencies although limited human and financial resources often prevent this;
- Many national constraints need to be overcome before trade opportunities can be fully exploited. These constraints vary from legal and social stability to poor physical infrastructure. While the importance of trade to development is acknowledged, governments sometimes focussed on the more obvious constraints;
- The wealth of developed countries along with the Generalised System of Preferences, which gives developing countries preferential access to richer markets, have resulted in a concentration on the North American and European markets. However, high technical and safety standards, established brands and saturated markets make future potential expansion difficult. A re-focus, to concentrate on the potential growth markets closer to home, may offer scope for increasing trade and improving development.

Finally, although agriculture exports from developing countries have improved since the conclusion of the Uruguay Round, some developing countries feel that their position has deteriorated. This is a sensitive issue as the WTO starts negotiations on the continuing reform in agriculture.

Preparing countries for these negotiations has been increasing in importance as 1999 progressed and is likely to increase throughout 2000.

C. BRIEFING SESSIONS AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE

In the first week of November 1999, the WTO organized what is generally referred to as the "Geneva Week" for Non-Geneva based WTO Members and Observer delegations. The aim of the "Geneva Week" was to allow the "out-of-town" delegations to gain as clear a picture as possible of the issues for the Third WTO Ministerial Meeting in Seattle, the way in which these issues were being approached, and the assistance made available from the WTO and other agencies in Geneva. The interactive format allowed for the active participation of the visiting delegations.

Briefing sessions for Geneva-based delegations and visiting officials of least-developed countries, developing countries, economies in transition and countries in the process of accession are organized on a regular basis. These briefings are provided either to individual delegations and officials or in the form of briefing sessions for several delegations. They constitute a very important aspect of technical assistance and address specific concerns of individual or groups of countries.

On an ongoing basis the Secretariat provides bilateral technical assistance to Members. This mainly consists of assisting Members and acceding countries by providing information and guidance upon their request on any area covered by WTO Agreements. Such assistance can be provided in meetings between WTO staff members and delegations, through e-mail, in writing or by telephone/fax.

D. COMPETITION POLICY

Paragraph 22 of the Singapore Ministerial Declaration provides that the technical cooperation programme of the Secretariat shall be made available to developing and, in particular, least-developed country Members to facilitate their participation in the work of the WTO Working Group on the Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy (WGTCP) which is established by Paragraph 20 of the Declaration. More specifically, the purpose of the Organization's technical cooperation programme in this area has been to facilitate developing and other countries' participation in the WTO's work on trade and competition policy by: (i) disseminating information on technical and policy developments relating to trade and competition policy, both among Geneva-based delegates and in the various regions of the developing world; and (ii) exposing delegates directly to, and enabling them to enter into a two-way dialogue with, knowledgeable academics and experts from the private sector and civil society as well as senior capital-based competition policy officials from developed and developing countries on the questions before the WTO in this area. During the past year, a number of activities were undertaken in support of these objectives. In several cases, these activities were undertaken with financial assistance and/or input from staff members of other intergovernmental organizations including UNCTAD and the World Bank.

Two symposia on issues concerning Competition Policy and the Multilateral Trading System were held at the WTO during the year. The first of these, held on 17 April 1999, dealt with the Relevance of Fundamental WTO Principles, International Cooperation and the Contribution of Competition Policy to WTO Objectives. The second, which took place on 13 September 1999, dealt with the views of civil society organizations on questions concerning the role of competition policy in a healthy market economy and its relationship with the multilateral trading system. These symposia were organized with financial assistance from, and input from the staff of the Secretariats of, UNCTAD as well as the World Bank and other organizations. The papers and proceedings of these symposia along with two other symposia that were held in 1997 and 1998, respectively, will be published in a volume. The volume, to be jointly edited by staff members of the Secretariats of the WTO, UNCTAD and the World Bank, is intended as a further contribution to public understanding of the issues discussed at the symposia.

In May 1999, the WTO Secretariat, jointly with the Asian Development Bank, presented a regional seminar on Trade Remedies and Competition Policy, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Seminar was attended by a large number of countries from South, East and Southeast Asia.

During the year, staff members of the WTO Secretariat also participated in conferences, workshops and training seminars sponsored by other organizations that dealt with the interface between trade and competition policy and were for the benefit of developing countries. These included: (i) an APEC workshop on Competition Policy and Deregulation in Christchurch, New Zealand, in April - May 1999; (ii) a training seminar for staff of non-governmental organizations sponsored by the Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS), in Jaipur, India, in July 1999; (iii) a seminar on competition policy for Caricom member countries sponsored jointly by UNCTAD, the Caricom Secretariat and the University of the West Indies in October 1999; and (iv) a conference on competition policy in Mercosur organized by the Brazilian national competition agency, CADE, in November 1999.

As a further element of the WTO Secretariat's technical cooperation activities relating to the interaction between trade and competition policy, lectures were presented as part of several sessions of the Organization's Trade Policy Course. Special lectures and presentations were also given for various organizations that visited the WTO during the year. Finally, it is worth noting that an important activity of WTO staff members in this area throughout the year was the provision of information and advice, on an ongoing and informal basis, to delegations to facilitate their participation in the work of the WGTCF.

E. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

In accordance with Article 27.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Technical Cooperation Division, jointly with the Legal Affairs Division, organized the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Special Training Courses on Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices. These courses were held on 22-25 March 1999, 1-4 June 1999 and 26-29 October 1999, respectively. The objective of these courses was to enhance the understanding of officials, from developed and developing country Members as well as acceding countries, of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding so as to enable them to advise their governments effectively on all matters relating to the implementation and application of the WTO Agreement. The programme included a general presentation on the GATT/WTO system, followed by detailed presentations on the dispute settlement procedures and practices. The courses also contained an important practical component requiring active involvement and interaction from the participants, through case studies and simulated panel exercises. A total of 120 participants took part in these courses.

As was foreseen in last year's report, the Secretariat with the financial assistance of donor governments, held a number of regional and sub-regional workshops on dispute settlement procedures and practices for government officials from developing countries. Six courses were held last year; the first was held for Pacific Island Countries on 13-16 April 1999 in Sydney, Australia; the second in Budapest, Hungary on 26-29 April 1999; the third in Rabat, Morocco on 29 June - 2 July 1999; the fourth for Arab countries on 13-16 September 1999 in Beirut, Lebanon; and the fifth for Attorneys-General of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States on 6-8 December 1999 in Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica. Also a regional advanced training workshop on dispute settlement was held on 6-8 April 1999. It is intended to hold similar courses over the next two years in all regions, should funding be available under the regular budget of the WTO or from donors.

During the year 1999, developing countries were actively involved in the dispute settlement process, both as complainants and as respondents. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 27.2 of the DSU, a number of developing countries sought the assistance from the Technical Cooperation

Division in a variety of legal matters and situations. Assistance which was provided included advising countries on their legal rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement; commenting on a Member's submission to initiate or defend an action under a covered agreement, and undertaking legal research and providing legal opinions.

F. ESTABLISHMENT OF WTO REFERENCE CENTRES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Information technology tools have been increasingly used to enhance the delivery of WTO technical cooperation. A WTO training package in electronic form was developed to extend the outreach of explanation and understanding of WTO Agreements. On-line fora were organized to permit government officials of WTO Members in distant locations to participate in topical discussions. Themes of on-line fora in 1999 included Low-Income Developing Countries in the GATT/WTO Framework organized in January-March; Regionalism organized in March-April; and Developing Countries and the Millennium Round organized in October. In addition, the Trade and Development Web site jointly initiated by the WTO and the World Bank continued to provide useful information on-line to enable decision-makers in developing countries to better understand and make use of the rules and mechanisms of the WTO.

(i) *WTO Reference Centres*

The establishment of WTO Reference Centres in several developing countries has contributed to improve information flows between the WTO Secretariat and Ministries of Commerce of WTO Members. The WTO Reference Centre programme has its origins in the Technical Cooperation Division. It initially started as a component of the WTO-UNCTAD-ITC Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Programme (JITAP)⁴ to provide enhanced technical assistance to the countries visited by the Director-General of the WTO and the Executive Director of the ITC in January 1996. Later in April 1996, the JITAP was jointly launched at Midrand (South Africa) by the WTO, UNCTAD and ITC, and covered eight countries. Following the conclusion of the High-Level Meeting on Integrated Initiatives for Least-Developed Countries' trade development in October 1997 and taking cognizance of the difficulties faced by Small Island Developing Members, WTO Reference Centres have expanded to cover sixty-eight countries at the end of December 1999. The implementation of the programme commenced in the last quarter of 1997 and has been predominantly supply-driven.

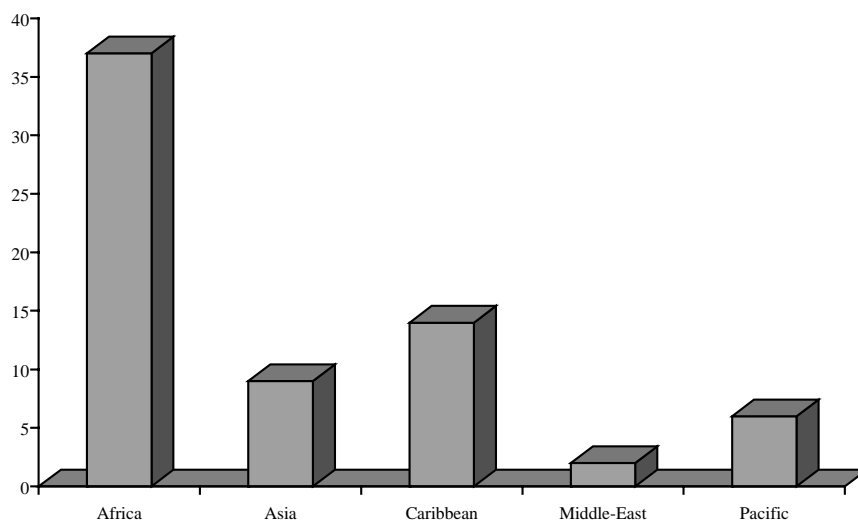
The emphasis on least-developed Countries in the programme implies that Africa, the continent which has the largest number of LDCs, is the major beneficiary of WTO Reference Centres. All African least-developed country Members and observers, with the exception of Sierra Leone (because of political instability), have been covered by the WTO Reference Centre programme. The regional distribution of WTO Reference Centres is graphically presented below. For LDCs, both the equipment and training are provided while for other developing countries only training is given.

⁴ The JITAP programme was developed by ITC, UNCTAD and WTO to help selected least-developed and other countries in Africa to participate more effectively in the evolving multilateral trading system and to benefit therefrom.

There are thirty-seven WTO Reference Centres in Africa, fourteen in the Caribbean, nine in Asia, six in the Pacific and two in the Middle East.

Follow-up activities in 1999 have included replacement of computer equipment for Central

Geographical Distribution of WTO Reference Centres



African Republic, a printer for Mozambique, a CPU (central processing unit) for Bénin, an UPS (uninterruptible power supply device) for Burkina Faso and Ghana, and procurement of "surge arrest" for Central African Republic, Chad and Burkina Faso. Close to 48,000 pages of Daily WTO News Headlines were sent to all WTO Reference Centres during 1999.

A feedback from WTO Reference Centres demonstrates that they have become indispensable sources of information on the WTO for the Government and the business community. Some depict the Reference Centres as a "one-stop shop" for trade-related information on the WTO, while others describe the training provided as useful to the extent of reducing the amount of time spent searching on-line for documents, for information on the WTO. Countries benefiting from WTO Reference Centres have increasingly recognized them as WTO national offices located in cyberspace from where they obtain an instantaneous response to most of their WTO-related queries and relevant information. A list of WTO Reference Centres with contact addresses is contained in Annex III to this report.

An outlook for the year 2000 points to an expansion of the WTO Reference Centre programme to other developing countries in Africa, in Central and Latin America, and other Middle-East and Asian countries, subject to availability of funds. Activities will entail the organization of a series of regional WTO Reference Centre training seminars in Africa, Asia, Caribbean and the Pacific. These activities will enable the WTO to bring trade policy officials from LDCs and other developing countries into a regional centre for additional hands-on training. It is also planned to expand the WTO Reference Centre programme to regional and sub-regional bodies such as CARICOM, SADC, ECOWAS, UEMOA and COMESA which can assist the Secretariat in providing to their respective members WTO-related information and training. The practice of providing Daily WTO News Headlines to all Reference Centres will continue in 2000. In addition, the WTO is considering the option of providing free internet connection to all WTO Reference Centres located in least-developed countries to be financed through Trust Funds.

Once again during the past year, the Technical Cooperation Division enjoyed close collaboration with other Divisions in the Secretariat concerning the implementation of the WTO

Reference Centre programme. These were the Information and Media Relations Division (IMRD), Informatics Division, Language Services and Documentation Division, and the Statistics Division.

(ii) *Information Technologies for Development (ITD)*

The Web site of the Trade and Development Centre is an Internet site with information and training guides designed to meet the needs of LDCs and other developing country trade officials. The Internet site is used by about 5,000 visitors per month. The content includes:

- On-line fora on trade issues of interest to developing countries: Three fora were organized over the past year with participation from users worldwide, mostly from LDCs and other developing countries;
- Developing country case studies: Case studies have been developed and are available on the Internet site;
- Interactive training guides. These can be viewed online or downloaded from the Internet site.

Development of electronic training and information materials remains crucial for LDCs and other developing countries. Some of the current and future activities are:

- Continued development of Internet and CD-based information material for WTO Reference Centres, as well as for use in other WTO activities, including Trade Policy Courses;
- Expansion of the ITD Internet site to include more case studies, on-line fora and other content;
- Development of a library of interactive training tools on CD-ROMs. The first such module on the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing offers users three hours of interactive course material. The objective is to develop similar modules for all other WTO Agreements;
- The World Bank Global Distance Learning Network (GDLN). This is a project initiated by the World Bank aimed at using communications technologies to deliver training programs (distance learning) and to provide access to computerized databases to developing countries. It is a global communications system with computer links, analog video-conferencing and interactive classrooms. The World Bank developed the first Centres in 1997 using facilities in its network of field offices in capitals of developing countries. The current phase of the project is to establish Distance Learning Centres (DLCs) which are owned and operated by training and educational institutions in each participating country. The existing GDLN network covers several countries in Africa, Asia, Caribbean and South America. The WTO continued its collaboration with the World Bank on this project in 1999. There has been one pilot project to-date in which the WTO used the Bank's network for a 6-hour interactive seminar on notifications. This session was conducted from the WTO Secretariat in Geneva for about 60 trade ministry officials in four African countries. The trial enabled a lively exchange between WTO specialists in Geneva and the 60 participants from Africa.

Training in the use of information material on the Internet and on CD-ROM, including the use of specialized databases, remains the most important need identified by LDCs and other developing country trade officials.

G. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Cooperation with WIPO has been a key feature in this area, based on the Cooperation Agreement between the two Organizations. For example, the two Secretariats often provided resource persons to each other's seminars held outside Geneva and to training activities organized in Geneva. In pursuance of the Cooperation Agreement, the International Bureau of WIPO and the Secretariat of WTO launched, in July 1998, a Joint Initiative on Technical Cooperation to assist developing countries to meet their commitments under the TRIPS Agreement by the year 2000. Under the joint initiative, the two Organizations committed themselves to use available resources to provide, on request, assistance to enable developing country Members of the WTO to comply with obligations under the TRIPS Agreement within the applicable time limits. By the end of 1999, more than thirty Members had made requests for assistance to one or both of the Organizations under the Joint Initiative. It should be noted that this number refers only to those developing countries which requested assistance specifically under the Joint Initiative. Technical assistance provided by each Organization, or jointly under the Cooperation Agreement, has of course covered a much larger number of countries.

Following a discussion between the two Organizations on the way to respond to each of the requests under the Joint Initiative, the International Bureau of WIPO took the lead in organizing and providing the bulk of the assistance requested. The WTO Secretariat contributed to these activities to the extent that its resources permitted. In 1999, WTO staff members participated in eight events organized by WIPO outside Geneva. In certain instances, the WTO Secretariat took the lead in providing assistance under the Joint Initiative, in particular when it came to matters relating to WTO mechanisms. Another mode of follow-up was the organization of joint events to respond to matters raised under the Joint Initiative. A WIPO-WTO Joint Symposium on the Implementation of TRIPS was organized for the French-speaking Sub-Saharan African countries, and two joint national seminars were held in Latin America. Also relevant under the Joint Initiative was a Joint UPOV-WIPO-WTO Symposium on the protection of plant varieties held in Geneva. This Symposium was followed by three joint UPOV-WIPO-WTO regional workshops on the protection of plant varieties, held in Egypt, Kenya and Thailand.

The Secretariat also provided technical assistance in cooperation with a number of other intergovernmental organizations, including the European Patent Office, United Nations Environment Programme and the World Health Organization, and national governments and agencies. The Secretariat provided speakers to 11 intellectual property events outside Geneva organized by these organizations, governments or agencies.

In addition, it should be recalled that a large part of the work of Secretariat officials dealing with intellectual property matters has been the provision of information in response to questions put to them by representatives of Member governments in Geneva and by capitals. Such advice and information has also been given to officials from acceding countries and representatives of the private sector.⁵

⁵ For further information, please see a note by the Secretariat entitled "WTO Secretariat Technical Cooperation in the TRIPS Area", dated 15 October 1999 and circulated in document IP/C/W/156. Further information on WIPO's technical cooperation activities relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, including those relating to the implementation of the Joint Initiative, can be found in document IP/C/W/155/Add.4.

H. MARKET ACCESS

In 1999, the Market Access Division – in conjunction with the Technical Cooperation Division and external consultants – provided technical assistance on the following issues under its administration: tariff issues and non-tariff barriers, as well as assistance for the implementations of the WTO Agreements on customs valuation, pre-shipment inspection, import licensing, rules of origin. Assistance was further provided on the Information Technology Agreement (ITA), and the WTO work programme on trade facilitation.

Assistance on market access issues was furnished in the context of market access seminars and workshops. A number of technical missions was conducted to help developing and acceding countries with the preparation and transposition of their tariff schedules. In addition, a particular assistance programme was devised for the implementation of the Customs Valuation Agreement, as well as for the submission of data to the Integrated Data Base (the latter serviced by the Statistics Division).

Customs Valuation

The Market Access Division Technical Assistance Program on Customs Valuation continued to send expert consultants on customs valuation to developing countries which are currently under the 5-year transition period allowed by Article 20.1 of the Agreement. During 1999, the Program grew considerably. A total of 23 missions were carried out, up from 10 during the period of May to December 1998. Activities carried out included the setting-up of implementation programs; reviewing draft legislation; advising on restructuring and reorganizing customs administrations; explaining with examples and case studies the Agreement; holding seminars for customs officers, other government officials, and the private sector; and advising on the uses of data bases and computer systems.

Integrated Data Base (IDB)

On 16 July 1997, the General Council adopted a decision on the Supply of Information to the Integrated Database for Personal Computers (IDB)⁶, stating:

- "1. That WTO Members shall supply to the Secretariat, on an annual basis, the information referred to in document G/MA/IDB/1/Rev.1.
2. That the Secretariat shall, upon request, provide technical assistance to Members in relation to the submission of the data required for the Integrated Data Base for Personal Computers."

As was proposed in the document "IDB Technical Assistance Programme" (G/MA/IDB/W/3/Rev.1), technical assistance for the IDB has taken different modes of delivery. The Secretariat has participated in the elaboration of a PC software for submission preparation in collaboration with the IADB and the SIECA secretariat, has conducted IDB regional seminars and national missions and/or seminars, and has participated in regular WTO regional seminars to provide IDB training.

(i) Elaboration of a PC Software for Submission Preparation

In December 1997, the WTO Committee on Market Access decided that the data entry software developed jointly by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Secretariat for

⁶ WT/L/225

Economic Integration of Central America (SIECA) should be used to assist Member countries in preparing their IDB submissions. The WTO Secretariat has participated in the preparation and improvement of this software since the beginning of its development. During 1999, three Workshops to present the Market Access Data Entry Software to users were organized in Argentina (INTAL, Buenos Aires), Guatemala (SIECA, Guatemala) and Peru (Andean Community, Lima) during the month of July 1999. The countries themselves selected the participants who represented the different Ministries and secretariats in charge of the collection and/or preparation of the trade and tariff data. During the Workshops, the representatives of 13 countries prepared their national submissions (or samples when their own data were not complete) of trade and tariff data.

(ii) *National Missions and Regional Seminars*

Since the start of the technical assistance programme (1998), the Secretariat has organized five national technical assistance missions. These missions covered the preparation of the tariff and trade submissions and the solving of specific problems countries encountered in preparing their submissions. The Secretariat also organized two regional IDB seminars for 18 APEC economies (1998) and for ten ASEAN countries (1999). Furthermore, IDB has been included in regular WTO regional seminars (six in Africa, two in Asia, one in Central America and one in the Caribbean), as well as in WTO Trade Policy Courses for developing countries, which take place three times a year in Geneva, and in other occasional WTO Short Trade Policy Courses.

(iii) *Impact of the Technical Assistance*

The national and regional technical assistance missions have resulted in additional submissions of IDB information to the Secretariat. For example: the seminar for APEC economies resulted in eight new submissions; seven of the ten countries participating in the seminar for ASEAN countries have submitted information (the remaining three are acceding countries which have no obligation to do so); and all but one of the national technical assistance missions have resulted in submissions to the IDB, either directly to the IDB officer on mission or soon thereafter, including two African least-developed Members. The exception was a Member country which had already submitted data, but where the need for assistance was principally focused on technical expertise in order to improve the quality of its data.

(iv) *Consolidated Tariff Schedules*

Work is currently in progress in the Secretariat and amongst Members to bring together all Members' tariff concessions into a standardized database format. When completed, training in the use of the Consolidated Tariff Schedules database functionalities will be included in the Secretariat technical assistance activities aimed at officials from Developing and Least-Developing Members.

I. NOTIFICATIONS

Several Members, in particular least-developed and developing country Members, face difficulties in complying with the extended and expanded notification requirements of the multilateral trading system as noted in the Singapore and Geneva Ministerial Declarations.

In order to raise Members' awareness of their notification obligations, the Secretariat almost systematically includes a module on notification requirements in national as well as in regional seminars. Additionally, each year a specialized two-day Workshop is organized in Geneva for the benefit of Geneva-based and capital-based officials. In 1999, a new mode of delivery was introduced in cooperation with the World Bank. On 25 February 1999, a videoconference using the World Bank Learning Network (WBLN) linked the WTO headquarters in Geneva to World Bank field offices in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi and Zimbabwe (cf. C ii).

Upon request, the Secretariat organizes technical missions to assist Members and acceding Observers in understanding and complying with their notification obligations. In 1999, three such missions took place, two in sub-Saharan Members and one in Asia.

J. RULES

The Rules Division is responsible for the administration of the WTO Agreements on Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and Safeguards, as well as the Understanding on State Trading Enterprises. These agreements impose very complex and highly technical obligations on Members and their implementation requires technical expertise and skill which is often not available in Member countries, particularly in developing countries. The Rules Division, therefore, faces constant requests from Members for training and legal assistance at a High-Level of expertise. Responding to these requests is one of the most important tasks of the Rules Division in the implementation process. However, due to a significant workload increase in other areas of Rules Division's responsibility, mainly dispute settlement, the Division could not respond to many requests from Members; and given the limited availability of staff it has had to reduce its activities in the field of technical assistance. The following is a report on the different forms of implementation assistance and technical assistance of the Division for 1999.

(i) *Regional Training Workshops (Anti-Dumping, Countervail and Safeguards)*

The purpose of the training workshops is to prepare national investigating authorities to use contingent trade remedies (anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguards measures) in a WTO-consistent manner. Over the past several years, an increasing number of countries have identified the need for some form of contingent trade protection as a *quid pro quo* for comprehensive trade liberalization. For 1999, as a result of the work already done in this area in previous years, the level of technicality of these workshops has increased to deal with specific subjects which arise in the conduct of trade remedies investigations.

In 1999, the Rules Division carried out two of these advanced workshops for trade remedies administrators from the select Latin-American countries. The first of these workshops covered the subject of injury determinations in trade remedies investigations and the second one was on dumping margin calculations.

(ii) *Seminars on Subsidies*

The Division prepares workshops to reinforce Members' understanding of their obligations regarding the notification of subsidies and of the multilateral disciplines applicable to the provision of subsidies. The workshops aim to provide Members with the knowledge and analytical tools necessary to make an inventory of their subsidies programmes and to assess their WTO obligations with respect to those programmes. The workshops are targeted primarily to developing country Members and Members who must modify or eliminate prohibited subsidies within the transition periods set forth in the SCM Agreement. Participants in these subsidy workshops include government officials from agencies which administer subsidy programmes, as well as capital-based officials responsible for WTO affairs. In 1999, one regional seminar on subsidies was conducted in Hungary with the attendance of officials from various Eastern European countries.

(iii) *Country Specific Assistance*

A growing number of countries making use of contingent trade remedies request the Rules Division to provide individual training and help to assist them on the development of substantive legal provisions and procedures that conform to the relevant WTO Agreements. Assistance is mostly in the form of one-week missions with technical instruction focused on the most problematic issues in the administration of contingent trade remedies legislation. In 1999 the Rules Division carried out two

country specific technical assistance missions, the beneficiaries of these two missions were Latvia and Cuba.

(iv) *National Legislation Preparation and Review*

One of the most important implementation assistance activities performed by the Rules Division is the assistance it provides in the preparation and review of Members' draft national legislation in the area of contingent trade remedies. Upon request, the Division's staff analyse and provide comments on the consistency of the draft legislation with the Agreements on Antidumping, Subsidies and Countervailing measures, and Safeguards. The staff also comments on the administration of the system that is being put into place, as well as offer their advice on calculation methods and investigating procedures. Members are reminded of their obligations towards exporters in the conduct of investigations, and of their obligations to ensure that their procedures are free of bias and that their investigations are carried out in the fairest possible manner. This type of assistance requires a careful study of the draft legislation and tends to be a time-consuming process involving close interaction with the Members' responsible authorities and delegations in Geneva.

(v) *Legal Advice*

The Division receives frequent requests for advice on issues covered by the various Agreements within its competence. Questions usually come from the Members' administering authorities or other government officials with responsibilities in the area. The questions are mostly directed at seeking clarification on the meaning of specific provisions in the Agreements and how they should be applied in practice.

(vi) *Speaking Engagements*

In addition to the detailed assistance provided in the contexts just described, the Rules Division is requested to make presentations on the general introduction of contingent trade remedy rules. Such presentations have been organized for business groups as well as government officials, and may serve as a complement of or forerunner to a more in-depth assistance effort. In 1999, the Rules Division made a presentation on contingent trade remedies to Indian industry officials.

(vii) *Seminars on Contingent Trade Remedies and Competition*

In an effort to increase Members' understanding of the relationship between anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguards measures on the one hand, and competition principles and laws on the other, the Rules Division has conducted regional seminars on the issue. For 1999, one such seminar was carried out in Thailand with the attendance of government officials from the trade remedies and competition authorities of several Asian Members.

(viii) *Participation in the Technical Cooperation Division and Training Division Programmes*

The Rules Division cooperates with the Technical Cooperation Division programmes where expertise on antidumping, subsidies, countervailing measures, safeguards and state trading enterprises is needed. This includes trade policy courses, notification workshops, seminars on the functioning of the WTO and its Agreements, presentations for capital-based officials and individuals, and presentations for officials from secretariats or bodies of regional arrangements. Among other activities in this field, the Rules Division participated in three courses organized by the Technical Cooperation Division in cooperation with other international organizations, two of which were held in the United States with the attendance of developing country members of the Organization of American States. The other activity in this area was carried out in Pakistan for member countries of the Islamic Development Bank and Bahrain.

K. SANITARY AND PHYTO-SANITARY MEASURES (SPS)

In 1999, the Agriculture and Commodities Division participated in a significant number of technical assistance activities related to the implementation of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, including national and regional workshops or seminars, conferences, and technical advice on specific topics. In particular, the Secretariat organized a special workshop with trade specialists in Geneva, a regional SPS seminar in Namibia and a special SPS Committee meeting on Transparency. The Divisional staff also actively participated in a wide range of seminars and workshops organized by other regional or international organizations. These included, *inter alia*, an ASEM/TFAP⁷ Seminar on Quarantine and SPS Procedures held in Thailand; a workshop on the SPS Agreement held in Mongolia; a special workshop in the framework of the OIE Conference for the Middle East on "The Impact of the SPS Agreement on Animal Trade and Trade in Animal Products in the Middle East Region" held in Oman; a Consumers International Codex Training Workshop held in Zimbabwe; and an World Bank/EMBRAPA/IICA⁸ Regional Workshop on Future Strategies for Food Safety held in Costa Rica. The Divisional staff also provided technical assistance to Oman, Jordan and Moldova on their processes of accession to the WTO

Seminars and workshops organized by the Secretariat typically consisted of two aspects. First, enhancing the awareness and understanding of basic rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement, and the WTO in general; and second, with the support of the Codex, OIE, IPPC and/or independent experts, addressing implementation related concerns which are of a more technical nature, including risk analysis, equivalence, regulatory reform, development of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) techniques, etc. Whenever possible, the Secretariat also encouraged the active involvement of the private sector in these activities in an effort to educate and sensitise these countries' industries and consumers on food safety and animal and plant health protection requirements.

Overall, the combined efforts of the Secretariat, Members and of international and regional organizations, seem to be bearing fruits. In particular, in the area of transparency, the recommended notification procedures appear now to be better understood. The Secretariat intends to publish a handbook on the transparency provisions of the Agreement, developed with the assistance of the New Zealand authorities. The handbook is meant as a practical guide for governments to facilitate the implementation of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement. While it may be especially useful for developing and least-developed countries (LDCs), it may also be a useful reference for countries that are acceding to the WTO and for establishing notification authorities, as well as WTO Members in general.

SPS technical assistance activities continued to reveal different concerns and needs, which can be summarized as follows:

- Lack of coordination and exchange of information on a national level, not only within but among the different services responsible for the three sectors - food safety, animal health and plant health – and also among officials attending meetings of the SPS Committee and those attending meetings of the three standard-setting bodies, namely, Codex, OIE and IPPC;
- Need for continued technical assistance with regard to the establishment of national regulatory frameworks, including the development of legislation;

⁷ Asean/Europe Meeting Trade Facilitation Action Plan

⁸ World Bank/Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária/Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura

- Need for increased emphasis on technical assistance pertaining to technical and scientific issues, including risk analysis methodologies, veterinary and quarantine services, the creation of reference laboratories, development of appropriate testing procedures, etc.;
- Need for continued efforts to help developing countries' participation in the development and implementation of international standards, through appropriate training.

Finally, Members continue to stress the need for improved coordination among the relevant international organizations in their approach to technical assistance in developing countries, to ensure adequate geographic coverage, to ensure consistency in the advice offered and to avoid unnecessary overlap. Similarly, improved coordination among Members providing bilateral or regional technical assistance is requested. The SPS Committee is addressing this question and, in this context, the Secretariat prepared a questionnaire addressed to all Members with the objective of identifying any assistance which has been provided to developing countries in the context of the Article 9 of the SPS Agreement. The Secretariat is also making efforts for better coordination with the international organizations, and whenever possible, several technical assistance activities have been organized in the context of other international or regional organizations meetings or initiatives.

L. SERVICES

In 1999, staff members of the Trade in Services Division (TSD) participated in, and contributed to, a wide range of services-related conferences, workshops and seminars in virtually all regions of the world. In general terms, Division members sought to disseminate information on the structure and functioning of the General Agreement on Services (GATS), its potential role in integrating national services sectors in the international economy, and the consequences for the scheduling of market access and national treatment obligations under GATS. Due to budget and manpower constraints, the Division was unable to meet the high and rapidly growing demand on its resources, which was driven in particular by developing countries' interest in preparing themselves effectively for the new services round and regarding acceding countries' needs to understand the operation of the Agreement and the implications of commitments envisaged in the accession process. These factors are likely to persist.

From the perspective of the Division's involvement, two principal types of events may be distinguished: (i) conferences and meetings organized by national bodies (including ministries and regulators), national or international industry associations, or international institutions to which WTO staff is invited; and (ii) "traditional" training seminars, mainly for country officials, but sometimes including industry representatives, which were held and staffed by the WTO Secretariat. The latter events, in turn, consist of national seminars, normally attended by representatives from various services-related agencies of the host country, as well as regional seminars which are attended by officials, mostly with a trade policy background, from several countries. Recent experience shows that, given the complexity of GATS, the time required for such seminars to be effective is at least two, preferably three days.

Participation of the Secretariat in "external" conferences helps to familiarise experts from administrations and industry with the implications of GATS for their respective areas of competence. In turn, such information is instrumental in enabling developing country governments and industries to seize the opportunities and minimize the risks associated with an increasingly globalized economy. Given the relatively broad agenda of many such meetings, the Secretariat has sought to confine its participation to events which allowed sufficient scope for an effective presentation of GATS-related issues. The range of sector-specific conferences with developing country participation, to which TSD staff contributed in 1999, extended from professional, telecommunications and financial services to

tourism, transport, health and education services. The Secretariat's participation in various such conferences was facilitated by the organizers assuming a large part of the costs involved.

The benefits that developing countries may expect from national seminars are threefold: first, the generation of trade intelligence in agencies and industries not previously confronted with the concept of international trade in services and/or the existence of GATS; second, the creation of country-internal coordination and cooperation links between sector-specific bodies (ministries, agencies, regulators, industry associations) and the departments in charge of GATS; and, finally, in-depth training of staff whose daily workload often prevents them from closely monitoring developments in Geneva. Such training has also helped to establish longer-term working relations with TSD staff, in turn implying positive productivity effects for the administrations concerned.

Compared to national seminars, regional seminars may be viewed as more cost-effective, given in particular current resource constraints. However, cost savings and efficiency gains associated with wider regional coverage may need to be set against a generally more limited impact on the individual countries involved. National teams are normally made up of two to four officials from trade policy divisions, and much depends on the "multiplier effects" they may be able to generate on return. These effects, in turn, depend on various factors beyond the Secretariat's control, including appropriate selection of participants and their continued involvement at home in the areas covered. While, on the one hand, it is more difficult for lecturers to provide focused, country-specific advice at regional seminars, there are, on the other hand, positive educational and motivational effects attributable to the breath of participants' country background. In addition, past experience suggests that regional seminars tend to be particularly well prepared, in technical terms, by host countries and/or agencies.

There should be no doubts that the majority of the services seminars held in 1999 were well organized and allowed for effective presentations and in-depth discussions of the issues covered. Nevertheless, there was also some scope for improvement. In a few cases, the level of attendance was disappointingly low (less than ten officials); participants lacked the necessary professional background; interpretation and other technical facilities proved insufficient; and/or the organizers failed to copy and circulate the material provided by the Secretariat in advance. Also, a few events were cancelled by the authorities on such short notice that the Secretariat was unable to redirect resources to other countries where missions could have been held instead. Such problems are inevitable to a certain extent, given the high number of missions conducted and many beneficiary countries' technical and resource constraints. However, some frictions might have also been rooted in the organizing entities' inexperience in organizing such events. The WTO could consider providing some guidance for holding technical cooperation activities. Such guidance could consist, for example, of a list of recommendations, endorsed by WTO Members, to be made available in time to countries interested in organizing training seminars.⁹

⁹ Recommendations to be possibly included in such a list are: careful assessment whether participation of TSD staff in a seminar is vital (video-conferencing might suffice in certain cases); internal coordination between potentially interested agencies to coordinate their needs (one comprehensive seminar tends to be more effective than two smaller, more specialized seminars in the same country or region); proper technical preparation of events (adequate meeting room, advance circulation of agenda and training material, etc.); timely information and invitation of relevant ministries and agencies; and provision of technical equipment such as projectors, if available.

M. TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE (TBT)

In 1999, the Secretariat held TBT Seminars jointly with the ISO, ITC, EAC and OAS in Japan, Tanzania, the United States and South Africa for groups of countries from East and South-East Asia, East Africa, Latin America and SADC region respectively.

The main objective of holding such seminars for developing countries are to:

- Help implementing the TBT Agreement by these countries, e.g. setting up enquiry points and fulfilling notification obligations;
- Increase awareness within government authorities of the obligations and disciplines under the TBT Agreement, in particular within all ministries involved in the preparation of standards, technical regulation and conformity assessment procedures;
- Promote the coordination and cooperation of relevant government authorities and other bodies involved in TBT matters, e.g. the national standardizing body and trade authorities;
- Increase awareness of the importance of standardization and the adoption of international standards for the production of goods and services, and for the protection of consumers, animal, plant life and health and of the environment;
- Increase the awareness of and help building resources for ensuring the quality and safety of products for domestic consumption and export;
- Assist developing countries in meeting the requirements of standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures in main export markets;
- Help developing countries develop the human and institutional resources, in particular, with respect to conformity assessment procedures;
- Give support to coordination and cooperation efforts in regional settings which will facilitate developing countries' participation in relevant international bodies;
- Explain matters concerning the WTO/TBT Agreement to interested parties; and
- Help the private sector, in particular SMEs, to benefit from the WTO system.

N. TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

The technical cooperation plan of the Textiles Division aims to respond to requests for assistance made by Members and by countries in the process of accession through regional and national seminars, for both Geneva-based delegations and capital-based officials, covering the three broad regions of developing countries. In many cases this involves participation in joint programmes with other international organizations in order to present the widest possible range of information and views on the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) and on the situation in overall textiles trade.

In 1999, the Textiles Division participated in five regional and four national seminars in Asia, Africa and Central America. Several of these were jointly sponsored activities involving ITC/UNCTAD/WTO and other international organizations. The seminars provided detailed information on the provisions of the ATC, progress in the implementation of the Agreement in its first five years, requirements of Members in the remaining five years, recent developments in textiles and clothing trade by country and region, the long term outlook for trade in this sector, developments in

other WTO Agreements affecting textiles trade, dispute settlement procedures with emphasis on this sector and notification obligations. In addition, in order to establish the relationship of these developments to the overall situation in the WTO, presentations were made on the WTO's principles, structure and functions.

Two seminars were held under the joint ITC/UNCTAD/WTO technical assistance programme (JITAP), in Kenya and Côte d'Ivoire, involving participants from seven countries. Also, in cooperation with ITC, a regional seminar was held in Bangkok covering the ATC as well as issues relating to eco-labelling.

In Central America, a seminar for seven countries was presented under the sponsorship of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration. On this occasion, not only government officials but also industry and academic representatives took part in three days of discussion. The presentations were shared between the WTO and a representative of the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau (ITCB).

In Geneva, a seminar on the ATC was arranged by the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC) which brought together almost 30 local representatives of 24 "less advantaged countries".

The four national seminars were held in Asia, the largest single exporting region for textiles and clothing. These included seminars in Yangon, Myanmar; Brunei Darussalam; and in Dhaka and Chittagong, Bangladesh. The other, held in Xi'an, China, was organized by the Chinese authorities in cooperation with the FAO and WTO.

O. THE WTO – A TRAINING PACKAGE

A computer-based package on the World Trade Organization has been prepared by the Secretariat and is now accessible on the WTO web-site (www.wto.org). It mirrors the structure of a general seminar and covers all concepts developed in a normal 4 to 5 day seminar run by TCD. It consists of ten modules. Each of the first nine modules corresponds to a three-four hour seminar lecture, and includes a review section using the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) approach. The last module - module 10 - contains the Final Act as well as other key WTO documents.

This package can be seen as two inter-related components: (i) a set of over 350 "slides"; (ii) a "book" that contains a short explanation for each bullet point appearing on the slides. The slides and the book are both available in English, French and Spanish on-line. Shortly, a CD-ROM containing the full package in the three working languages will be pressed and distributed. The same material is also available upon request in printed form, i.e. a "book" and a set of slides.

Among the advantages in using this distance learning tool are: 24 hour access; self-directed and self-paced (convenient for users); interactive and collaborative; content can be modified in a relatively easy manner; each slide allows the user to send an e-mail to the WTO Secretariat for further clarifications.

P. TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT

The WTO conducted several regional training seminars on Trade and Environment in Asia, the Caribbean, South America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. The idea behind the seminars was to have trade officials meet their environmental counterparts and exchange views, and gain a better understanding of trade and environment discussions in the WTO and their implications for their regions. The seminars attempted to increase awareness of the WTO's role and activities in this area and to prepare participants for future discussions in the WTO.

The seminars contributed to:

- The understanding that greater coordination between trade and environmental policy makers is vital for policy coherence at both the national and international levels. Trade officials were exposed to the views of their environmental counterparts (and vice versa). Through concrete case studies, e.g. on the relationship between multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and WTO rules, it was demonstrated how a lack of proper coordination in the past has sometimes resulted in the negotiation of what are potentially conflicting international obligations;
- Having government officials from both the trade and the environmental sides meet with their regional counterparts and exchange country experiences and views. They reflected both formally and informally on the implications of WTO trade and environment discussions on their region as a whole.

Q. TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Technical assistance in the area of trade and investment has mainly been in the form of a series of seminars jointly organized by UNCTAD and the WTO for Geneva-based delegates to UNCTAD and the WTO. These seminars have focused on trends in foreign investment, the relationship of foreign investment to economic development and international trade, and key concepts and principles in international investment agreements. Following two such seminars held in 1998 in English, a third seminar in this series took place in French on 21-22 April 1999.

R. TRADE POLICY REVIEW (TPR)

In 1999, two technical assistance missions were held in conjunction with a TPR mission, i.e. to Tanzania and Bangladesh. The main objectives of these joint missions were to gather information on trade-related technical assistance requirements in these countries, which would be reflected in the TPR reports and subsequently to organize technical cooperation missions taking into account the needs that were identified. This approach will be followed in future.

Technical assistance was also provided to several developing countries in the preparation of their trade policy reviews. While the reviews of developing and least-developed countries are less frequent than for developed countries, the number of requests has gradually increased. The Secretariat provides assistance in this area to all requesting developing countries, in particular African and least-developed countries.

III. REGIONAL/NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND SPECIALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

A. AFRICA

Technical assistance delivered by the WTO Secretariat has consisted of five types of activities: regional seminars; national seminars; technical missions; establishment of WTO official Reference Centers; and participation of WTO representatives in symposia and other colloquia (cf. Section II for a more detailed discussion of all activities in 1999).

The total number of activities amounted to 106 in 1999. Regional seminars accounted for 15, and technical missions for 33 activities. National seminars and participation of WTO experts in symposia and other colloquia accounted for roughly half of all activities. The establishment of new WTO Reference Centres in Africa accounted for 7 activities.

Roughly 40 per cent of the total technical assistance activities were delivered in the context of the follow-up of specific initiatives launched in 1997, in particular, with respect to the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance Activities and the Joint ITC/UNCTAD/WTO Technical Assistance Programme, and the WTO Information Technology for Development Project.

(i) *Regional Seminars*

Some 15 regional seminars were held in 1999, of which several of them were jointly organized with other international organizations: namely WIPO, the World Bank, ITU and with regional institutions such as COMESA, ECOWAS; SADC or other intergovernmental bodies like the ACP Secretariat and the Islamic Development Bank.

Participants from selected African countries have also participated in short trade policy courses organized at inter-regional level by UNCTAD, Islamic Development Bank or individual countries in particular Singapore, the United States, and Australia.

(ii) *National Seminars*

A total of 12 national seminars have been organized at the request of individual countries during the period under consideration. Most of these seminars were seminars of a general nature aimed at providing a better knowledge of the multilateral trading system. Several of these seminars were held in least-developed countries and were organized in the context of the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance Activities and the JITAP programme. A specific part of the programme often concerned implementation issues, in particular notifications.

(iii) *Technical Missions*

Technical missions continue to be one of the most important activities undertaken for African countries even though there has been a decrease in its absolute number. A total of 33 activities were undertaken in 1999, compared to 44 in 1998. Most of these missions were undertaken with the view to helping individual countries adapt their existing legislations and regulations to the WTO Agreements. In particular, six of them were intended to assist countries in implementing the Customs Valuation Agreement. Nine technical missions were undertaken in the framework of the JITAP Programme. One technical mission was held in connection with the accession process of a specific country.

(iv) *WTO Reference Centres*

In continuation of the WTO Information Technology for Development project launched in 1997, seven new Reference Centres have been established in individual countries. Among these, four of them were least-developed countries, and three developing countries.

(v) *Participation in Workshops, Symposia/Conferences and Training Courses*

In 1999, the WTO participated in 46 workshops, symposia/conferences and training courses, organized either by the WTO and/or by other international institutions, regional institutions, or individual countries. In many of these events, WTO officials informed the audience of the preparation for the Ministerial Conference held in Seattle in December 1999.

(vi) *Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Programme*

Virtually all JITAP activities are now moving forward at an accelerated pace. Additional attention need to be given to capacity-building aspects and certain programme tools need to be more fully developed. But it is now expected that the programme will be largely completed by the end of

2000, some two and one-half years following its launching in 1998. Expansion of the programme, particularly to other African LDCs, could be considered for initiation in late 2000. An evaluation is scheduled for the Spring/Summer 2000. The cost of implementing the project in 1999 was estimated at US\$ 3 million.

A highly centralised programme implementation and management (needed in the initial phase of the programme) did slow the procurement of equipment, and was responsible for delays in operationalising regional coordinators and national facilitators, as well as for the inadequate funding for local costs of national activities. Thus in early 1999, JITAP management commissioned a Business Process Review (BPR) of the programme (Report which was sent to Steering Group members in July), identifying key issues impeding delivery and sustainability of the programme and offering suggested solutions. These were principally: (i) decentralisation of the programme in Geneva to the field and (ii) provision of urgently needed financial support to the countries for undertaking national level activities such as Multilateral Trading System (MTS) training and dissemination.

Efforts to decentralise the programme had started early in the year and by late spring in the case of ITC, functional Divisions were fully responsible for the delivery of technical assistance in their respective areas. Decentralisation to the field was more complex than anticipated, because of the capacity of partner countries to initiate activities and on adequate funding.

At the end of July 1999, a JITAP mission to Africa consulted on solutions together with focal points and other counterpart organizations. The frame of reference was the BPR report. During discussions the lack of JITAP financial support for national Multilateral Trading System (MTS) training and other activities emerged as the key issue and there was strong consensus among focal points that this problem needed to be addressed fully and immediately, if JITAP was to achieve its objectives. The mission found none of the countries were in a position to finance needed Multilateral Trading System (MTS) training and dissemination programmes. Nor were most, particularly the LDCs, able to initiate effectively the WTO/inter-institutional processes or support all recurrent costs.

As a result of the mission, it was determined that funds in the order of US\$ 500,000 programme-wide were urgently needed for a number of national initiatives which could be funded from economies under the cluster approach. To gain momentum and time, while maintaining the prerogatives of the Steering Group under CTF by-laws, the three Agencies agreed to limit initial funding to half this amount i.e., about 3 per cent of the average project costs (more modest funding for Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya would be made available from Window I). These limited funds were made available in August along with guidelines for specific activities through UNDP offices, with approval authority vested in regional coordinators. Feedback from the field indicated that planning and implementation of national activities in areas concerned had begun, but not in all cases at the expected pace.

Additional facilitative support may be needed to help partner countries prepare local training and dissemination activities in synergy with other JITAP programme activities. This and more broadly, capacity-building opportunities and objectives need to be reviewed in light of the several programme activities that interact and reinforce one-another. An analysis is also foreseen of current programme methodologies in selected areas of key relevance to capacity-building, e.g. work of the inter-institutional committees, as well as the capacity in key institutions. The capacity-building strategy for JITAP will be updated, including articulation of end project status and benchmarks.

JITAP Implementation gained momentum during the fall with a number of activities taking place as planned. The highlight of the period was the holding of national symposiums in 5 out of 7 countries. These were seen as the main milestones of the programme and were held before the Seattle Ministerial to contribute to preparing countries for the Ministerial Conference. The National Symposium/High-Level Seminar were attended by representatives from all the stakeholders, including

from the government (Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and other senior officials, parliamentarians), the private sector, NGO's, academia etc..

Eight sub-regional workshops on WTO Agreements, designed to expand national networks of trainers/experts/advisors covering Multilateral Trading System (MTS) issues, were organised in the East and West for TBT/SPS, Customs Valuation, Agriculture, and the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing. Additional such workshops are planned for 2000.

All reference centres for the business community were set up. Training of reference centers managers was completed and the reference centres are now operational. Most reference centers managers expressed a need for some guidelines on how to market and promote reference centers services. These guidelines will be developed during the current year of implementation. Additional equipment to strengthen the WTO-established reference centres for official use in all countries was delivered.

The Communication and Discussion Facility (CDF) prototype was made fully operational and all its modules were tested satisfactorily. The feasibility study for the production version was completed and the call for tenders made in cooperation with UNICC.

B. ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Several regional activities took place in Asia and the Pacific that were funded from the regular WTO budget and from WTO Trust Funds. These included:

- The sixth annual WTO conference for the 23 Asian developing economies, held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China from 2 to 5 March 1999, that provided an opportunity for Asian national WTO desk officers to get a deeper understanding of the WTO and of the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements. It assisted them also to set up the necessary linkages between the WTO multilateral trading system and the conduct of their respective national trade policies;
- The aim of the WTO/ACP Regional Seminar, held in Samoa, from 6-10 September 1999, with the participation of Pacific ACP countries, was to prepare the region contribution to the ACP Trade Ministerial Meeting that took place in Brussels on 21 October 1999 in preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Conference. The Pacific ACP countries emphasized the necessity for the WTO to organize regionally or nationally more training seminars of a three to four-day duration to facilitate their participation in WTO activities;
- A WTO Regional Workshop on dispute settlement procedures and practices for 23 Asian developing economies was held in Sydney, Australia from 13 to 16 April 1999. This conference is part of a training programme covering all regions and sub-regions of developing countries;
- A Joint Singapore/WTO Trade Policy Course was held in Singapore from 8 to 15 March 1999. This course, which is held annually in Singapore for trade officials from developing and least-developed countries, was initiated by the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Trade Minister of Singapore and the Director-General of the WTO at the 1996 WTO Ministerial Conference;
- A series of seminars were held on trade negotiations simulation at the request of WTO Members and countries in accession. The simulation exercises give the opportunity to the participants to learn more on the fundamental principles of the international trading system and the rights and the obligations of WTO Members

among themselves and in relation to non-WTO Members. The bilateral and plurilateral negotiations which they experience, help them to get acquainted with GATT technicalities concerning tariff schedules, bindings of tariffs, renegotiations, etc., and the multilateralization of the results of a tariff negotiation through the application of the MFN treatment. These seminars were held regionally (at Nadi, Fiji for the 14 Pacific Island countries, at Khon Kaen, Thailand for the six Mekong Sub-Region countries) and nationally (at Beijing, PRC and at Ulanbaatar, Mongolia);

- The annexed table on technical cooperation activities in 1999 shows that a large number of additional activities were carried out at the regional or national levels, directly by the WTO Secretariat or jointly with national administrations, international or regional organization. These activities cover virtually all subjects of responsibility within the WTO legal system, including needs assessment missions and the establishment of WTO Reference Centres in Asian least-developed countries.

C. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

In 1999, technical cooperation activities with Latin American and Caribbean countries continued to be organized around three broad lines of action: first, carrying forward WTO's collaboration with regional institutions in the region, particularly the Institute for Latin American and Caribbean Integration (INTAL) of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), second, responding to requests from individual WTO Members on specific issues, through technical missions and national seminars and workshops; and third, responding to requests for the establishment of coherent national programmes of activities. Finally, the programme on WTO Reference Centres was extended to small economies and island countries in the region.

INTAL and the WTO have been working together since 1997 in the organization and delivery of sub-regional seminars and workshops of a specialized nature. Working with this institution presents a number of advantages for the WTO, such as: putting at the disposal of the WTO a regional institution enjoying a large measure of prestige and respect from countries in the region, plus a sizable amount of both physical, logistical and financial resources; providing the WTO with a "privileged" main regional partner for technical cooperation activities, through which these activities could be managed in a more systematic way and made more efficient at the regional level; directing requests from some of the other regional institutions through INTAL, thus helping mobilize larger amounts of resources; minimize the pressure on WTO resources and achieve a multiplier effect and a much better cost/benefit ratio for technical cooperation activities in the region; and falling clearly within the guidelines of the new "outsourcing" policy being pursued at the WTO on technical cooperation activities. In this context, INTAL provides financing for government participants of beneficiary countries, plus all of the logistical and local arrangements, whereas the WTO contributes with the travel expenses of its staff. Substance, that is, preparation of agendas and documentation, as well as the selection of participants, are jointly decided by the two institutions. This collaboration will be further enhanced and consolidated in 2000 and beyond through the Joint IADB-INTAL/WTO Programme of Technical Cooperation for Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Among regional activities, two of them deserve special mention. One was the Short Trade Policy Course for MERCOSUR agricultural negotiators and trade policy analysts, whose objective was to provide these officials with an overview of the WTO and its agreements and the way the Agriculture Agreement related to the wider WTO framework. It is planned to continue this exercise in the other sub-regions in the region, with the collaboration of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture and the support of INTAL. The second is the OAS/Georgetown University/WTO advanced training programme on the trade agenda for the Americas, covering multilateral and regional approaches for the benefit of small economies in the region, which is delivered separately in English and Spanish in the summer. This programme, which was also

delivered in 1998 and is planned as well for 2000, has become one of the highlights of technical cooperation activities in the region each year.

D. EUROPE/EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

Several countries in this region are currently in the process of accession, others have joined the WTO as full Members more recently, and some have been WTO Members for a long time. One main objective in designing technical cooperation for countries in this region is to ensure that the offer meets the specific needs that have been identified by beneficiary countries in writing, during country visits, in seminars or in bilateral discussions. Technical cooperation activities carried out in Europe/Eastern and Central European and Central Asian Countries included a mix of national and regional seminars, technical missions, workshops and training courses, largely financed through extra-budgetary resources. The activities conducted followed in some cases a general and in other cases a more specific approach, depending on the requirements.

Activities of a specific nature to which countries were invited to nominate officials included, *inter alia*, agriculture, rules, market access issues, dispute settlement courses, and services. The duration of these activities varied between several days and a week. Also, short (two- or three-week) training courses were held both in Geneva, at the WTO headquarters, as well as at the Joint Vienna Institute (Austria). These training courses aim at assisting countries in developing a better understanding of the WTO rules and agreements and sharing information and experiences between participants. The courses are mostly conducted by WTO experts from various Divisions. They provide officials with an opportunity to deepen their knowledge in areas of interest to them and establish contacts with WTO officials, thus providing a basis for further exchange of information in writing, through, e-mail, fax or by telephone.

Efforts continue to be pursued to assist countries in the region in their accession process, or, for those that are Member of the WTO, in meeting the requirements of the WTO Agreements. Countries that are in the accession process mostly require a broad range of assistance, often starting in the early stages of the drafting process of the memorandum on the foreign trade regime, on tariff schedules, bindings, services commitments, and also include requests to provide general and/or specific explanations on the agreements. At later stages in the accession, the Secretariat is often called upon to provide explanations to a broader audience, to increase awareness on the WTO system, including the public and private sector and Members of Parliament. This type of activity is often considered important by the government officials who have negotiated the accession to the WTO, to broaden the domestic support for its accession and to disseminate information on the WTO to those that have not directly been involved in the accession process.

Countries that have recently joined the WTO have often expressed a need to be trained on the operation of the system, particularly in those areas that contain new obligations. Problems encountered in the implementation process are often related to a weak knowledge base in specific areas and/or a weak institutional framework to implement the agreements. Efforts by the Secretariat have mostly consisted of providing assistance in the legislative process and are furthermore geared towards achieving a better understanding of the Agreements, mostly by providing information through technical missions and training on the implementation of the agreements. Training material is put at the disposal of the officials.

Given the very limited financial and human resources available in the Secretariat to meet the increased demand for technical assistance, the Secretariat continues cooperate with other bodies and international organizations. Cooperation is mainly sought and developed with other regional and/or international specialized agencies, organizations and institutes to enhance efficiency in the delivery of information and organization of the activities. Various (bilateral) donor agencies are active in the field, who often call upon the WTO to provide its expertise on specific agreements. This cooperation will also be built upon for future activities. In some cases activities are undertaken in conjunction with

sponsoring governments, whereby a WTO (donor) Member finances and organizes a specialized activity, thus assuming the logistical preparations, with the active participation of the WTO Secretariat.

E. MIDDLE EAST

Technical cooperation activities in the Middle East countries spiralled upwards in 1999, relative to 1998, in response to interest shown in the work of the WTO prior to the Seattle Ministerial Conference. Overall thirty-three technical cooperation activities were organised in 1999 (compared to twenty-six in 1998) in the Middle East region. These comprised eight national seminars; nine technical missions; two regional seminars; fourteen training courses, conferences, workshops and symposia. The main destinations of national seminars were Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). A national seminar each was also held in Cyprus, Jordan and Kuwait. Technical missions were mainly directed to Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia. Other countries benefiting from technical missions were Kuwait, Oman and the UAE. Regional seminars were held in Oman and Saudi Arabia; while training courses were organised in Kuwait, Palestine and Saudi Arabia. Conferences and symposia were held in Lebanon and UAE; while one conference being organised in Oman.

Technical missions on standardisation in Arab countries, and on negotiating techniques—brainstorming session for Arab countries took place in Jordan; on Technical Barriers to Trade for UNESCWA staff and on training and setting-up a WTO Unit in the Ministry of Commerce and Trade were conducted in Lebanon; and those relating to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and trade policies review mechanism were held in Saudi Arabia. Kuwait benefited from a technical mission on training and establishment of a WTO Reference Centre, while Oman and the UAE were the destinations of technical missions on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures in the context of accession to the WTO; as well as Agriculture, TRIPS, Services and other WTO Agreements respectively. The three training courses held in Kuwait, Palestine and Saudi Arabia centred on respectively WTO and the multilateral trading system for Middle East officials, commercial diplomacy training modules on TRIPS and TRIMS, and the WTO Agreements and their impact on the Arab world. The three conferences held in Lebanon, Oman and UAE were respectively related to maritime and air transport services in the Arab region, Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures, and implications of the WTO Agreements for industry and business.

An assessment of the technical cooperation missions points to a deepening of knowledge of the WTO Agreements in the Middle East region. In particular, the missions have triggered proposals from several countries to set up national committees to co-ordinate WTO-related matters, and to demand more emphasis on implementation issues rather than explanation of the Agreements, in future WTO missions.

IV. HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON INTEGRATED INITIATIVES FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' TRADE DEVELOPMENT: INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR TRADE-RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (IF)

Since the High-Level Meeting of October 1997, which endorsed the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least-Developed Countries (WT/LDC/HL/1/Rev.1) as part of the Comprehensive and Integrated WTO Plan of Action for Least-Developed Countries, 40 out of 48 LDCs have joined in and submitted their Needs Assessment of trade-related assistance. The six core agencies (IMF, ITC, UNCTAD, UNDP, WB, and WTO) provided Integrated Responses¹⁰ to these Needs Assessments. These responses were based on existing programs and budgetary

¹⁰ These are published, after consultations with the country concerned, in the document series WT/COMTD/IF/1-40.

commitments by each agency. They were also coordinated among agencies in order not to overlap in the provision of the requested Technical Assistance.

The six agencies manage the IF process through an Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG), of which WTO is the chair. The IAWG, which is composed of coordinators in each of the six core agencies, meet approximately three times a year to take stock of: (i) progress on implementation of the Integrated Framework, (ii) countries' requests, and (iii) coordination among the six agencies. An Administrative Unit located in the ITC, manages the database, the web-site and the administrative aspects of the IF. The IAWG launched a review of the IF in November 1999, as mandated by the IF (WT/ LDC/HL/1/Rev.1) The results of the review are expected for mid-summer and will be made available to WTO members.

The IF is based on least-developed countries' (LDCs') requests for such assistance and on their full ownership of the process. After a phase centered on the production of Needs Assessments¹¹ by the Least-Developed Countries, the IF has evolved into a new phase centered on the production of multi-year programs of trade-related assistance and the organization of Round Tables (RTs) on trade-related assistance.

The IF requires that each country update and rank its needs in order to produce a multi-year program of trade-related assistance to be presented at a trade-specific RT, if possible, in the context of the Consultative Group meetings organized by the World Bank or roundtable meetings organized by the UNDP. For each participating LDC, this consultation should lead to a concrete program of pledged trade-related assistance. The process of producing such a program is an opportunity to build capacity and coordination on trade issues. More multilateral agencies and bilateral donors participate in the IF process in the context of the Multi-Year country programs for trade-related assistance.

After providing assistance to a number of LDCs in drawing up their Needs Assessment, in 1998 the WTO, jointly with the other five core agencies, reported on the status of implementation of the Integrated Responses, disseminated on the IF web-site. The implementation of the integrated response took place in part within the JITAP (Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Program) in cooperation with ITC and UNCTAD. By the end of 1999, the WTO had delivered 85% of the technical assistance committed in the context of the Integrated Response exercise. Annex II lists missions organized by WTO.

The present stage of the IF focuses on the preparation of Multi-Years programs of trade-related assistance by the countries. In order to ensure ownership of the process, development of the multi-year program is handled by a National Steering Committee. The Steering Committee, organized by the country government, includes the different government agencies that deal with trade issues together with representatives of the private sector, and interested donors. The main task of the Steering Committee is to establish priorities among the items in the country's Needs Assessment, priorities that are consistent with their development.

Country teams of the multilateral agencies assist the government whenever requested. Given their presence in the field and their experience in organizing donor meetings, the World Bank and UNDP are considered best placed to assist the countries in organizing such meetings. Guidelines for the Multi-Year Program and the organization of the RT have been published by the IAWG.

¹¹ Needs Assessment typically cover areas ranging from compliance with WTO rules and obligations to supply-side constraints, such as infrastructure, issues of human and institutional capacity building, needs of the private sector, etc..

Seventeen LDCs have initiated this exercise with the support of one or more multilateral agencies chosen by each country. Five LDCs have completed the multi-year programs and presented them at Round Table meetings. Thus far, only Uganda has organized the RT in the context of a Consulting Group meeting, in December 1998. At this meeting, development partners expressed their interest in financing some of the projects presented by the government in its Multi-Year program for trade-related assistance. No specific pledging took place and the government was asked to fine-tune the projects in the context of the National Steering committee that included also private sector's and donor representatives. After a few months, this support materialized in a project for capacity building in the trade area, a project by the Austrian trade agency, and support by DFID in hiring a lawyer to draft national legislation consistent with the WTO agreements.

In 1999, the other countries that organized a RT for trade-related assistance were Tanzania, The Gambia, and Haiti, while the RT for Bangladesh was postponed to January 2000. Twelve more LDCs have expressed an interest in organizing such "roundtables" and a number of them are in various stages of preparation, with the assistance of one or more of the agencies.

The outcome of the RTs in Haiti, and The Gambia was a disappointment for the two countries involved. The Haiti's Round Table presented several positive aspects: i) the government presented a coherent trade policy that was discussed and agreed upon by different parts of the administration and with the private sector; ii) ownership of the Integrated Framework process by the government and its private partners was evident not only from the participation in the meeting – from the prime minister to several private sector representatives—but also from the quality of the participation in the discussion; iii) the partnership built between the government and private entrepreneurs during the Integrated Framework exercise has been considered the most important achievement by all participants; iv) a follow-up committee was created at the end of the RT not to disperse the coordination capacity built in this exercise; and v) the coordination and synergy of the 6 core agencies has made possible this RT.

However, the participation of bilateral donors was scarce and pledges limited to the World Bank and Japan (for the latter it is a case of reallocation of aid rather than new money). Even the UNDP, the lead agency supporting the preparation of the Multi-year program of trade-related assistance and the RT, declined to make specific pledges for projects for which it was identified as possible source of financing. This outcome is at odds with the results of a pre-RT meeting for Haiti (October 1999) organized by WTO with donors' delegations in Geneva, at which several donors expressed interest in financing specific projects presented in the Multi-year program of Haiti. Pre-RT meetings were also organized by WTO for The Gambia (September 1999), Tanzania (October 1999), and Bangladesh (December 1999).

The Gambia RT, organized by the UNDP in Geneva had a similar outcome. In Tanzania, the National Steering Committee decided to organize a shortened RT where the commercial policy of the country was presented to development partners, together with priority areas for trade-related assistance while the specific projects will be presented for financing at the World Bank's Consultative Group meeting in May 2000. As for Bangladesh, the support by the lead agency, the World Bank in this case, was mainstreamed from the beginning because the IF approach was embodied in a project for export diversification, which was at an advanced stage of preparation; in turn the IF helped accelerate the approval process for the project. In 1999 this export diversification project, equivalent to US\$ 52 million, was approved by the World Bank Board.

Bangladesh, Guinea, Mali, Togo and Tanzania received additional support for the IF by WTO in the context of their Trade Policy Reviews. In 1999, Launch Workshops to raise political attention to the IF process were organized in Bangladesh, Zambia, Tanzania, and Djibouti.

In addition to the IF specific activities, in 1999, the WTO has assisted LDCs with activities to be found under the following sections: Africa (JITAP and other technical assistance), national and regional seminars, short-term trade policy courses in English and French, technical missions and WTO Reference Centers.

V. BUDGETARY ASPECTS

Following the request of delegations at the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Committee on Trade and Development, in March 1999, the internal Task Force Report on Enhanced WTO Technical Cooperation was circulated to Members. In the document, it was observed that resource needs for technical cooperation are of a large magnitude, due to the increasing requirements from developing, least-developed and economies in transition Members, as well as states and customs territories in the process of accession. Over the years, the financial outlays for technical cooperation activities have increased manifold, with extra-budgetary resources now contributing over 90 per cent of the requirements. Dependence on ad hoc grants made it difficult to plan technical cooperation activities. The Task Force emphasized that the goal of increasing the regular budget for technical cooperation remains a priority.

An assessment of resource needs should take into account the evolving nature of the rules-based multilateral trading system and, in this context, the need for at least, three levels of activity:

- First, general dissemination of the overview of the WTO and its agreements, present and future;
- Second, more in-depth upgrading of developing countries' human resources skills in order to function efficiently in their participation in the WTO, including its decision-making process; and
- Third, the level of specialized knowledge required for the implementation of WTO commitments, (i.e. training customs officials on the WTO customs valuation methods, establishing inquiring points, standardization systems and conformity assessment procedures as required by the TBT agreement, evolving risk assessment techniques as required in the SPS agreement; training on the calculation of anti-dumping and countervailing duties, etc.).

An additional element to be considered is the continuous renewal of developing countries' administrations, with new government officials requiring repeats of information and training on the WTO agreements.

Against this background, in June 1999, Members decided to establish the WTO Global Trust Fund for Technical Cooperation (GTF), the terms of reference of which are contained in the memorandum of understanding on the Establishment of a Global Trust Fund for WTO Technical Cooperation. As stated therein, the objectives of the GTF are:

- To achieve a more efficient management and implementation of WTO Technical cooperation activities whilst at the same time minimizing administrative costs and procedures;
- To support and complement the regular budget of the WTO towards financing technical cooperation activities;
- To enhance WTO technical assistance and cooperation to developing countries, particularly least-developed countries, and economies in transition, both WTO Members and countries and territories in the process of accession; and

- To enable the secretariat to deliver technical cooperation in a flexible, timely and pertinent manner, and to adjust it when necessary to suit the specific needs of recipient countries.

In the preparatory process of the 1999 Ministerial Conference various proposals were made to increase the regular budget in the WTO for technical cooperation. Document WT/GC/W/259 contains a communication from Canada, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland in which it is stated that '...The necessary increase in the budget to meet at least the current annual demand for technical assistance, i.e. Sw F 10 million, shall be phased in by the same amount over a period of three years starting from the year 2000. Ministers recognize that this does not include potential extra-budgetary contributions.'. The Third Ministerial Meeting, however, did not lead to a decision to increase the regular WTO budget for technical cooperation. The financial situation for Technical Cooperation Activities in 1999 can briefly be summarized as follows: total expenditures amounted to some CHF 6.05 million against projected activities at the beginning of the year of some CHF 10 million. A large number of activities could not be carried out because of the shortfall in financing activities.

This trend is likely to continue in 2000, with the projected expenditures currently estimated at over CHF 11 million. Taking into account the share of the regular budget for the year 2000 (CHF 741,000) and provided all activities are executed, the relative share in the financing of these activities from the regular budget would be a mere 7 per cent. Thus, technical cooperation activities would be financed at 93 per cent by extra-budgetary contributions.

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Definition of Trust Funds

In the tables, reference is made to WTO's regular budget as well as the use of various Trust Funds, which are defined as follows:

Technical Assistance Surplus

To provide additional resources for activities planned for 1998 in the context of the Three-year Plan (1998 – 2000) of the WTO Programme for Technical Assistance (WT/BFA/36)

Legal Assistance Surplus

Reserve Fund which could be used to augment Secretariat resources in order to assist developing countries requesting the services of legal expert under Article 27.2 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes. The Fund would only be used for those time periods when normal resources of the Secretariat were insufficient to meet the requests of developing countries (WT/BFA/36)

Programme Support Fund

Would augment resources in support areas where a demonstrable relationship exists between the supporting activity concerned and the trust fund activities which generated the revenue (the 13% overhead fees) (WT/BFA/38)

ANNEX 1.a
ACTIVITIES WHOLLY ORGANIZED BY THE WTO (158)

AFRICA (43)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
25-Jan-99	27-Jan-99	<u>Guinea</u> National workshop WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD		TC98
08-Feb-99	10-Feb-99	<u>Zimbabwe</u> Regional seminar Trade and Environment for African Developing countries	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund; Technical Assistance Surplus		TCD, TED, ExRD	Botswana, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	TC98
08-Feb-99	09-Feb-99	<u>Sudan</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Poland Trust Fund		IMRD, TCD		D134
08-Feb-99	19-Feb-99	<u>Namibia</u> Technical mission Legal Advisory mission	WTO	Legal Assistance Surplus		TCD		SSA99
15-Mar-99	19-Mar-99	<u>Ghana</u> Technical mission Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices, Customs Valuation, TRIPS, SPS, TBT	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD, LegD, IPD		
22-Mar-99	23-Mar-99	<u>Lesotho</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund; Programme Support Fund		INFD, IMRD		D135
24-Mar-99	28-Mar-99	<u>Lesotho</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD		
29-Mar-99	01-Apr-99	<u>Namibia</u> Regional seminar SPS for Southern African Developing Countries	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund	USDA	AgD	Angola, Botswana, Congo, D.R., Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe	A9

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
15-Apr-99	16-Apr-99	<u>Mauritius</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD	Combined with Seychelles	TC98
19-Apr-99	20-Apr-99	<u>Seychelles</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD	Combined with Mauritius	TC98
26-Apr-99	30-Apr-99	<u>Ghana</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MaccD		
28-Apr-99	29-Apr-99	<u>Namibia</u> National seminar WTO Agreements	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
29-Apr-99	30-Apr-99	<u>Mali</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Implementation and Legislation Adjustment (continuation from TC98) – Follow-up to HLM	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Combined with Ghana (B73)	D117
03-May-99	06-May-99	<u>Djibouti</u> Regional seminar Trade and Environment and IDB for French-speaking African countries	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		TED, StatD, TCD	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, Rep. Of Congo, Democratic Rep. Of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Togo, (UDEAC)	
06-May-99	07-May-99	<u>Djibouti</u> Technical mission Briefing session for IGAD	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
17-May-99	18-May-99	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		
20-May-99	21-May-99	<u>Equatorial Guinea</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD		TC98
03-Jun-99	03-Jun-99	<u>Morocco</u> National workshop Electronic Commerce	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
07-Jun-99	10-Jun-99	<u>Morocco</u> Regional workshop Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices for 25 French-speaking African countries	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		LegD, TCD	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Rep. Of Congo , Dem. Rep.of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, UDEAC, OAU	A37
21-Jun-99	23-Jun-99	<u>Zambia</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		
05-Jul-99	08-Jul-99	<u>Madagascar</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for Public and Private sectors	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
08-Jul-99	09-Jul-99	<u>Madagascar</u> Technical mission Training on WTO Reference Centre and IDB	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
12-Jul-99	13-Jul-99	<u>Madagascar</u> Technical mission Implementation of the Agreement on Customs Valuation	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD		
02-Aug-99	06-Aug-99	<u>Gabon</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Switzerland Trust Fund		ERAD, TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
02-Aug-99	06-Aug-99	<u>Tanzania</u> Technical mission Join the process of the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to LDCs with the TPR process. Follow-up to HLM	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
13-Aug-99	13-Aug-99	<u>Zimbabwe</u> Technical mission Briefing-session on the Seattle Ministerial Meeting	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD		
22-Sep-99	26-Sep-99	<u>Niger</u> National seminar Implementation Issues and Notification requirements: Trade in Services & Goods, TRIPS Notifications- Electronic commerce - Integrated database (IDB) - Preparation to Seattle	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund; Programme Support Fund		TCD		D120
27-Sep-99	28-Sep-99	<u>Egypt</u> Technical mission Training on the Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IMRD	No equipment provided	
27-Sep-99	01-Oct-99	<u>Cape Verde</u> Technical mission Consultations on implications of WTO Membership for Cape Verde	WTO	Programme Support Fund		TCD		
04-Oct-99	08-Oct-99	<u>Mauritania</u> National seminar Implementation Issues and Notification requirements - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		ERAD		
05-Oct-99	08-Oct-99	<u>Zambia</u> National seminar Preparation for Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Programme Support Fund		TCD		D123
11-Oct-99	15-Oct-99	<u>Mauritania</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		ERAD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
25-Oct-99	29-Oct-99	<u>Uganda</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation – fact-finding	WTO	Norway Trust Fund		MAccD		
25-Oct-99	29-Oct-99	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Technical mission Training of Trainers	WTO	JITAP Fund		TCD		
01-Nov-99	05-Nov-99	<u>Tunisia</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	JITAP Fund		MAccD		
02-Nov-99	05-Nov-99	<u>Nigeria</u> National seminar Implications of the WTO Agreements on the Nigerian Economy	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		DD		
07-Nov-99	11-Nov-99	<u>Egypt</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		
29-Nov-99	03-Dec-99	<u>Mali</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		ERAD, MAccD		
13-Dec-99	14-Dec-99	<u>Mali</u> Technical mission Integrated Database Technical Assistance – Presentation of IDB. Consultations with specific governmental services.	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D		
13-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Guinea</u> National seminar Implementation Issues and Notification requirements - IDB presentation - Intellectual Property	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD		
13-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Democratic Republic of Congo</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
16-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Togo</u> Technical mission Integrated Database Technical Assistance: presentation of IDB. Consultations with specific governmental services	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D		D139/149

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ACTIVITIES WHOLLY ORGANIZED BY THE WTO (158)

ASIA / PACIFIC (33)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
22-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Nepal</u> National seminar Trade Negotiations	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		TCD		D125
28-Feb-99	04-Mar-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		
02-Mar-99	05-Mar-99	<u>China, P.R. [Shanghai]</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System, incl. IDB, for Asian Developing Economies	WTO	Hong Kong, China; Japan Trust Fund; Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD, TSD, AgD	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Viet Nam	A3
05-Mar-99	09-Mar-99	<u>China, P.R. [Beijing]</u> National workshop WTO Notifications Obligations and Procedures for Chinese Officials	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus	World Bank	AgD, TSD, TCD,	5. March; 8-9 March	
18-Mar-99	19-Mar-99	<u>Fiji</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD	Combined with Samoa	TC98
22-Mar-99	23-Mar-99	<u>Western Samoa</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD	Combined with Fiji	D137
23-Mar-99	27-Mar-99	<u>New Zealand</u> Regional seminar WTO Multilateral Trading system for the 6 Pacific Islands. Follow-up to HLM	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); New Zealand Trust Fund		TCD	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Western Samoa	D140
25-Mar-99	26-Mar-99	<u>Cambodia</u> National seminar GATS	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
26-Apr-99	30-Apr-99	<u>Thailand</u> Training course Advanced Dispute Settlement Course	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of Thailand	LegD	Combined with Singapore	A40

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
27-Apr-99	07-May-99	<u>Cambodia</u> Technical mission Legal Consultancy – Finalization of the Memorandum Foreign Trade Regime	WTO	Legal Assistance Surplus		TCD		
16-May-99	18-May-99	<u>Maldives</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		Training, TCD	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	D130
02-Jun-99	03-Jun-99	<u>Brunei Darussalam</u> Regional seminar GATS Negotiations and the Information Exchange Programme for ASEAN Services negotiators	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	Combined with the Philippines	
19-Jun-99	19-Jun-99	<u>Brunei Darussalam</u> National workshop Agreement on Textiles	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TexD		
30-Aug-99	03-Sep-99	<u>Mongolia</u> Training course WTO Trade Negotiations Simulation Seminar	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD		C106
31-May-99	01-Jun-99	<u>Philippines</u> Regional seminar GATS Negotiations and the Information Exchange Programme for ASEAN Services	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
14-Jun-99	18-Jun-99	<u>Thailand</u> Regional workshop Integrated Database (IDB)	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D, TCD	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam	
16-Jun-99	17-Jun-99	<u>Myanmar</u> National seminar Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, and WTO Notification Obligations and Procedures	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TexD		D129
22-Jul-99	23-Jul-99	<u>Tonga</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD	Combined with Papua New Guinea	TC98
22-Jul-99	23-Jul-99	<u>Sri Lanka</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund	USAID PC Equipment	IMRD, INFD	Combined with Macau	TC98

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
26-Jul-99	27-Jul-99	<u>Macau</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund; Sweden Trust Fund		IMRD, INFD		TC98
26-Jul-99	27-Jul-99	<u>Papua New Guinea</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD		TC98
04-Aug-99	06-Aug-99	<u>Indonesia</u> Training course WTO training course for Indonesian Customs Officials: Overview of the U R Agreements and the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement Agreement on Rules of Origin Harmonization of R. O.	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, WCO		A41
25-Aug-99	03-Sep-99	<u>Vanuatu</u> Technical mission Accession: assist Government officials in drafting national legislation and implementing WTO obligations	WTO	Programme Support Fund		AccD		
05-Sep-99	09-Sep-99	<u>Fiji</u> Technical mission Accession: assist Government officials in drafting national legislation and implementing WTO obligations	WTO	Programme Support Fund		AccD		
06-Sep-99	08-Sep-99	<u>Mongolia</u> Technical mission Drafting of legislation on Antidumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Safeguards	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, RD		A27
13-Sep-99	17-Sep-99	<u>China, P.R.</u> National seminar WTO Trade Negotiations Simulation Seminar	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD		A43
14-Sep-99	15-Sep-99	<u>Mongolia</u> National workshop GATS: structure of the Agreement; general obligations versus specific commitments; potential economic and trade interests of developing countries under the Agreement; scope and coverage of the new Services Round	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TSD		A28

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
16-Sep-99	17-Sep-99	<u>Mongolia</u> Technical mission Agriculture, SPS, TBT	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		AgD		A46
18-Oct-99	22-Oct-99	<u>Fiji</u> Regional seminar Trade Negotiations Simulation Seminar for Pacific Island countries	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue Island, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa Western, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu	
18-Oct-99	21-Oct-99	<u>Philippines</u> National seminar Agreement on Agriculture	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, AgD		A30
08-Nov-99	11-Nov-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> Technical mission with TPR	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		TCD		
22-Nov-99	03-Dec-99	<u>Papua New Guinea</u> Technical mission Legal Advice on Trade-related Legislation	WTO	Programme Support Fund		TCD		A32
01-Dec-99	03-Dec-99	<u>Papua New Guinea</u> National seminar WTO Agreements and Notification Requirements	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund		LegD		A32

ANNEX 1.c
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EUROPE / EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES (25)

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
22-Jan-99	22-Jan-99	<u>Belgium</u> Technical mission Consultations on the Banana case with Representatives of the Eastern Caribbean States	WTO	Legal Assistance Surplus		TCD	
28-Jan-99	29-Jan-99	<u>Croatia</u> Technical mission Agreement on TBT and SPS measures	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund, WTO/TC (Regular budget)		AgD, TED	
16-Feb-99	17-Feb-99	<u>Belgium</u> Technical mission Consultations on the Banana case with representatives of the Eastern Caribbean States and Belize	WTO	Legal Assistance Surplus		TCD	
19-Feb-99	19-Feb-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Symposium Electronic Commerce for Developing countries	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund	Canadian Government	DD	
24-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Regional workshop 1. Reference Centres Workshop for 17 countries; 2. Notification Requirements seminar open to all WTO members	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus		IMRD	Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Solomon Islands, Uganda, Zambia
15-Mar-99	19-Mar-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Symposium High-Level Symposia on Trade and Environment and on Trade and Development for WTO members and observers	WTO	No cost for WTO		TED, DD	Invited: Bhutan, Chad, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Myanmar, Togo, Uganda, Zambia,
22-Mar-99	25-Mar-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Training course 13th Special Training Course on the WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices (32 WTO members)	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD	Funding of 5 LDCs' Officials Bangladesh, Lesotho, Madagascar, Tanzania, Zambia

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
26-Apr-99	29-Apr-99	<u>Hungary</u> Regional workshop Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices for 25 Central and Eastern European, Central Asian and Mediterranean countries	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Israel, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Turkey, Uzbekistan	A35
19-May-99	20-May-99	<u>Georgia</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for three Eastern European countries	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		TCD, AccD	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	
01-Jun-99	04-Jun-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Training course 14th Special Training Course on the WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices (32 WTO members)	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD	Funding of 1 LDC Official Lesotho	D144
28-Jun-99	30-Jun-99	<u>Latvia</u> National workshop Rules implementation	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		RD		
12-Jul-99	30-Jul-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Training course Short Trade Policy Course for 21 French-speaking LDCs - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, Congo, Dem. Rep., Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Togo	D145
16-Jul-99	16-Jul-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Symposium Information Technology Agreement (ITA)	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund		MAccD	All WTO Members	
27-Jul-99	28-Jul-99	<u>Moldova</u> National seminar Agreement on Agriculture and SPS	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus		AgD		
20-Sep-99	23-Sep-99	<u>Hungary</u> Regional seminar Subsidy disciplines for Central European Countries	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		RD	(Albania), Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
04-Oct-99	04-Oct-99	<u>Switzerland (for Tanzania)</u> National seminar Preparation for Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to High-Level Meeting	WTO	JITAP Fund		TCD		D121
04-Oct-99	05-Oct-99	<u>Latvia</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System: Tariffs, Subsidies, Anti-dumping, Countervailing duties, Agriculture, Services, Preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Conference	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus		TCD		
07-Oct-99	08-Oct-99	<u>Estonia</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System: Tariffs, Subsidies, Anti-dumping, Countervailing duties, Agriculture, Services, Preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Conference	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus		TCD		
18-Oct-99	05-Nov-99	<u>Switzerland (Geneva)</u> Regional seminar Short Trade Policy Course (three-week) for Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan	
21-Oct-99	22-Oct-99	<u>Ukraine</u> National workshop WTO and the Multilateral Trading system	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	European Community Lawyers	TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference	
26-Oct-99	29-Oct-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Training course 15th Special Training Course on the WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices (32 WTO members)	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund; JITAP Fund (for Benin and Tanzania)		TCD	Benin and Tanzania (JITAP); Bangladesh, Gambia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Solomon Islands, Zambia Funding of 8 LDCs' Officials	D124
01-Nov-99	19-Nov-99	<u>Switzerland (Geneva)</u> Training course Short Trade Policy Course for 24 English-speaking LDCs - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	New Zealand Trust Fund		TCD	Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kiribati, Lao, P. Dem. Rep., Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, Zambia	D141
01-Nov-99	05-Nov-99	<u>Switzerland (Geneva)</u> Conference 'Geneva Week' for non-resident delegations: Preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Conference	WTO	Norway trust Fund; Switzerland Trust Fund		DGOff., TCD, DD	Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Macau, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Papua New Guinea, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Swaziland, Togo, Andorra, Armenia, Cambodia, Lao, P.D.R., Western Samoa, Seychelles, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu	
08-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Symposium Special Meeting on SPS Transparency Provisions for Least-developed countries' enquiry points	WTO	Norway Trust Fund		AgD	Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Haiti, Madagascar, Malawi, Myanmar, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia	
24-Nov-99	25-Nov-99	<u>Austria</u> Symposium Meeting with the Executive of the Joint Vienna Institute	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

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NORTH / LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (43)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
17-Jan-99	20-Jan-99	<u>Cuba</u> Symposium Represent the Director General at the Symposium on Globalization	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		ERAD		
26-Jan-99	28-Jan-99	<u>Cuba</u> Technical mission Services	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TSD		A24
01-Feb-99	02-Feb-99	<u>Honduras</u> National seminar Financial Services	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TED		
08-Feb-99	12-Feb-99	<u>Bolivia</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD		TC98
22-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Costa Rica</u> Technical mission Experts meeting of the Costa Rica - Canada initiative	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED		
02-Mar-99	05-Mar-99	<u>Nicaragua</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD		
08-Mar-99	12-Mar-99	<u>Uruguay</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD		
17-Mar-99	19-Mar-99	<u>Venezuela</u> Technical mission Technical assistance on the IDB	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D		
24-Mar-99	26-Mar-99	<u>El Salvador</u> Technical mission Tariff Schedules, Harmonized System	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		[TCD]		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
09-Apr-99	09-Apr-99	<u>Costa Rica</u> National seminar Consultation with Interamerican Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Combined with Guatemala	
12-Apr-99	16-Apr-99	<u>Cuba</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD		
26-Apr-99	30-Apr-99	<u>Panama</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD		
26-Apr-99	27-Apr-99	<u>Trinidad and Tobago</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		IMRD	Combined with Jamaica	TC98
26-Apr-99	27-Apr-99	<u>Costa Rica</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		
26-Apr-99	27-Apr-99	<u>Antigua and Barbuda</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		INFD, Training	Combined with Dominica	TC98
29-Apr-99	30-Apr-99	<u>Dominica</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		INFD, Training	Combined with Antigua	TC98
24-May-99	28-May-99	<u>Guatemala</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		Training		
03-Jun-99	04-Jun-99	<u>Barbados</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD	Combined with St Lucia and St Kitts	TC98
07-Jun-99	08-Jun-99	<u>Saint Lucia</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD	Combined with Barbados and St Kitts -	TC98
08-Jun-99	08-Jun-99	<u>United States of America</u> Conference International Trade for United Nations Delegates based in NYC	WTO	Legal Assistance Surplus		TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
10-Jun-99	11-Jun-99	<u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD Combined with Barbados and ST Lucia	TC98
10-Jun-99	11-Jun-99	<u>Cuba</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Hong Kong, China		INFD, IMRD Combined with Dominican Republic and Jamaica; PC under Hong Kong	TC98
14-Jun-99	15-Jun-99	<u>Dominican Republic</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	WTO/TC Regular Budget	USAID PC Equipment	INFD, IMRD Combined with Cuba and Jamaica	TC98
16-Jun-99	18-Jun-99	<u>Colombia</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System - Preparation for the Third Ministerial Conference	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		AgD	A16
17-Jun-99	18-Jun-99	<u>Jamaica</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	WTO/TC Regular Budget; Hong Kong, China Fund		INFD, IMRD Postponed to Cuba and Dominican Rep.	TC98
28-Jun-99	29-Jun-99	<u>Venezuela</u> National seminar Electronic Commerce and the Information Technology Agreement	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund		MAccD	
08-Jul-99	09-Jul-99	<u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		INFD, IMRD Combined with Grenada	TC98
12-Jul-99	13-Jul-99	<u>Grenada</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		INFD, IMRD Combined with St Vincent	TC98
20-Jul-99	22-Jul-99	<u>Ecuador</u> National seminar Functioning of WTO and preparations for the Seattle Ministerial Conference - Public and private sectors	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund	Host Government	TCD	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
21-Jul-99	21-Jul-99	<u>Uruguay</u> Regional seminar WTO Short Trade Policy Course	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	Mercosur, Bolivia, Chile	
26-Jul-99	27-Jul-99	<u>Jamaica</u> National seminar Services	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
23-Aug-99	25-Aug-99	<u>Jamaica</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		
02-Sep-99	02-Sep-99	<u>Colombia</u> National seminar Preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Meeting for Public and Private sectors	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		LSDoc.		
06-Sep-99	10-Sep-99	<u>Cuba</u> National seminar Implementation of Trade Remedies Agreements - Anti-dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Safeguards	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		RD		
20-Sep-99	21-Sep-99	<u>Guyana</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund	USAID PC Equipment	TCD, INFD		TC98
21-Sep-99	22-Sep-99	<u>Colombia</u> National seminar Electronic Commerce	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
23-Sep-99	24-Sep-99	<u>Suriname</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, INFD		TC98
25-Oct-99	27-Oct-99	<u>Uruguay</u> National seminar TBT Agreement and Impacts	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED		
01-Nov-99	05-Nov-99	<u>Venezuela</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
10-Nov-99	11-Nov-99	<u>Brazil</u> Regional seminar Competition Policy for MERCOSUR	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		IPD		
11-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Haiti</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Norway Trust Fund		TCD		D108
06-Dec-99	10-Dec-99	<u>Jamaica</u> Technical mission Anti-dumping	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD		
08-Dec-99	10-Dec-99	<u>Dominica</u> Regional seminar Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices for OECS countries	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD	Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, OECS Secretariat	

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MIDDLE EAST (14)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
04-Jan-99	07-Jan-99	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> Technical mission GATS	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus		TSD		
30-Jan-99	30-Jan-99	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> Technical mission Trade Policies Review Mechanism	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus		TPRD		
01-Feb-99	04-Feb-99	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Technical mission Agriculture, TRIPS, Services and other WTO Agreements	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TSD, AgD, TCD, MAccD		A2
02-Feb-99	03-Feb-99	<u>Jordan</u> Technical mission Standardization in the Arab countries	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TED	Combined with Lebanon (1 Feb. 99)	
06-Feb-99	07-Feb-99	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> National workshop Regional Integration and Customs Unions	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		DD		
09-Feb-99	10-Feb-99	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> National workshop Regional Integration and Customs Unions	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		DD		
17-May-99	19-May-99	<u>Kuwait</u> Technical mission Training on the Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus; WTO/TC (Regular budget)	Government of Kuwait	IMRD, INFD		TC98
11-Oct-99	12-Oct-99	<u>Oman</u> National seminar WTO Agreements for the private and public sectors	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund; Technical Assistance Surplus		TSD, TCD		
19-Oct-99	20-Oct-99	<u>Bahrain</u> National seminar Preparation for the 3rd Ministerial Conference and WTO Agreements for officials in the Ministries of Bahrain	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		LegD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
22-Nov-99	22-Nov-99	<u>Bahrain</u> National seminar Implications of the SPS Agreement for Member Governments and the Business Community	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
24-Nov-99	25-Nov-99	<u>Jordan</u> National seminar SPS and TBT Agreements	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
24-Nov-99	24-Nov-99	<u>Bahrain</u> National seminar Implications of the TBT Agreement for Member Governments and the Business Community	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund		TED		
29-Nov-99	30-Nov-99	<u>Kuwait</u> National seminar Kuwait and Globalization	WTO	No cost for WTO Government of Kuwait	UNDP Kuwait	ERAD		
30-Nov-99	02-Dec-99	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> National seminar Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices, Anti-dumping and Safeguards	WTO	No cost for WTO	Government of Saudi Arabia	RD		

ANNEX 2.a
ACTIVITIES JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY THE WTO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (86)

AFRICA (31)

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
15-Feb-99	17-Feb-99	<u>Nigeria</u> Technical mission WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for ECOWAS Secretariat	WTO / ECOWAS	Sweden Trust Fund		DD, AgD ECOWAS Members: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo	B48
02-Mar-99	05-Mar-99	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Regional workshop TBT, SPS, Quality management and certification, agriculture for West Africa	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TED	B69
08-Mar-99	09-Mar-99	<u>Kenya</u> Technical mission WTO and the Multilateral Trading System implementation for policy makers	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD Combined with Uganda (B80)	B82
09-Mar-99	12-Mar-99	<u>Tanzania</u> Regional workshop TBT, SPS, Quality management and certification, agriculture for East Africa	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	Switzerland Trust Fund		TED	B70
10-Mar-99	11-Mar-99	<u>Uganda</u> Symposium WTO and the Multilateral Trading System implementation for policy makers	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD Combined with Kenya (B82)	B80
23-Mar-99	26-Mar-99	<u>Central African Republic</u> Regional seminar TRIPS Agreement for Sub-Saharan French speaking LDCs – Follow-up to HLM	WTO / WIPO	Sweden Trust Fund	WIPO	TCD	D143/45
29-Mar-99	30-Mar-99	<u>Zimbabwe</u> Regional seminar TRIPS Agreement for Sub-Saharan English-speaking countries	WIPO	No cost for WTO		IPD Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe	A44

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
06-Apr-99	08-Apr-99	<u>Tunisia</u> Technical mission Tripartite review of Tunisian project and implementation	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD		
26-Apr-99	27-Apr-99	<u>Ghana</u> Technical mission Implementation, Notifications	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD	Combined with Mali (D117)	B73
03-May-99	04-May-99	<u>Egypt</u> Regional workshop Joint workshop on Plant Variety protection	WTO / UPOV / WIPO	Sweden Trust Fund		IPD		
06-May-99	07-May-99	<u>Kenya</u> Regional workshop Joint workshop on Plant Variety protection	WTO / UPOV / WIPO	Sweden Trust Fund		IPD		
24-May-99	27-May-99	<u>Egypt</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System relating to Regional Trading Agreements for Selected Arab countries	WTO / Government of Egypt	Sweden Trust Fund		DD, AgD, WCO	Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia	
07-Jun-99	09-Jun-99	<u>Ghana</u> National workshop Investment promotion (Ghana Investment promotion Centre), Market Access issues	WTO / UNCTAD	Sweden Trust Fund		MAccD, UNCTAD		
21-Jul-99	22-Jul-99	<u>Ethiopia</u> Colloquium Brainstorming Meeting for Africa and the WTO in the New Millennium	WTO / Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	Norway Trust Fund		TCD, DD		
02-Aug-99	05-Aug-99	<u>Guinea</u> Regional seminar SPS and TBT for French-speaking African Members of the IsDB (10) - Implications of the TBT and SPS Agreements for the Business Community	WTO / ITC / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB); in cooperation with FAO	No cost for WTO	IsDB	TED	Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo	
23-Aug-99	26-Aug-99	<u>Kenya</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for African states (ACP)	WTO / ACP Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	European Commission / ACP Fund	TCD, DD		B91

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
07-Sep-99	10-Sep-99	<u>Benin</u> Regional workshop Market Access Issues for West Africa (Customs valuation, tariffs, rules of origin, regional integration, PSI)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana	B86, B67
21-Sep-99	24-Sep-99	<u>Uganda</u> Regional workshop Market Access Issues for East Africa (Customs valuation, tariffs, rules of origin, regional integration, PSI)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		MAccD		B66
11-Oct-99	13-Oct-99	<u>Djibouti</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading system for IGAD	WTO / IGAD	United Kingdom Trust Fund	IGAD	TCD	Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda	
12-Oct-99	14-Oct-99	<u>Kenya</u> Regional seminar Specialized workshop on Textiles	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TexD	Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda	B77
12-Oct-99	15-Oct-99	<u>Tunisia</u> National seminar WTO Rules	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund	UNDP	RD		B57
14-Oct-99	14-Oct-99	<u>Tanzania</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to High-Level Meeting – Integrated Framework	WTO/UNCTAD/ ITC/WB/IMF/ UNDP	Programme Support Fund		TCD		D121
18-Oct-99	20-Oct-99	<u>Ethiopia</u> Regional seminar Ad Hoc Experts Group Meeting on Africa in the Post-Uruguay Round: Strengthening Capacity-building of Africa for the coming Round	WTO / Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		B71
19-Oct-99	21-Oct-99	<u>Uganda</u> Regional workshop WTO Agreements and Agriculture for East African Community countries	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		AgD	Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	
19-Oct-99	22-Oct-99	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> National workshop Specialized workshop on Textiles	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
01-Nov-99	03-Nov-99	<u>South Africa</u> Regional seminar TBT Agreement and the role of conformity assessment procedures in trade for a group of English-speaking African countries	WTO / ISO	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TED		B99
04-Nov-99	05-Nov-99	<u>Uganda</u> National workshop High-level symposium: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for policy makers	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD		B80
08-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Burkina Faso</u> National workshop Agriculture	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD		
09-Nov-99	10-Nov-99	<u>Kenya</u> National workshop High-level symposium: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for policy makers.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD		
16-Nov-99	17-Nov-99	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> National workshop National Symposium on JITAP - Impact of Multilateral Trading System on the National Economy - (Cluster 9) - Matrix of Export products and Markets (Cluster 11) - Fundamental principles and objectives of the WTO - The WTO Integrated Data Base – Preparation of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Seattle - High-level symposium: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for policy makers.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD, TPRD		B84
19-Nov-99	20-Nov-99	<u>Ghana</u> National workshop High-level symposium: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for policy makers. NS on Impact of Multilateral Trading System on the National Economy - (Cluster 9) - Matrix of Export products and Markets (Cluster 11) - Fundamental principles and objectives of the WTO - The WTO Integrated Data Base - Preparation of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Seattle	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD		B81

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
22-Nov-99	23-Nov-99	<u>Burkina Faso</u> National workshop High-level symposium: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for policy makers.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD		B79

ANNEX 2.b
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ASIA / PACIFIC (15)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
02-Feb-99	06-Feb-99	<u>Pakistan</u> Technical mission Building Technical Assistance with DFID	WTO / DFID (UK)	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD		
22-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Japan</u> Regional seminar Technical Barriers to trade and the Role of Standards in Trade Promotion	WTO / ISO / ITC / JISC / JSA	WTO/TC (Regular budget)	Jap. Industrial Standards Committee / Jap. Standards Ass.	TED		
08-Mar-99	15-Mar-99	<u>Singapore</u> Training course 2nd Joint Singapore/WTO Trade Policy Course for Middle-level Officials from 16 countries: GATS, Investment, Competition, Electronic Commerce, Dispute Settlement, TRIPS	WTO with Government of Singapore	Sweden Trust Fund; Technical Assistance Surplus	Govt of Singapore	TSD, T&Fin., LegD, IPD	ASEAN: Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Lao P.D.R., Myanmar Bangladesh, India, Fiji, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka	B49
14-Mar-99	16-Mar-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> National workshop Impact of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing on LDC Trade and Economy	WTO / ITC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TexD		A22
18-Mar-99	19-Mar-99	<u>Thailand</u> Regional workshop Joint workshop on Plant Variety protection	WTO / UPOV / WIPO	New Zealand Trust Fund		IPD	Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, P.R., India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Korea, Rep. Of, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, Macau, Fiji, Papua New Guinea (last three financed by WTO)	
05-Apr-99	24-Apr-99	<u>Pakistan</u> Training course Trade Policy for 20 English-speaking (Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) members)	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	No cost for WTO	IsDB	TCD, TED, LegD, MAccD, TSD	Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mozambique, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda + Bahrain	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
12-Apr-99	20-Apr-99	<u>Pakistan</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation and Enforcement	WTO / WCO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		[WCO]		
13-Apr-99	16-Apr-99	<u>Australia</u> Regional workshop Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices for 13 South Pacific Countries	WTO / South Pacific Forum Secretariat	Hong Kong, China Fund		LegD, TC	Cook Islands, Micronesia Fed. States of, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue Island, Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu	A36
11-May-99	13-May-99	<u>Thailand</u> Regional seminar Trade Remedies and Competition Policy	WTO / ADB	Sweden Trust Fund; WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	ADB	RD, IPD	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Korea Rep. of, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand	
23-Jun-99	25-Jun-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> Colloquium Inter-agency Working Group meeting - Follow-up to HLM	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC / WB / IMF / UNDP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		TC98
06-Sep-99	10-Sep-99	<u>Western Samoa</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for the Pacific region (ACP)	WTO / ACP Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	European Commission / ACP Fund	TCD	Combined with Fiji	B93
11-Sep-99	11-Sep-99	<u>Fiji</u> Colloquium Meeting to discuss increased cooperation between the WTO and the Forum Secretariat on technical issues	WTO / Forum Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Combined with Western Samoa	
05-Oct-99	06-Oct-99	<u>Thailand</u> National seminar 1. Seminar on the SPS Agreement and its implications for the Thai Food Industry 2. Consultative meeting and presentation to officials in the Thai Ministry of Commerce	WTO / Thailand Ministry of Commerce / National Food Institute	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
11-Oct-99	15-Oct-99	<u>Australia</u> Conference TBT and SPS - The International Food Trade beyond 2000: science-based decisions, harmonisation, equivalence and mutual recognition.	WTO / FAO / WHO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	160 countries, plus NGOs	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
25-Oct-99	29-Oct-99	<u>Thailand</u> Regional workshop Workshop on Risk Analysis in Animal Health for ASEAN countries	WTO / ASEAN	Netherlands Trust Fund	ASEAN	AgD		

ANNEX 2.c

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EUROPE / EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES (12)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
15-Feb-99	15-Feb-99	<u>Switzerland</u> UPOV/WIPO/WTO Joint Workshop on the Protection of Plant Varieties	WTO / UPOV / WIPO	Sweden Trust Fund		IPD		
17-Apr-99	17-Apr-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Symposium Third Symposium on Trade and Competition Policy for Geneva-based delegates	WTO / UNCTAD / World Bank	United Kingdom Trust Fund	UNCTAD	IPD		B97
20-Apr-99	23-Apr-99	<u>Turkey</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for ECO member countries (10)	WTO/Economic Cooperation Organization	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD	Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan	
21-Apr-99	22-Apr-99	<u>France</u> Symposium UNCTAD / WTO Trade, Investment and Economic Development Seminar for Geneva-based French-speaking delegates (third)	WTO / UNCTAD	Hong Kong, China Fund		TFD		
07-Jun-99	07-Jun-99	<u>Switzerland (Geneva area)</u> Regional workshop Textiles and Clothing Workshop for Geneva-based Delegates from Economies in Transition	WTO / AITIC (Agency for International Trade Information & Cooperation)	Netherlands Trust Fund		TexD	Armenia, Belarus, Ukraine, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russian federation, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz Rep.	
15-Jun-99	16-Jun-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Regional workshop WTO Agreements and Understandings (Notifications and other Transparency requirements)	WTO / Energy Charter Secretariat / Government of Switzerland	No cost for WTO		TCD		
28-Jun-99	02-Jul-99	<u>Austria</u> Regional seminar Negotiations in Trade in Services and Agriculture	WTO/Joint Vienna Institute	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TSD, TCD, AgD	[Albania], [Armenia], Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, [Kazakstan], Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Romania, [Ukraine], Uzbekistan	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
13-Sep-99	13-Sep-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Symposium Competition Policy and Civil Society - Fourth symposium	WTO / World Bank / UNCTAD	No cost for WTO	World bank, UNCTAD, EC	IPD		
11-Oct-99	13-Oct-99	<u>Austria</u> Training course Applied Economics Course, Joint IBRD/WTO segment on Trade Policy and International Trade Regimes	WTO / IBRD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD, ERAD		
18-Oct-99	22-Oct-99	<u>Belgium</u> Conference ACP Ministerial Conference	WTO / ACP Secretariat	Norway Trust Fund		DD, TCD		
08-Nov-99	10-Nov-99	<u>Italy</u> Training course WTO Agreements and Multilateral Trade	WTO / IDLI	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	IDLI	LegD		
09-Nov-99	10-Nov-99	<u>Switzerland (for Gambia)</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Legislation Adjustment - Follow-up to High-Level Meeting	WTO	WTO/UNCTAD/ ITC/WB/IMF/ UNDP		TCD		D116

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NORTH / LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (23)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
16-Feb-99	17-Feb-99	<u>United States of America</u> Colloquium Inter-agency Working Group meeting - Follow-up to HLM	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC / WB / IMF / UNDP	Sweden Trust Fund		TCD		
24-Feb-99	25-Feb-99	<u>Costa Rica</u> Regional seminar SPS Measures for Central American Countries	WTO / IICA	United Kingdom Trust Fund		AgD	Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama IICA= Instituto Interamericano de Cooperacion para la Agricultura - Combined with Colombia	
06-Apr-99	08-Apr-99	<u>Guatemala</u> Regional workshop Advanced workshop on Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices for Central American countries	WTO / SIECA	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	SIECA	TCD, LegD		TC98
19-Apr-99	23-Apr-99	<u>Honduras</u> Regional seminar Textiles and Clothing for Central American countries	WTO / INTAL	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	INTAL	TexD		
31-May-99	01-Jun-99	<u>Grenada</u> Regional seminar Seminar on WTO Obligations to be discharged by Member States, for Attorneys General of CARICOM	WTO / CARICOM	Netherlands Trust Fund		LegD		
08-Jun-99	11-Jun-99	<u>Grenada</u> Regional seminar Implementation of WTO Agreements for OECS countries: opportunities and constraints for small island countries. Overview of WTO Agreements, Subsidies, Rules, Agriculture, Services, TBT, SPS and Dispute Settlement Procedures.	WTO / OECS	Netherlands Trust Fund		TCD	Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, [OECS Secretariat]; Resource persons from Trinidad and Tobago, and St Vincent and the Grenadines Combined with Jamaica (A26) 21 participants from 7 invited countries	TC98

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference	
14-Jun-99	15-Jun-99	<u>Venezuela</u> Technical mission TRIPS	WTO / WIPO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	B64	
14-Jun-99	15-Jun-99	<u>Jamaica</u> National seminar Implications of WTO Agreements for Jamaican industry (public and private sector): institutional aspects; Agriculture, SPS, TBT, Rules, Textiles and Clothing; Subsidies and Countervailing Duties, Safeguards, Regionalism, Services, Ministerial Meeting; Challenges and Opportunities	WTO in cooperation with MFAT and PSOJ	Netherlands Trust Fund		TCD	Public and Private sector meeting Postponed from 1998 - combined with Grenada	A26
14-Jun-99	25-Jun-99	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Two-week Advanced Training Course for Government Officials, including IDB: Spanish-speaking (19 countries)	WTO / OAS	Netherlands Trust Fund	OAS	AccD, LegD, TCD, Stat.D,	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela	B54
16-Jun-99	18-Jun-99	<u>Argentina</u> Regional seminar GATS seminar on Telecom and Financial Services	WTO / INTAL	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	INTAL	TSD		
17-Jun-99	18-Jun-99	<u>Colombia</u> National workshop TRIPS	WTO / WIPO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	B52	
21-Jun-99	23-Jun-99	<u>Nicaragua</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO and Government of Nicaragua	Netherlands Trust Fund; Switzerland Trust Fund		TPRD		
28-Jun-99	09-Jul-99	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Two-week Advanced Training Course for Government Officials, including IDB: English-speaking (13 countries)	WTO / OAS	Netherlands Trust Fund	OAS	TCD, LegD, TED, Stat.D	Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago	B53
05-Jul-99	06-Jul-99	<u>El Salvador</u> National seminar WTO and Preferential Schemes	WTO/Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Exporters Association (Coexport)	Netherlands Trust Fund		TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference	
19-Jul-99	31-Jul-99	<u>Paraguay</u> Regional workshop Short Trade Policy Course for Mercosur, Chilean and Bolivian agriculture trade policy analysts and negotiators. Overview of WTO, dispute settlement procedures and all Agreements except textiles	WTO / IICA / Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD, AgD, IPD, RD, MAccD, TED	Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) and associated members (Bolivia and Chile)	
26-Jul-99	30-Jul-99	<u>Honduras</u> Technical mission High-Level discussions, workshop on technical aspects, round table with private sector/Provisions of the Customs Valuation Agreement	WTO and Government of Honduras	Switzerland Trust Fund		TPRD		
23-Aug-99	25-Aug-99	<u>Mexico</u> Regional seminar Injury Determinations (advanced level) for Latin American countries	WTO / INTAL (IADB)	WTO/TC (Regular budget)	INTAL	RD	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela	B65
02-Sep-99	03-Sep-99	<u>Argentina</u> Colloquium Electronic Commerce and Development of Foreign Trade	WTO / INTAL	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	INTAL	TCD		
27-Sep-99	30-Sep-99	<u>Saint Lucia</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for Caribbean countries (ACP) - Preparations for the Third Ministerial Conference	WTO / ACP Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	EC / ACP Funds	TCD, DD	Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname	B94
20-Oct-99	22-Oct-99	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Trade Negotiations Simulation for developing countries	WTO / UNITAR	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Programme Support Fund		TCD	Angola, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Rep. Dominican Rep., Egypt, Fiji, Grenada, Haiti, Iran, Lesotho, Mauritius, Oman, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, United States	
25-Oct-99	26-Oct-99	<u>Peru</u> Regional workshop Agriculture for ANDEAN countries	WTO / INTAL	United Kingdom Trust Fund	INTAL	TCD	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Peru	B61

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
11-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Peru</u> Conference Fifth High-Level Meeting of Officials responsible for Trade Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean - Preparation for the Third Ministerial Meeting in Seattle	WTO / SELA	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD		
13-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Argentina</u> Regional workshop Anti-Dumping investigations (advanced) for MERCOSUR and Chile (5)	WTO / INTAL	WTO/TC (Regular budget)	INTAL	RD	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile	B59

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MIDDLE EAST (5)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
23-Mar-99	24-Mar-99	<u>Oman</u> Technical mission SPS: Technical assistance in the context of Accession to the WTO	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		AgD		
13-Apr-99	14-Apr-99	<u>Oman</u> National seminar TBT: Technical assistance in the context of Accession to the WTO	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TED		
13-Sep-99	16-Sep-99	<u>Lebanon</u> Regional workshop Dispute settlement seminar covering general GATT/GATS/TRIPS principles and exceptions, dispute settlement procedures, case studies on basic principles and dispute settlement, preparation of panel simulations and presentations of cases by the participants (Arab countries)	WTO / ESCWA / IsDB	United Kingdom Trust Fund	IsDB	LegD	Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	A4
12-Oct-99	13-Oct-99	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> National seminar Deepen Understanding of WTO Agreements	WTO / Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Netherlands Trust Fund		TSD, TCD	Initially scheduled for November 1998 -	
18-Dec-99	23-Dec-99	<u>Lebanon</u> Technical mission Assistance in training and setting-up a WTO Unit in the Ministry of Commerce and Trade	WTO / Ministry of Commerce and Trade	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

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AFRICA (32)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
25-Jan-99	26-Jan-99	<u>Mauritius</u> Conference WTO Agreements and particularly TBT for SADCA	SADCA	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TED		
01-Feb-99	05-Feb-99	<u>Kenya</u> Colloquium 26th Session of UNEP Gov. Council	UNEP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED		
06-Feb-99	07-Feb-99	<u>Kenya</u> Conference Presentation on TRIPS	African Centre for Technology Studies/UNEP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
08-Feb-99	12-Feb-99	<u>Kenya</u> Conference Presentation on TRIPS	Crucible Group	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
10-Feb-99	12-Feb-99	<u>Zimbabwe</u> Regional workshop Trade and Environment for Governments and Civil Society	International Centre for Trade & Sustainable Development / Africa Resources Trust	Sweden Trust Fund; Technical Assistance Surplus		TCD, TED, ExRD	Combined with Regional Seminar	
11-Feb-99	12-Feb-99	<u>Zambia</u> Conference 1999 SADC Consultative Conference: SADC in the Next Millennium: The Challenges and Opportunities of Information Technology	SADC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD		
22-Feb-99	25-Feb-99	<u>Central African Republic</u> National workshop WTO and the Multilateral Trading System and IDB	UDEAC	WTO/TC (Regular budget); Switzerland Trust Fund	UDEAC	TCD, Stat.D		
06-Apr-99	08-Apr-99	<u>Cameroon</u> Symposium Subregional symposium for French-speaking Sub-Saharan African developing countries	WIPO	WIPO		IPD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
20-Apr-99	24-Apr-99	<u>Tunisia</u> National workshop GATS	UNDP	JITAP Fund		ExRD		
03-May-99	05-May-99	<u>Botswana</u> Regional workshop Telecommunication regulation	ITU	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	Angola, Botswana, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	
10-May-99	11-May-99	<u>Morocco</u> Symposium Africa Business and Development Forum		WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD		
17-May-99	18-May-99	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Symposium Trade Liberalization and Diversification of the Agricultural Sector	UNCTAD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
25-May-99	26-May-99	<u>Tunisia</u> Regional seminar Update on WTO Issues for IsDB countries	Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	IsDB	TCD		
21-Jun-99	25-Jun-99	<u>South Africa</u> Regional workshop Preparation for the Third Ministerial Conference for Senior Advisors to Ministers of trade in LDCs	UNCTAD	Netherlands Trust Fund		DD		
29-Jun-99	02-Jul-99	<u>South Africa</u> Regional workshop Developing a proactive and coherent agenda for African countries	UNCTAD	Netherlands Trust Fund		DD		
30-Jun-99	02-Jul-99	<u>Mauritius</u> Conference 6th Conference of the Economic and Social Councils	Economic and Social Councils	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ExRD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
29-Jul-99	29-Jul-99	<u>Kenya</u> National seminar WTO Agreements (Dispute Settlement Procedures, Goods and Services) for Members of Parliament	Government of Kenya	Technical Assistance Surplus		IPD, ERAD		
02-Aug-99	04-Aug-99	<u>Zimbabwe</u> Conference Eleventh Annual Conference: Africa in the New Millennium of Globalization - WTO Dispute Settlement Systems and the Developing Countries, with special reference to African States	African Society of International and Comparative Law and the American Society of International Law	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Sierra Leone, Sudan, Egypt, Senegal, Mali, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Algeria, Morocco, Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania, Madagascar, Gambia, Botswana, Congo Rep. Of, Dem. Rep. Of Congo, Gabon, Ethiopia, South Africa	
10-Aug-99	12-Aug-99	<u>Zimbabwe</u> Technical mission Capacity-building project with DFID	DFID (UK)	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD		
18-Aug-99	20-Aug-99	<u>Uganda</u> Regional seminar Introductory Course in the TRIPS Agreement and other aspects of intellectual Property	WIPO	No cost for WTO	WIPO	IPD	Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Mauritius, Malawi, Nigeria, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, OAU, SADC	
06-Sep-99	08-Sep-99	<u>Egypt</u> Regional workshop Trade and Environment for the League of Arab States - Preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Meeting	League of Arab States, UNEP	No cost for WTO	UNEP	TED		
15-Sep-99	15-Sep-99	<u>Swaziland</u> Conference ACP Ministerial Conference on Sugar: ACP Sugar Competitiveness in Light of Changing Global Trends	ACP Secretariat	Technical Assistance Surplus		AgD		
19-Sep-99	20-Sep-99	<u>Egypt</u> Conference Basic Principles of the Multilateral Trading System, Participation of developing countries, Preparation for the 3rd Ministerial Conference	Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
20-Sep-99	24-Sep-99	<u>Algeria</u> Conference 2nd Ordinary Session of the Conference of the African Trade Ministers Meeting: Africa and the Multilateral Trading System, Challenges and Opportunities	OAU / AEC	[.....]		DD		
22-Sep-99	23-Sep-99	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Technical mission Preparations for the Seattle Ministerial Conference - SPS, TBT, Intellectual Property issues	Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Forêt de Côte d'Ivoire	JITAP Fund		TCD		B74
02-Oct-99	05-Oct-99	<u>Egypt</u> Conference WTO Agreement on Antidumping and Antidumping Law and Practice in the European Communities	Egyptian International Centre for Development	Programme Support Fund		TCD		
11-Oct-99	13-Oct-99	<u>Swaziland</u> Symposium Subregional symposium for Judges on Enforcement	WIPO	WIPO		IPD		
30-Oct-99	02-Nov-99	<u>Egypt</u> Regional seminar TBT and SPS for Arab countries	UNDP / ITC / AIDMO	No cost for WTO	ITC	TED		
07-Nov-99	09-Nov-99	<u>South Africa</u> Conference International Apparel Federation Convention, 15th World Apparel Convention	Clothing Federation of South Africa	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers (air fare)	TexD		
08-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Ethiopia</u> Regional workshop Comparative Analysis of Commitments of African countries under the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community and the Multilateral Trading System	Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	JITAP Fund, WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	ECA (for one WTO Official)	TCD, ERAD	Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe	
15-Nov-99	16-Nov-99	<u>Zambia</u> Conference 7th Meeting of the COMESA Council of Ministers	COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa)	Netherlands Trust Fund		DD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
20-Nov-99	21-Nov-99	<u>Morocco</u> Symposium High-Level Meeting on 'Management and Harmonization of Standardization and Conformity Assessment in the Arab Countries'	UNESCWA / ISO / AIDMO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
09-Dec-99	10-Dec-99	<u>Botswana</u> Conference TRIPS Agreements and Implementation requirements	US Department of Commerce – SADC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	SADC countries, incl. Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa	

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ASIA / PACIFIC (31)

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
20-Jan-99	22-Jan-99	<u>Taipei, Chinese</u> Training course Training Course: for Senior officers of Government Economic Agencies, Trade Promotion and Public Enterprises of selected developing countries - WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF)	No cost for WTO		TCD	C100
08-Feb-99	10-Feb-99	<u>Nepal</u> National workshop Trade Facilitation	Nepal Trade Facilitation Project / UNCTAD	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		MAccD	
12-Feb-99	13-Feb-99	<u>India</u> Conference Anti-dumping and consultations with government officials and CII officials	CII	WTO/TC (Regular budget)	Organizers	RD	
14-Feb-99	16-Feb-99	<u>India</u> Conference Asia trade and Investment Forum - Trade Barriers and the WTO in enhancing Commonwealth cooperation	Commonwealth Business Council	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		MAccD	
22-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Australia</u> Colloquium 1. Codex Committee on Food Imports and Exports Inspection and Certification Systems 2. Workshop for LDC Food Officials (25 Feb.)	FAO / WHO	Sweden Trust Fund		AgD	
23-Feb-99	24-Feb-99	<u>Thailand</u> Regional workshop ITC Workshop on Eco-labelling	ITC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TexD	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
30-Mar-99	02-Apr-99	<u>China, P.R.</u> National seminar State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China seminar on the Protection and Enforcement of Trademarks	Government of China	Sponsors		IPD		
18-Apr-99	22-Apr-99	<u>Singapore</u> Training course Dispute Settlement Course	APEC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	APEC	LegD	Combined with Thailand	A40
30-Apr-99	01-May-99	<u>New Zealand</u> Regional workshop APEC Workshop on Competition and Deregulation	APEC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
12-May-99	14-May-99	<u>Taipei, Chinese</u> National seminar Training course: for Senior officers of Government Economic Agencies, Trade Promotion and Public Enterprises of selected developing countries - WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Sponsor	TCD		C105
20-May-99	21-May-99	<u>China, P.R. (Hong Kong)</u> National seminar Working Committee on Technology - Plenary session panel	Pacific Economic Basin Council	Sponsors		IPD		
14-Jun-99	14-Jun-99	<u>Korea, Rep. of</u> Symposium IPEG Technical Cooperation Programme to assist the WTO/TRIPS Implementation	APEC / IPR/Korean Industrial Property Office	No cost for WTO	APEC TILF Special Account	IPD	Brunei Darussalam, Chile, China, P.R., Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Vietnam	
14-Jun-99	15-Jun-99	<u>Uzbekistan</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System; presentation on Trade in Services	USAID	WTO/TC (Regular budget)	USAID	TCD		
06-Jul-99	07-Jul-99	<u>Thailand</u> National workshop TRIMS and the relationship between trade and investment; preparation of the Third Ministerial Conference	Government of Thailand	No cost for WTO	Sponsor	TFD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
15-Jul-99	18-Jul-99	<u>India</u> Technical mission Capacity-building seminar: Multilateral Trade, Investment and Competition Policy - the current Status and Future agenda	CUTS	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
06-Aug-99	07-Aug-99	<u>New Zealand</u> Symposium Standards and Conformance Sub-Committee (SCSC) Meeting	APEC	No cost for WTO	APEC	TED		
16-Aug-99	18-Aug-99	<u>Fiji</u> Colloquium Meeting of the Secretariats of Island States Inter-Governmental Organizations - Common initiatives and objectives in the international arena	Forum Secretariat	[.....]		DD		
16-Aug-99	18-Aug-99	<u>Thailand</u> Conference WHO Meeting: regional consultation on the WTO Multilateral Trade Agreements and their implications on Health	WHO	No cost for WTO	Sponsored: WHO	IPD		
01-Sep-99	03-Sep-99	<u>China, P.R.</u> Conference Implementation of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing	1999 China International Cotton Conference	Sweden Trust Fund		TexD		
27-Sep-99	01-Oct-99	<u>Australia</u> Regional workshop Classifications	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)	No cost for WTO	Stat. Div.	Stat.D		
04-Oct-99	06-Oct-99	<u>Viet Nam</u> Regional seminar Integration of Indo-China into Global Trading Environment under the FCDI	ESCAP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Sponsor	TCD		
08-Oct-99	09-Oct-99	<u>Australia</u> Regional workshop Food Safety for LDCs	FAO/Codex Alimentarius Commission	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	50 + developing countries	B50

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference	
11-Oct-99	15-Oct-99	<u>Thailand</u> Training course Trade Negotiation simulation for the six countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region	New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade / Mekong Institute	New Zealand Trust Fund		TCD	Cambodia, China, P. Rep., Lao, P.D.R., Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam	C101
12-Oct-99	17-Oct-99	<u>China, P.R.</u> Technical mission TBT	ISO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED		
18-Oct-99	21-Oct-99	<u>China, P.R.</u> Colloquium ISO / DEVCO General Assembly (Development Committee)	ISO / DEVCO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED		
30-Oct-99	01-Nov-99	<u>India</u> National workshop Presentation on TRIPS at the International Brainstorming workshop on WTO Agreements and People's Concern	Centre for Study of Global Trade System / National Working Group on Patent Laws of New Delhi	United Kingdom Trust Fund	Organizers	IPD		
11-Nov-99	13-Nov-99	<u>Philippines</u> Regional workshop UNCTAD Project on strengthening research and policy-making capacity on trade and environment in developing countries - Discussion and presentations on the 10 items of the CTE's agenda as well as a briefing for Seattle	UNCTAD, Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development and DFID	United Kingdom Trust Fund		TED	Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, India, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda	
15-Nov-99	16-Nov-99	<u>India</u> Conference Electronic Commerce	Institute for New Technologies (INTECH) and National Centre for Software Technology	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	IDRC	TSD		
24-Nov-99	24-Nov-99	<u>Iran</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System; Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices	UNITAR	No cost for WTO	UNITAR	LegD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
29-Nov-99	30-Nov-99	<u>India</u> Conference APLAC'99: Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and latest developments	National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories	Sweden Trust Fund		TED		
14-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Nepal</u> Technical mission WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	ESCAP	Hong Kong, China Fund	ESCAP	TCD		

ANNEX 3.c
ACTIVITIES WHERE WTO WAS INVITED (138)

EUROPE / EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES (27)

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
20-Jan-99	21-Jan-99	<u>France</u> Symposium Round Table on Centres for Training in International Trade	Agence de la Francophonie	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD	
26-Jan-99	27-Jan-99	<u>France</u> Regional seminar EC Phare Programme on Intellectual Property: seminar for the Central and Eastern European and the CIS countries, organized in conjunction with the 33rd MIDEM Conference	European Communities Phare Programme	Sponsor		IPD	
01-Feb-99	02-Feb-99	<u>Spain</u> National seminar Seminar on Intellectual Property for Slovenian officials	Spanish and Slovenian Governments	Sponsor		IPD	
17-Feb-99	18-Feb-99	<u>Belgium</u> Symposium International Task Force on Commodity Risk Management in developing Countries	World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD	
22-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Spain</u> Training course Agriculture: WTO and its Impact on Agro-food Marketing (13 countries)	International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic	WTO/TC (Regular budget)	OECD	AgD, LegD	Albania, Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey
10-Mar-99	12-Mar-99	<u>Austria</u> Training course Course at the JVI	Joint Vienna Institute	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD	
22-Mar-99	24-Mar-99	<u>Austria</u> Training course Course at the JVI	Joint Vienna Institute	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
29-Mar-99	30-Mar-99	<u>Bulgaria</u> National workshop Government Procurement and training for Ministry and municipal officials on aspects of implementation	American Bar Association/Centr al and East European Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI)	No cost for WTO	Organizers	IPD		
14-Apr-99	15-Apr-99	<u>Belgium</u> Symposium International Task Force on Commodity Risk Management in developing Countries	World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
15-Apr-99	16-Apr-99	<u>Italy</u> Colloquium Meetings with FAO staff About FAO's contribution to the Integrated Framework for LDCs	FAO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
03-May-99	04-May-99	<u>France (for Tanzania)</u> Symposium World Bank-Consultative group meeting for Tanzania (Integrated Framework for LDCs - Follow-up to HLM)	World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
27-May-99	30-May-99	<u>Turkey</u> Regional seminar Promotion of Public Procurement in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union	OECD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
01-Jun-99	02-Jun-99	<u>United Kingdom</u> Colloquium Commonwealth Business Council	Commonwealth	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
14-Jun-99	15-Jun-99	<u>Austria</u> Technical mission JVI Board meeting	Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
24-Jun-99	25-Jun-99	<u>France</u> Regional seminar Asia/Europe Meeting (ASEM) seminar on Intellectual Property	European Union	[.....]		IPD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
12-Jul-99	16-Jul-99	<u>Netherlands</u> Technical mission Fellowship Programme on International Law - Dispute Settlement	UNITAR	Netherlands Trust Fund	UNITAR	LegD	Combined with OAS course in Washington	
22-Jul-99	22-Jul-99	<u>France</u> Conference Consultations: renewal of the Lomé Convention	Ministre de l'Economie, des Finance et du Plan du Sénégal; Coalition mondiale pour l'Afrique	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
20-Aug-99	20-Aug-99	<u>France</u> Conference Discuss with the Agence de la Francophonie a project proposal to be carried out over 2 years for training seminars on trade negotiations for French-speaking countries.	Agence de la Francophonie	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Donor agencies and executing organizations, including WTO, UNCTAD, ITC	
25-Aug-99	27-Aug-99	<u>Kyrgyz Republic</u> Regional seminar Copyright and related rights enforcement in the TRIPS Agreement	WIPO	No cost for WTO	WIPO	IPD	Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	
07-Sep-99	07-Sep-99	<u>France</u> Training course Course on Intellectual Property for developing countries	WIPO / Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle (CEIPI)	CEIPI		IPD		
26-Sep-99	28-Sep-99	<u>France</u> Symposium Brainstorming session on the Ministerial Meeting for Developing countries	ITC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
12-Oct-99	12-Oct-99	<u>Austria</u> Symposium Presentation of the WTO Integrated Framework to Senior Management of UNIDO	UNIDO	Programme Support Fund		DD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
14-Oct-99	14-Oct-99	<u>Belgium</u> Conference "WTO and the Multilateral Trading System - Opportunities and Challenges , with particular reference to the 3d Ministerial Conference" for the EC Translation Service Civil Servants	European Commission	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		LegD		
08-Nov-99	08-Nov-99	<u>United Kingdom</u> Colloquium Discussions with DFID and attend Oxfam Conference	DFID and Oxfam	Programme Support Fund		DD		
17-Nov-99	17-Nov-99	<u>Estonia</u> Conference FDI Policy and Private Sector development in the Baltic States	OECD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AccD	Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania	
23-Nov-99	25-Nov-99	<u>Spain</u> Training course Agriculture: WTO and its Impact on Agro-food Marketing (13 countries)	International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)	Netherlands Trust Fund	OECD	TCD	Albania, Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey	
06-Dec-99	07-Dec-99	<u>Romania</u> National seminar Implications of the TBT Agreement for the Business Community: WTO (organization and responsibilities), TBT Agreement, conformity assessment in the TBT Agreement, certification and accreditation, inspection services, mutual recognition agreements, role of international and regional systems for conformity assessment	ITC	No cost for WTO	ITC	TED		

ANNEX 3.d
ACTIVITIES WHERE WTO WAS INVITED (138)

NORTH / LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (34)

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
14-Feb-99	19-Feb-99	<u>Colombia</u> Colloquium 6th Meeting of the Open-Ended Ad-hoc Working Group on Biosafety	Convention on Biological Diversity	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	Combined trip with Costa Rica	
15-Feb-99	16-Feb-99	<u>Honduras</u> Technical mission Participation in the Third Course on Central America in the framework of international trade agreements	Research Institute on Economics of the University of Costa Rica / SIECA	No cost for WTO	Extension expenses to be borne by the organizers	TCD	Combined with Bolivia - Extension expenses to be borne by the organizers.	TC98
17-Feb-99	19-Feb-99	<u>Saint Lucia</u> Conference Trade-related issues in small developing economies	World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD		
25-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Mexico</u> Technical mission Future Negotiations on Trade in Services	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Combined with Nicaragua	
28-Feb-99	02-Mar-99	<u>Costa Rica</u> Conference Participation in Conference and Workshops	Ministerio de la Presidencia	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
17-Mar-99	17-Mar-99	<u>Peru</u> Symposium Government Procurement	Andean Community	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
29-Mar-99	01-Apr-99	<u>Bahamas</u> National workshop Workshop on the WTO, consultations on implications of WTO Membership	Permanent Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD	Combined with New Zealand	
05-Apr-99	07-Apr-99	<u>United States of America</u> Symposium Committee on Electronic Commerce	FTAA	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
14-Apr-99	15-Apr-99	<u>Dominica</u> Regional seminar CARICOM seminar for Caribbean countries	WIPO	WIPO		IPD	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
27-Apr-99	29-Apr-99	<u>United States of America</u> Symposium JVI Board Meeting	Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD	
05-May-99	07-May-99	<u>Argentina</u> Technical mission Data entry software	SIECA / Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D	
10-May-99	12-May-99	<u>Argentina</u> Symposium Prospects for Global liberalization: implications for EC-MERCOSUR	MERCOSUR	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD	
07-Jun-99	11-Jun-99	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Campus on International Trade: Anti-dumping, Regional Trade Agreements, TRIPS, Trade in Services	UTA / UNITAR	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Central African Republic, China, P.R., Croatia, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Jordan, Lesotho, Lithuania, Lebanon, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Korea, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Tanzania, Ukraine, Yemen.
14-Jun-99	16-Jun-99	<u>Peru</u> Regional seminar Multilateral Trade Negotiations	SELA / ANDEAN Community	United Kingdom Trust Fund		LSDoc.	
14-Jun-99	14-Jun-99	<u>El Salvador</u> Regional seminar TBT Agreement for Central American countries	Government of El Salvador	Netherlands Trust Fund		TED	Combined with OAS Course in Washington
16-Jun-99	17-Jun-99	<u>Colombia</u> National seminar Agriculture: preparation for future negotiations	Ministerio de Comercio Exterior	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
16-Jun-99	18-Jun-99	<u>Argentina</u> Colloquium Participation in the Steering Committee for Latin-American Trade Network	UNCTAD / Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
19-Jun-99	19-Jun-99	<u>Bahamas</u> Conference: the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Central Bank of the Bahamas: Integration of small service-oriented developing countries in the world economy: challenges and opportunities.	Central Bank of the Bahamas	Netherlands Trust Fund		TCD	Officials from Bahamas, Caribbean, North and Latin America, Europe. Combined with Grenada and Jamaica	
06-Jul-99	08-Jul-99	<u>Argentina</u> Technical mission PC data entry Software; Technical Assistance to Argentina on IDB	SIECA / Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D		
12-Jul-99	14-Jul-99	<u>Peru</u> Technical mission PC data entry Software; Technical Assistance to Peru on IDB	SIECA / Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D		
19-Jul-99	23-Jul-99	<u>Guatemala</u> Technical mission PC data entry Software; Technical Assistance to Guatemala on IDB	SIECA / Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D		
19-Jul-99	23-Jul-99	<u>Cayman Islands</u> Regional seminar 5th Annual Policy seminar - Deliberations on Regional, International and National Policy issues, Global Technological innovations and new services	Caribbean Telecommunications Union	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
02-Aug-99	04-Aug-99	<u>Dominican Republic</u> Regional workshop Inter-regional Governmental Experts meeting on the Agenda for the Seattle Ministerial Conference	UNCTAD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); United Kingdom Trust Fund		TPRD, TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
09-Aug-99	12-Aug-99	<u>Dominican Republic</u> Regional workshop Positive Agenda for Central American Countries – Preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Conference	UNCTAD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Rep., Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Korea, Rep. of, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela., Zimbabwe
16-Aug-99	17-Aug-99	<u>Brazil</u> National seminar Seminar on Intellectual Property	Brazilian Intellectual Property Association (ABPI)	Sponsors		IPD	
26-Aug-99	27-Aug-99	<u>Costa Rica</u> Regional workshop SPS - Future Food Safety challenges and opportunities	IICA (InterAmerican Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture); World Bank; Brazilian Agricultural Research Institute (EMBRAPA).	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	IICA	AgD	Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico; CARICOM, FAO, IAEA, IADB, IPPC, OIE, PAHO
06-Sep-99	07-Sep-99	<u>Peru</u> Meeting of government officials responsible for trade policy of ANDEAN Community - Preparation for the Seattle WTO Ministerial Conference	SELA/ANDEAN	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	
23-Sep-99	24-Sep-99	<u>United States of America</u> Colloquium International task Force meeting on Commodity Risk Management in developing countries.	IMF / World Bank	Technical Assistance Surplus		ERAD	
30-Sep-99	02-Oct-99	<u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u> Regional workshop Opportunities and Challenges: Understanding the GATS and preparing for a new round of Trade in Services	Commonwealth Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference	
12-Oct-99	13-Oct-99	<u>Trinidad and Tobago</u> Regional workshop Competition Law and Policy	UNCTAD / CARICOM / UWI	United Kingdom Trust Fund		IPD	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, (Barbados), (Belize), (Dominica), Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Haiti, St Kitts and Nevis, (Saint Lucia), St Vincent and the Grenadines, (Suriname), Trinidad and Tobago, OECS	
16-Oct-99	22-Oct-99	<u>Guatemala</u> Technical mission PC data entry Software; Technical Assistance to Guatemala on IDB	SIECA / Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD		
26-Oct-99	29-Oct-99	<u>Mexico</u> National seminar Economic Globalization and Law Globalization - From the GATT to the WTO	National Autonomous University of Mexico	Technical Assistance Surplus		TCD		
22-Nov-99	24-Nov-99	<u>United States of America</u> Conference Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the Global Context - Presentation on the Integrated Framework	United Nations	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD	Combined with Ministerial Conference in Seattle	
29-Nov-99	03-Dec-99	<u>Argentina</u> Conference OIV 8th Congress	OIV	No cost for WTO	Sponsored	IPD		

ANNEX 3.e
ACTIVITIES WHERE WTO WAS INVITED (138)

MIDDLE EAST (14)

Technical Cooperation Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference	
24-Jan-99	25-Jan-99	<u>Jordan</u> Regional workshop GATS for IsDB Member countries	Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	WTO/TC (Regular budget) (Terminal expenses)	IsDB	TSD	Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Rep., Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	
01-Feb-99	01-Feb-99	<u>Lebanon</u> Technical mission TBT for UNESCWA staff	UNESCWA	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TED	Combined with Jordan (2-3 Feb. 99)	
10-Feb-99	10-Feb-99	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Conference World Trade Organization: Implications for Industry and Business	Indian Business Council	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
13-Feb-99	14-Feb-99	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> Training course Training Programme on 'Agreements of WTO and Its Impacts on the Arab World'	Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
22-Feb-99	24-Feb-99	<u>Oman</u> Regional seminar WIPO Arab Regional Seminar on the economic importance of Intellectual Property	WIPO	WIPO		IPD		
24-Apr-99	24-Apr-99	<u>Kuwait</u> Training course WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for Middle East Officials	World Bank / EDI	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

Technical Cooperation Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Invited / Participating Countries (in regional activities) Comments	COMTD Reference
03-May-99	05-May-99	<u>Jordan</u> Technical mission Negotiation techniques - Brainstorming session for Arab countries	UNCTAD / UNDP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
15-May-99	16-May-99	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Symposium Inter-Governmental meeting UNESCWA	UNESCWA / Ministry of Economy and Trade / UNDP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD	Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	
26-May-99	27-May-99	<u>Palestine</u> Training course Commercial Diplomacy Training Modules: TRIPS, TRIMS	UNCTAD / UNITAR / UNDP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
09-Jun-99	11-Jun-99	<u>Lebanon</u> Conference Maritime and Air Transport Services in the Arab region	UNESCWA	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
29-Jun-99	29-Jun-99	<u>Cyprus</u> National workshop Liberalization / export promotion of Trade in Services	Government of Cyprus / Cyprus Association of Management	Technical Assistance Surplus		TSD		
03-Oct-99	06-Oct-99	<u>Oman</u> Conference SPS Agreements - 5ème conférence de la Commission régionale de l'OIE pour le Moyen-Orient: 'Impact sur le Commerce des animaux et produits d'origine animale au Moyen-Orient'	Office International des Epizooties (OIE)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
01-Nov-99	04-Nov-99	<u>Lebanon</u> Symposium Expert Group Meeting on Trade and Environment in the ESCWA region - Impact of WTO CTE work items on trade in ESCWA member states; case studies from the ESCWA region; sector assessments of the trade and environment relationship	UNESCWA / UNCTAD / Harvard Institution for International Development	United Kingdom Trust Fund	ESCWA (DSA)	TED	ESCWA Member countries, International Organizations (WTO, UNCTAD, UNEP), Regional Organizations (METAP, ENVIROTECH), experts (HIID, etc.), various embassy representatives, ESCWA staff	
07-Nov-99	10-Nov-99	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> Regional seminar TBT and SPS enquiry points	UNDP / ITC / AIDMO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	ITC	TCD		

ANNEX II

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THE INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK

This table represents missions organized by WTO. It includes missions where some LDCs were invited together with other developing countries to a Regional Seminar; individual LDC country missions covered under JITAP; and the two short-term trade policy courses for LDCs.

Start Date	End Date	Technical Cooperation Activities	Organizer	Funding	Other funding	Division	Participating Countries/ Note
25-Jan-99	27-Jan-99	<u>Guinea</u> National workshop WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD	Postponed from 1998
08-Feb-99	09-Feb-99	<u>Sudan</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Polish Trust Fund		IMRD, TCD	Initially combined with Republic of Congo
08-Feb-99	10-Feb-99	<u>Nepal</u> National workshop Trade Facilitation	Nepal Trade Facilitation Project / UNCTAD	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		MAccD	
16-Feb-99	17-Feb-99	<u>United States of America</u> Colloquium Inter-agency Working Group meeting - Follow-up to HLM	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC / WB / IMF / UNDP	Sweden Trust Fund		TCD	
22-Feb-99	25-Feb-99	<u>Central African Republic</u> National workshop WTO and the Multilateral Trading System and IDB	UDEAC	WTO/TC (Regular budget); Switzerland Trust Fund	UDEAC	TCD, Stat.D	
22-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Nepal</u> National seminar Trade Negotiations	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		TCD	
22-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Australia</u> Colloquium 1. Codex Committee on Food Imports and Exports Inspection and Certification Systems 2. Workshop for LDC Food Officials (25 Feb.)	FAO / WHO	Sweden Trust Fund		AgD	
24-Feb-99	26-Feb-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Regional workshop 1. Reference Centres Workshop for 17 countries; 2. Notification Requirements seminar open to all WTO members	WTO	Technical Assistance Surplus		IMRD	Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Solomon Islands, Uganda, Zambia

Start Date	End Date	Technical Cooperation Activities	Organizer	Funding	Other funding	Division	Participating Countries/ Note
28-Feb-99	04-Mar-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD	
09-Mar-99	12-Mar-99	<u>Tanzania</u> Regional workshop TBT, SPS, Quality management and certification, agriculture for East Africa	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	Switzerland Trust Fund		TED	
10-Mar-99	11-Mar-99	<u>Uganda</u> Symposium WTO and the Multilateral Trading System implementation for policy makers.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD	
14-Mar-99	16-Mar-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> National workshop Impact of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing on LDC Trade and Economy	WTO / ITC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TexD	
22-Mar-99	23-Mar-99	<u>Lesotho</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund; Programme Support Fund		ID, IMRD	
22-Mar-99	23-Mar-99	<u>Western Samoa</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD, ID	Combined with Fiji
23-Mar-99	26-Mar-99	<u>Central African Republic</u> WTO/WIPO Joint Symposium on the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement for Sub-Saharan French speaking LDCs - Follow-up to HLM	WTO / WIPO	Sweden Trust Fund	WIPO	IPD	
24-Mar-99	28-Mar-99	<u>Lesotho</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular budget)		TCD	
25-Mar-99	26-Mar-99	<u>Cambodia</u> National seminar GATS	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	
27-Apr-99	07-May-99	<u>Cambodia</u> Technical mission Legal Consultancy - Finalization of the Memorandum Foreign Trade Regime	WTO	Legal Assistance Surplus		TCD	Consultant

Start Date	End Date	Technical Cooperation Activities	Organizer	Funding	Other funding	Division	Participating Countries/ Note
29-Apr-99	30-Apr-99	<u>Mali</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Implementation and Legislation Adjustment (continuation from 1998) - Follow-up to High Level Meeting	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Combined with Ghana (JITAP)
03-May-99	06-May-99	<u>Djibouti</u> Regional seminar Trade and Environment and IDB for French-speaking African countries	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund; Programme Support Fund		TED, StatD, TCD	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, Rep. Of Congo, Democratic Rep. Of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Togo, (UDEAC)
03-May-99	04-May-99	<u>France (for Tanzania)</u> Symposium World Bank-Consultative group meeting for Tanzania (Integrated Framework for LDCs - Follow-up to HLM)	World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Tanzania
16-May-99	18-May-99	<u>Maldives</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		Training, TCD	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
20-May-99	21-May-99	<u>Equatorial Guinea</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TCD	
16-Jun-99	17-Jun-99	<u>Myanmar</u> National seminar Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, and WTO Notification Obligations and Procedures	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund		TexD	Other activities will be decided with the Myanmar authorities
21-Jun-99	25-Jun-99	<u>South Africa</u> Regional workshop Preparation for the Third Ministerial Conference for Senior Advisors to Ministers of trade in LDCs	UNCTAD	Netherlands Trust Fund		DD	
21-Jun-99	23-Jun-99	<u>Zambia</u> Technical mission Customs valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD	

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23-Jun-99	25-Jun-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> Colloquium Inter-agency Working Group meeting - Follow-up to HLM	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC / WB / IMF / UNDP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	
05-Jul-99	08-Jul-99	<u>Madagascar</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for Public and Private sectors	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	
08-Jul-99	09-Jul-99	<u>Madagascar</u> Technical mission Training on WTO Reference Centre and IDB	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	
12-Jul-99	30-Jul-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Training course Short Trade Policy Course for 21 French- speaking LDCs - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, Congo, Dem. Rep., Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Togo
12-Jul-99	13-Jul-99	<u>Madagascar</u> Technical mission Implementation of the Agreement on Customs Valuation	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD	
21-Jul-99	22-Jul-99	<u>Ethiopia</u> Colloquium Brainstorming Meeting for Africa and the WTO in the New Millennium	WTO / Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	Norway Trust Fund		TCD, DD	
02-Aug-99	06-Aug-99	<u>Tanzania</u> Technical mission Join the process of the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to LDCs with the TPR process. Follow-up to HLM	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	
02-Aug-99	05-Aug-99	<u>Guinea</u> Regional seminar SPS and TBT for French-speaking African Members of the IsDB (10) - Implications of the TBT and SPS Agreements for the Business Community	WTO / ITC / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB); in cooperation with FAO	No cost	IDB	TED	Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo Initially scheduled in Senegal; moved to Guinea

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18-Aug-99	20-Aug-99	<u>Uganda</u> Regional seminar Introductory Course in the TRIPS Agreement and other aspects of intellectual Property	WIPO	No cost	WIPO	IPD	Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Mauritius, Malawi, Nigeria, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, OAU, SADC
06-Sep-99	10-Sep-99	<u>Western Samoa</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for the Pacific region (ACP)	WTO / ACP Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget) for TE in Geneva	European Commission / ACP Fund	TCD	Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Forum Secretariat
07-Sep-99	10-Sep-99	<u>Benin</u> Regional workshop Market Access Issues for West Africa (Customs valuation, tariffs, rules of origin, regional integration, PSI)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana External consultants
13-Sep-99	13-Sep-99	<u>Switzerland</u> Symposium Competition Policy and Civil Society - Fourth symposium	WTO / World Bank / UNCTAD	No cost	World bank, UNCTAD, EC	IPD	WTO members and observers
21-Sep-99	24-Sep-99	<u>Uganda</u> Regional workshop Market Access Issues for East Africa (Customs valuation, tariffs, rules of origin, regional integration, PSI)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		MAccD	
22-Sep-99	26-Sep-99	<u>Niger</u> National seminar Implementation Issues and Notification requirements: Trade in Services & Goods, TRIPS Notifications- Electronic commerce - Integrated database (IDB) - Preparation to Seattle	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund; Programme Support Fund		TCD	
26-Sep-99	28-Sep-99	<u>France</u> Symposium Brainstorming session on the Ministerial Meeting for Developing countries	ITC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	
27-Sep-99	01-Oct-99	<u>Cape Verde</u> Technical mission Consultations on implications of WTO Membership for Cape Verde	WTO	Programme Support Fund		TCD	

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04-Oct-99	04-Oct-99	<u>Switzerland (for Tanzania)</u> National seminar Preparation for Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	JITAP Fund		TCD	Initially, Trade-related Round Table - changed to informal meeting!
04-Oct-99	08-Oct-99	<u>Mauritania</u> National seminar Implementation Issues and Notification requirements - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		ERAD	
05-Oct-99	08-Oct-99	<u>Zambia</u> National seminar Preparation for Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	Programme Support Fund		TCD	
08-Oct-99	09-Oct-99	<u>Australia</u> Regional workshop Food Safety for LDCs	FAO/Codex Alimentarius Commission	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	50 + developing countries
11-Oct-99	15-Oct-99	<u>Mauritania</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		ERAD	
11-Oct-99	13-Oct-99	<u>Djibouti</u> Regional seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading system for IGAD	WTO / IGAD	United Kingdom Trust Fund	IGAD	TCD	Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda
12-Oct-99	12-Oct-99	<u>Austria</u> Symposium Presentation of the WTO Integrated Framework to Senior Management of UNIDO	UNIDO	Programme Support Fund		DD	
14-Oct-99	14-Oct-99	<u>Tanzania</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to High Level Meeting - Integrated Framework	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC / WB / IMF / UNDP	Programme Support Fund		TCD	
18-Oct-99	20-Oct-99	<u>Ethiopia</u> Regional seminar Ad Hoc Experts Group Meeting on Africa in the Post-Uruguay Round: Strengthening Capacity-building of Africa for the coming Round	WTO / Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD	

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19-Oct-99	21-Oct-99	<u>Uganda</u> Regional workshop WTO Agreements and Agriculture for East African Community countries	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		AgD	Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda
25-Oct-99	29-Oct-99	<u>Uganda</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation - Fact-finding, meetings with task-force	WTO	Norway Trust Fund		MAccD	1 WTO Official and 1 consultant
01-Nov-99	19-Nov-99	<u>Switzerland (Geneva)</u> Training course Short Trade Policy Course for 24 English-speaking LDCs - Follow-up to HLM	WTO	New Zealand Trust Fund, United Kingdom Trust Fund		TCD	Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kiribati, Lao, P. Dem. Rep., Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, Zambia
04-Nov-99	05-Nov-99	<u>Uganda</u> National workshop High-level symposium: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for policy makers.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD	
08-Nov-99	11-Nov-99	<u>Bangladesh</u> Technical mission Accompany TPR mission	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund		TCD	
08-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Ethiopia</u> Regional workshop Comparative Analysis of Commitments of African countries under the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community and the Multilateral Trading System	Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	Sweden Trust Fund	ECA (for one WTO Official)	TCD, ERAD	Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe
08-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Burkina Faso</u> National workshop Agriculture	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD	
11-Nov-99	12-Nov-99	<u>Haiti</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Follow-up to High Level MeetingHLM	WTO	Norway Trust Fund		TCD	

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22-Nov-99	23-Nov-99	<u>Burkina Faso</u> National workshop High-level symposium: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for policy makers.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund		TCD	
23-Nov-99	24-Nov-99	<u>Switzerland (for Gambia)</u> National seminar Trade-related Round Table - Legislation Adjustment - Follow-up to HLM	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC / WB / UNDP / IMF	[.....]		TCD	
29-Nov-99	03-Dec-99	<u>Mali</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		ERAD, MAccD	
13-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Democratic Republic of Congo</u> Technical mission Technical Assistance on Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		MAccD	1 WTO Official and 1 consultant
13-Dec-99	14-Dec-99	<u>Mali</u> Technical mission Integrated Database Technical Assistance - Presentation of IDB. Consultations with specific governmental services.	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D	
13-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Guinea</u> National seminar Implementation Issues and Notification requirements - IDB presentation - Intellectual Property	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		TCD	
14-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Nepal</u> Technical mission WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	ESCAP	Hong Kong, China Fund	ESCAP	TCD	
16-Dec-99	17-Dec-99	<u>Togo</u> Technical mission Integrated Database Technical Assistance: presentation of IDB. Consultations with specific governmental services	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund		Stat.D	

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