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INTRODUCTION

During 2000, a total of 398 technical assistance activities were organized, involving most Divisions in the WTO. This compares with 382 activities in 1999, representing an increase of 4.2 per cent. These activities were held in 121 countries, of which 99 were WTO Members, 16 were in the process of accession, and 6 countries had expressed interest in joining the WTO. Out of the 99 Members where technical assistance activities were held, the large majority 81 were developing countries and 18 were least-developed² (LDCs). Another 9 LDCs not Members of the WTO were also beneficiaries.

With regard to funding, these activities have again largely been made possible through extra-budgetary contributions. In addition to funds provided by the more regular donors, new contributions were received in 2000.

It should be noted that as from 1 July 2000, technical assistance activities carried out on behalf of the least-developed countries were coordinated separately by the WTO Secretariat Working Group on Least-Developed Countries/IF (SWG), while those activities on behalf of other developing countries and transition economies remained under the jurisdiction of the Technical Cooperation Division. For this reason, reporting on the two groups of activities is carried in two separate sections in the present document.

Regarding the evaluation of WTO technical assistance, since the summer of 1999 the Secretariat has been systematically circulating questionnaires to participants in technical assistance activities. Participants' responses to these questionnaires will be an important element in the Secretariat's ongoing evaluation analysis efforts.

The present report contains a factual description and limited assessment of WTO's technical assistance activities undertaken during 2000. In general, it can be said that while respecting the demand-driven approach, a geographical balance was maintained in the delivery of technical assistance, and priority given to least-developed countries. 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.

Relative share of activities undertaken by WTO and other organizations

Given the WTO's Secretariat relatively small size it cannot take charge of all the technical assistance activities it undertakes. Thus, as illustrated in Table I, 132 activities were organized solely by the WTO, representing a share of 33.2 per cent of all activities reported. 125 activities were organized and held jointly with other institutions, representing a share of 31.4 per cent of all activities. And the WTO participated, on invitation, in 141 activities organized by other institutions, representing 35.4 per cent of all activities.

²The WTO currently counts 30 Members that are recognized as least-developed countries. A total of 49 countries are recognised as least-developed according to the UN definition.

The WTO continues to develop and strengthen links with regional and other institutions, bodies and organizations to cooperate in the organisation of technical assistance activities. In addition, it is increasingly outsourcing activities when and where feasible, so as to reduce the burden on the Secretariat's human resources. In this regard, the WTO Secretariat signed a number of Memoranda of Understanding with the Secretariats of other bodies (e.g. the Inter-American Development Bank, the Caribbean Community, the Central African Economic and Monetary Community, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the Islamic Development Bank, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Joint Vienna Institute and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, among others) to formalize such ties.

Table I

**Number of Technical Assistance Activities by Lead Agency
1999 and 2000**

Lead Agency	1999		2000	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Activities fully organized by WTO	158	41%	132	33.2%
Activities organized jointly by WTO and other institutions	86	23%	125	31.4%
Activities where WTO was invited	138	36%	141	35.4%
Total	382	100%	398	100%

At the request of the Committee on Trade and Development, the Secretariat prepared a paper entitled "A Strategy for Technical Assistance in WTO", which consolidates many of the elements of technical assistance published over the past five years in different documents prepared for the Committee on Trade and Development, incorporates the issues raised in the two days of reflection on technical assistance held on 18 and 19 July 2000, and the points mentioned in two recent internal Task Forces on Technical Cooperation.

In the area of evaluation, the guidelines and modalities for implementing WTO technical assistance envisage that monitoring and evaluation will be carried out by the Committee on Trade and Development on the basis of an annual evaluation of the results of technical assistance activities with a view to ensuring optimum use of resources in line with appropriate evaluation criteria. In March 1999 the Secretariat prepared a note setting out the activities it had undertaken in the first phase of the monitoring and evaluation process mandated by the CTD (WT/COMTD/W/58/Rev.1). In furtherance of this exercise, the Secretariat outlined in June 2000 a proposal that could become the "framework and guidelines" for monitoring and evaluating WTO technical assistance (WT/COMTD/W/73) and issued a manual for WTO's Secretariat staff dealing with monitoring and evaluation (WT/COMTD/W/74).

As part of its response to the increasing need for, and requirements of, trade-related capacity-building, the Secretariat produced in 2000 a Guide to Sources of Trade-related Technical Assistance. The Guide is intended to provide a single reference source for potential beneficiaries of trade-related technical assistance, and may also be helpful in ensuring adequate coordination and cooperation among the various providers of such assistance.

During the course of 2000, WTO technical assistance made further progress in achieving its objectives as follows: (i) to contribute to the fuller participation of beneficiary countries in the multilateral trading system through human resource development, institutional capacity-building, and increased public awareness of the multilateral trading system; (ii) to deliver technical assistance through activities including training, advisory missions, seminars and workshops on a national or regional basis, and technical notes on issues of interest to beneficiary countries; (iii) to provide legal advice under Article 27.2 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding; and (iv) to coordinate activities with other international organizations, principally UNCTAD and ITC, but also with IADB, World Bank, IMF and others in the context of the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance for LDCs, with a view to achieving a significant, durable impact and obtaining synergies through the most efficient use of resources.

The report which follows is divided into three main sections, the first dealing with an overview of technical assistance by subjects covered and selected modes of delivery, the second covering developing countries (other than the least-developed) and transition economies, and the third covering the least-developed countries.

SECTION ONE

OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY SUBJECTS COVERED AND SELECTED MODES OF DELIVERY

I. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: SUBJECTS COVERED

A. ACCESSION

During 2000, due to an unusually extensive programme of accessions meetings in Geneva, Accessions Division was constrained to place priority on assistance to acceding governments during their visits to the WTO rather than missions to capitals. The conclusion of several accessions by mid-2000 (Jordan, Georgia, Albania, Croatia and Oman) allowed the Division to step up its technical and advisory technical assistance activities in the second half of the year. The Secretariat also continued to assist 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 2000 included Bhutan, Sudan, Yemen, China, Russian Federation, Vietnam, Lithuania and Oman. Requests for, and consequently the number of, technical assistance missions are on a rising trend as an increasing share of countries in the process of accession are least developed economies or small governments with limited resources and knowledge of WTO matters.

B. AGRICULTURE

The Agriculture and Commodities Division was extensively involved in technical assistance activities in 2000. 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 the Division participated in the trade policy courses organized by the Technical Cooperation Division and the Secretariat Working Group on LDCs/IF, and by video link, in courses run abroad. In addition assistance was provided through meetings in Geneva arranged with representatives of developing countries, such as South Africa on sugar and Barbados on safeguards. In addition, a number of meetings were held with representatives of private sector companies, such as South African sugar and the Chinese State Tobacco Monopoly and non-governmental organizations, such as the International Policy Council and Christian Aid. In Geneva, a number of acceding countries sought assistance with the accession process, including China, Chinese Taipei, Lithuania and Vietnam, some of whom also asked for assistance in their capitals, such as China and Chinese Taipei.

A wide variety of seminars, workshops and symposia took place in 2000 ranging from one day seminars in Europe to week long workshops in Africa, Asia and Latin America. These included workshops organised by FAO which were held in Nepal for South Asia, in Bolivia for Latin America, in Cameroon for West Africa and in Jamaica for the Caribbean, and with the Islamic Development Bank in Qatar and in Burkina Faso. The Division also participated in a number of national seminars such as in Barbados, Turkey, India and Chinese Taipei.

The type of assistance provided depended very much on the requirements of the particular mission. As the agriculture negotiations started in 2000 it was necessary to devote much of the presentations to cover them. However, in many cases specific issues were addressed in detail. 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 have fallen into four general categories. The first for people who already have some knowledge of the Agreement and the related issues which concentrated on the negotiations and on specific issues of concern; the second provided a general overview of the Agreement on Agriculture; the third dealt with certain provisions within the Agreement covering a single generic issue such as market access; and the fourth covered the whole agreement and how it affects a particular product or product group such as sugar or beef.

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 and the negotiations on continuing reform. 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 especially in the number of proposals and the participation of developing countries in the agriculture negotiations. However, 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 policies 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 assistance activities include the following:

- The need to retain flexibility in planning activities. The Division does not have the resources to organise seminars or workshops but needs to be able to respond to requests from countries and from other organisations. This requires flexibility in planning activities and for individuals in making their presentations.
- Internal co-ordination within countries requesting technical assistance 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.)
- 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 and agreements like the Cotonou Agreement, have given developing countries preferential access to richer markets and 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.

C. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS

In November 2000, the Secretariat visited Dhaka to provide technical assistance to the Government of Bangladesh in connection with the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions request to Bangladesh to prepare a phase-out plan for the restrictions which it maintains for balance-of-payments purpose.

D. COMPETITION POLICY

Paragraph 22 of the Singapore Ministerial Declaration provides that the technical assistance 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 assistance 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, the Secretariat has also sought to respond to a demand articulated by developing countries during the preparatory process for the Seattle Ministerial Conference for additional and more intensive assistance in the area of trade and competition policy, particularly through regional workshops and similar activities. A number of activities were undertaken in support of these objectives. In several cases, these activities were organized by the WTO with participation from staff of other intergovernmental organizations or involved staff of the WTO Secretariat participating in activities organized by other intergovernmental organizations such as UNCTAD and APEC.

In July 2000, a WTO Regional Workshop on the subject of Competition Policy, Economic Development and the Multilateral Trading System: Overview of the Issues and Options for the Future was held in Phuket, Thailand, for the benefit of Asian WTO Members and observers. The Workshop was organized by the WTO Secretariat in assistance with the Government of Thailand and with financial support from the Government of Japan. It was attended by representatives of 22 WTO Member and observer countries from South, Southeast and East Asia, from both trade ministries and competition offices. It examined a range of questions relating to the role of competition policy in developing economies, the needs of such countries with respect to technical assistance and other forms of assistance, and the role that the multilateral trading system might play in supporting the implementation of effective national competition policies by developing country Members. Subsequently, a detailed report on the Workshop was made available to delegations in a meeting of the WTO Working Group on the Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy, in October 2000. During the year, preparations also commenced for a similar Workshop to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, for the benefit of African WTO Members and observers, in February 2001.

During the year, a representative of the Secretariat participated in a series of regional meetings organized by UNCTAD in preparation for the Fourth Review Conference on the United Nations Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices which was held in Geneva on 25-29 September 2000. In particular, the Secretariat participated in regional meetings held in Jaipur, India; Kiev, Ukraine; Casablanca, Morocco; and San Jose, Costa Rica, where updates were provided to delegates on the ongoing exploratory work and state of play on competition policy in the WTO.

In May 2000, a representative of the Secretariat participated as an instructor in an intensive week-long course on competition policy organized by the World Bank in assistance with the Government of Singapore. The course was attended by staff of competition agencies, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested persons from throughout East and Southeast Asia.

In July 2000, a representative of the Secretariat participated as a speaker in a Roundtable meeting on Competition Policy and Pro-Poor Development which was organized by the Department for International Development of the Government of the United Kingdom, in London. The Workshop, which was attended by senior representatives of competition agencies and other relevant government departments from throughout the developing world, examined the links between competition policy and pro-poor development and the ways in which developing countries might be helped to implement effective national policies in this area.

In November 2000, a representative of the Secretariat participated as a speaker and commentator in an APEC Regional Seminar on WTO Issues: Investment and Competition Policies, in Manila. The Seminar, which explored the inter-relationships between competition policy, transnational investment and trade liberalization, was organized by the Government of Japan and the Japanese External Trade Organization (JETRO) in assistance with the Government of the Philippines and was attended by representatives of a large number of countries from throughout East and Southeast Asia.

In December 2000, a representative of the Secretariat participated as an expert advisor in the launch meeting of a project organized by the Consumer Unity and Trust Society, a non-governmental organization based in India and Zambia, to review the implementation of competition policy in a number of countries in Asia and southern Africa. The project (known as the "7-Up Project") involves a comparative study of the implementation of competition policy in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Zambia, Kenya and South Africa with some contributions from Zimbabwe. It is intended to provide insights that will be fed into ongoing deliberations on the formulation and implementation of competition policy at the national, regional and other levels. A Secretariat representative is participating as a member of the project advisory board, on an ongoing basis.

During the year, work also continued on the preparation of a volume of policy analysis based on four Symposia on issues concerning competition policy, development and the multilateral trading system that were held in Geneva and were organized by the WTO Secretariat with financial assistance from and participation by staff of UNCTAD and the World Bank, in 1997-1999. The volume is expected to be available in the fall of 2001.

As a further element of the WTO Secretariat's technical assistance 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 and Short Trade Policy Course that were offered during the year. Special lectures and presentations were also given for various organizations that visited the WTO during the year. A representative of the Secretariat also participated as an instructor in a University of Geneva Summer Course on issues relating to competition policy and the multilateral trading system, which was attended by a number of delegates from developing countries. 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 Assistance Division, jointly with the Legal Affairs Division, organized the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Special Training Courses on Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices. These courses were held on 21-24 March 2000, 4-7 July 2000 and 21-24 November 2000, 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.

With the financial assistance of donor governments, the Secretariat held a number of national and regional workshops on dispute settlement procedures and practices for government officials from developing countries. National seminars or workshops were held last year in China, Chinese Taipei, Ghana, Kenya, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia (2), Slovak Republic, Sweden and Thailand. Regional workshops or seminars were held for countries from several regions in the United States (June 2000), for the Asian region in Japan (July 2000), for Eastern European transition economies in Brussels (October 2000), and for Arab countries in Egypt (October 2000). 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 2000, 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. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Paragraph 22 of the Singapore Ministerial Declaration states that the technical assistance programme of the Secretariat will be available to developing and in particular least-developed country members to facilitate their participation in the work of the Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement (WGTGP) which is established by Paragraph 21 of the Declaration.

More specific technical assistance activities undertaken during the past year included the Secretariat's participation in a regional conference organized by the ADB/OECD and a workshop organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat. In addition, briefing sessions were organized with the purpose of informing Geneva-based delegations and officials from capitals of least-developed countries, developing countries, economies in transition and countries in the process of accession on the status of the work of the Working Group.

In the context of the plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement, the Secretariat provided bilateral technical assistance to Members and acceding countries requesting information and guidance on that Agreement. A major component of this type of assistance involved briefings of the officials from countries in the process of acceding to the GPA. In addition, the Secretariat contributed to the workshops organized respectively by Jordan on its accession to the Agreement and by the Commission of the European Commission for Turkish officials.

G. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Secretariat has provided assistance specifically in relation to the TRIPS Agreement. Much of this has been provided through international, regional and national seminars devoted in whole or in large part to the TRIPS Agreement or to a specific aspect of the Agreement.

Assistance with WIPO has been a key feature in this area. This has been based on the Cooperation Agreement between the two Organizations, Article 4 of which deals with legal-technical assistance. For example, the WTO Secretariat provided speakers for six regional or international events organized by WIPO, and the International Bureau of WIPO provided speakers for two regional workshops organized under the Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Programme to Selected Least-Developed and Other African Countries (JITAP). In addition, the two Secretariats have contributed to each other's training activities in Geneva, including the WIPO Worldwide Academy and the WTO trade policy courses.

The WTO Secretariat has cooperated in the provision of technical assistance in the area of TRIPS also with a number of other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

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.³

³ For further information, please see a note by the Secretariat entitled "WTO Secretariat Technical Cooperation in the TRIPS Area", dated 30 August 2000 and circulated in document IP/C/W/201. Further

H. MARKET ACCESS

In 2000 the Market Access Division, in conjunction with the Technical Cooperation Division, the Secretariat Working Group on LDCs/IFand external consultants, provided technical assistance on the following issues under its administration: tariff issues and non-tariff barriers, as well as assistance for the implementation of the Agreements on Customs Valuation, Preshipment Inspection, Import Licensing Procedures, and Rules of Origin. Assistance was further provided by the Market Access Division 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. One technical mission was conducted to help a developing country with the preparation and transposition of its tariff schedule. Given the growth of technical assistance in the area of the market access programme on customs valuation, it was decided that such assistance would be administered by the Technical Cooperation Division in cooperation with the Market Access Division. A number of missions were carried out under this new arrangement in 2000. In addition, a particular assistance programme was devised in cooperation with the Statistics Division for the submission of data to the Integrated Data Base.

Customs Valuation

The Technical Assistance Programme on Customs Valuation launched by the Committee on Customs Valuation in 1998 continued during the year 2000. As a number of countries were preparing a request for extension of the 5-year transition period allowed by Article 20.1 of the Agreement, there were fewer technical assistance missions than in previous years. A total of eight missions were carried out (in Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and Central America). In addition, the Secretariat participated in regional seminars and international meetings to assess different aspects of the Agreement. For the national missions, the customs valuation experts worked with the implementation teams, covering a number of issues including collaboration on the drafting of legislation, rules and procedures, and giving courses and seminars for government officers that deal with customs valuation (mainly customs officers, but also staff required to make the post-entry verification, computer analysts dealing with databases and systems for customs automation, etc.). Conferences were organized for the private sector to make clear the rights and obligations of importers and of the customs administration.

Integrated Data Base (IDB)

In the General Council decision of 16 July 1997, the Secretariat has been mandated to provide, upon request, "technical assistance to Members in relation to the submission of the data required for the Integrated Data Base for Personal Computers." Technical assistance for the IDB has taken different modes of delivery. In the year 2000, the Statistics Division conducted one national mission and participated in one WTO regional seminar to provide IDB training. In addition, a number of Geneva-based workshops and seminars were organized with delegations, which sometimes also included national experts. As concerns the SIECA data entry software, the Secretariat had contacts with the IADB and SIECA to discuss progress in the revision of the software and is currently awaiting to receive the revised version of the software and the accompanying training manual.

National Missions and Regional Seminars

In the year 2000, Statistics Division staff took part in a three week Short Trade Policy Course organized by the Islamic Development Bank in Burkina Faso, from 14 February to 3 March 2000. Officials from French speaking African countries attended the course. One half day was attributed to the IDB presentation. In addition, a three-day technical assistance mission to Barbados was organized. During this mission, various departments in charge of the preparation of IDB data were visited. Technical expertise and guidance were provided to officers in charge of preparing the import statistics and the tariff data.

Geneva-based activities

In addition to the WTO Trade Policy Courses for developing countries, which take place three times a year in Geneva, Statistics Division staff was also involved in other occasional WTO Short Trade Policy Courses and in the Geneva Week for non-resident delegations. Upon request of the Committee on Market Access, the Statistics Division organized ten workshops and hands-on training sessions during the summer of 2000.

Consolidated Tariff Schedules

Work is still in progress in the Secretariat and amongst Members to bring together all Members' tariff concessions and agricultural commitments into a standardized database format. Once completed, training in the use of the Consolidated Tariff Schedules database will be included in the Secretariat technical assistance activities.

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, specialized two-day workshops are organized upon request in Geneva or at the national or regional level. In 2000, one workshop of this type was organized for the benefit of government officials of an acceding country.

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 requests for technical assistance from Members 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.

(i) Specialised Assistance Regarding the Use of Contingent Trade Remedies

Specific hands on training to developing countries' investigating authorities is the most efficient form of assistance to contribute to capacity building in the trade remedies activities of developing countries. The Rules Division has traditionally used two modalities for the delivery of

specialized assistance: (i) regional workshops for national officials conducting trade remedies investigations; and (ii) country specific assistance. In previous years both modalities were more or less equally used with very positive results in both cases. Regional workshops made it possible to reach a larger number of countries, while country specific assistance allowed the Division to provide more detailed and focused instruction. However, in 2000 delivery of technical assistance through specialised regional workshops had to be suspended, and only the most urgent requests for specialised assistance were given attention in a country specific manner. This situation was due to the staff shortage and other workload related problems mentioned in the preamble of this report.

(ii) *Regional Seminars on the WTO Rules Agreements*

The purpose of this assistance is to clarify the WTO rights and obligations in the rules area for developing Members and acceding countries. This would allow officials from the attending countries to better assess their country's position with respect to the implementation of the WTO Rules Agreements and identify the necessary steps to be pursued in order to achieve their implementation objectives. This may also permit those countries to increase and enhance their participation in the activities of the different committees of the rules agreements (Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and Safeguards), and to improve their response to the various notification obligations.

In 2000, the Rules Division carried out three of these regional seminars, one of them directed at Central and Eastern European countries, the others for English-speaking Central African countries and English-speaking African countries.

(iii) *Seminars on Subsidies*

Workshops were held to reinforce Members' understanding of their obligations regarding the notification of subsidies and of the multilateral disciplines applicable to the granting 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 2000, the Rules Division carried out one Member specific seminar on subsidy disciplines .

(iv) *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 2000 the Rules Division carried out four country specific technical assistance missions, the beneficiaries of these missions were Peru, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Egypt.

(v) *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. In this area the Rules Division conducted one mission to assist in the drafting of national legislation and regulations of one Member and provided comments on the draft legislation and regulations of two other Members.

(vi) *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.

(vii) *Participation in the Technical Cooperation Division, Training Division and Secretariat Working Group on LDCs/IF Programmes*

The Rules Division participates in these 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 five courses organized by the Technical Cooperation Division in cooperation with other international organizations or governments, these activities were carried out in Singapore, Korea, Austria, Qatar and Burkina Faso.

K. SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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 during the year 2000. These included national and regional workshops or seminars, conferences, and technical advice on specific topics. In June 2000, the Secretariat organized a workshop on the Application of Risk Analysis in the Context of the SPS Agreement, which brought together a number of international and national experts on this issue. In addition, the Secretariat organized a regional SPS seminar in Côte d'Ivoire and national seminars in Jamaica and Cuba, and, in conjunction with the World Bank, a regional seminar in Namibia. The Divisional staff also actively participated in a wide range of seminars and workshops organized by national authorities, regional or other international organizations. These included, *inter alia*, a sub-regional workshop on food safety in Senegal; regional training courses on the SPS Agreement for the Gulf States; a symposium on the impact of the SPS Agreement on the trade of animal products in the Middle East, held in Lebanon; a WHO workshop on trade and health issues in India; a regional workshop on the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement held in Belarus; a US/Hungary joint training session; a regional workshop for experts in Uruguay; a national seminar in Panama; an ASEM/TFAP⁴ Seminar on Risk Analysis and SPS Procedures held in the Hague; the ASEAN Food Conference in the Philippines; a workshop organized by the UN University on biotechnology in Japan; and a conference of the Turkish Food Industry. The Divisional staff also provided technical assistance to Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on their processes of accession to the WTO.

Seminars and workshops organized by the Secretariat are designed to enhance the awareness and understanding of basic rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement, to assist Members and future Members take full advantage of the transparency provisions of the Agreement, and, with the

⁴ Asean/Europe Meeting Trade Facilitation Action Plan

support of the Codex, OIE, IPPC and/or independent experts, address more technical issues related to implementation. These generally include, for example, risk analysis, equivalence, regulatory reform, development of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) techniques, etc. The Secretariat has regularly encouraged the active participation 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.

The Secretariat is pleased to see that its technical assistance efforts, combined with those of Members and of international and regional organizations, have had positive results. More Members, and in particular more developing country Members, seem to have a better understanding of their rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement, and how to make effective use of this tool. Their technical assistance needs have become more sophisticated, focussing on in-depth information in particular areas.

More developing country Members have begun to submit notifications and appear to better understand the recommended notification procedures. The Secretariat has produced a detailed handbook on the transparency provisions of the Agreement, developed with the assistance of the New Zealand authorities, which includes templates for requesting information or responding to requests. The handbook is meant as a practical guide for governments to facilitate the implementation of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement. Although the handbook was designed to be especially useful for developing and least-developed countries (LDCs), as well as for acceding countries, it is also a useful reference for other WTO Members.

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.
- 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. The Secretariat is also further coordinating its technical assistance activities with other international organizations, and continues to organize many activities in the context of meetings or initiatives by other international or regional organizations.

L. SERVICES

In 2000, demands on the staff of the Trade in Services Division (TSD) to organize and/or attend services-related conferences, workshops and seminars have continued to grow. This seems to reflect at least three factors: (i) the intention of many current Members, in particular developing countries, to keep themselves informed of the new services round and ensure effective participation; (ii) the interests of acceding countries in gaining a deeper understanding of the GATS and its legal and economic implications; and (iii) concerns of various organizations and associations about the perceived impact of the Agreement on core social or infrastructural services. Staff members sought to respond to as many requests as possible within the constraints defined, on the one hand, the Division's manpower shortage and, on the other hand, the growing resource implications of the ongoing services negotiations. These constraints are likely to intensify further.

While previous reports distinguished between two principal types of events – specialized meetings hosted by governmental or government-affiliated bodies and broader-based training seminars – a third type has gained in importance: seminars and workshops organized by specialized international organizations and non-governmental associations with an interest in individual services sectors (e.g. communication, transport, education or health). The latter events have generally proved more demanding, in terms of advance preparation, than other meetings as they tend to focus on the policy implication of the GATS, or particular GATS provisions, under country-specific economic or social conditions.

"Traditional" workshops and seminars are intended mainly to familiarise experts from individual administrations and, possibly, industry associations with the implications of the Agreement for their areas of activity. Recent experience corroborates that, given the complexity of the GATS, such broad-based events should be organized over two, ideally three days. This may prove difficult, however, in individual cases as ministries have to weigh the short-term resource implications of freeing staff with the ensuing longer-term benefits.

What benefits can be expected from such seminars? As noted in last year's report, there is, first, the generation of trade intelligence in agencies and industries not previously confronted with the concept of international services trade and/or the existence of the GATS; second, the creation of country-internal coordination and cooperation links between specialised bodies (ministries, agencies, regulators) and departments in charge of GATS; and, third, in-depth information of personnel whose daily workload may prevent them from closely monitoring developments in Geneva. Contacts during seminars may also translate into longer-term working relations with TSD staff. This may prove particularly important for acceding countries and developing countries with small delegations in Geneva that are unable to attend all relevant services meetings on a regular basis.

Regional seminars may be viewed as more cost-effective than national seminars. However, the participation of individual countries is more limited, and much depends on the "multiplier effects" that may later be generated in capitals. As has been stressed in earlier reports, these effects depend on various factors which are largely beyond the Secretariat's control, including appropriate selection of participants and their continued involvement in the areas concerned. Last year's experience confirms that regional seminars are particularly well prepared by the host countries and/or agencies. The Secretariat's participation was facilitated in several cases by the organizers contributing to the costs involved and/or by the clustering of several meetings in the same region to economize on time and resources. In the latter part of the year, due to budget shortages, the schedule of meetings was determined largely by the ability of interested Members and organizations to cover the Secretariat's travel and accommodation costs.

M. TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

In 2000, the Secretariat held and participated in seminars on the TBT Agreement and related matters (e.g. standards, conformity assessment and metrology) with the cooperation of the ARSO,

IDB, ISO, ITC, OIML, PTB, UNIDO, US Department of Commerce and the World Bank. They were held in Argentina, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, France, Georgia, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Panama, Qatar and Thailand for countries from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Mediterranean region as well as economies in transition. Funds were provided by the WTO Hong Kong, China Funds to finance participants attending the seminar in Thailand.

N. TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

The technical assistance plan of the Textiles Division aims to provide Members, as well as countries in the process of accession, with detailed information on the provisions of the ATC. In this context, explanations are given on progress in the implementation of the Agreement in its first six years, requirements of Members in the remaining years of the transition period, 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, particular care is put into establishing the relationship of these developments to the overall situation in the WTO.

The Textiles Division carries out this plan by responding to requests for assistance made by Members and by acceding countries and observers 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 ATC and on the situation in overall textiles trade.

In 2000, the Textiles Division participated in one regional and one national seminar in Africa, one national seminar in Asia, one regional seminar in Geneva and in one conference of an inter-governmental organization. The regional seminar was held in Ouagadougou, arranged in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, and involved 12 West African countries. The national seminars were held in Mauritius and India. In Geneva, the seminar on the ATC was arranged by the ICC, bringing together the least-developed West African countries. The conference of the International Cotton Advisory Committee, held in Australia, brought together representatives of 24 developing countries and LDCs. The Textiles Division also participated in workshops held in the framework of the African Ministerial Meeting in Libreville, Gabon.

O. TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT

In 2000, the Trade and Environment Division participated in a significant number of technical assistance activities related to trade and environment, including national and regional seminars, conferences, and provided technical advice on specific topics related to the work programme of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment. In particular, the Secretariat organized several regional training seminars on trade and environment in Africa, South America, Asia and Central and Eastern Europe. The intention of these seminars was to have trade officials meet their environmental counterparts from the region and exchange views in order to enhance their understanding of trade and environment discussions in the WTO and the implications for their regions. The seminars sought 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 central to policy coherence on trade and environment 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 may be potentially conflicting international obligations.
- The analysis at the national and regional levels of the complex policy interlinkages involved in the trade, environment and sustainable development nexus and the potential "win-win-win" contribution of secure market access and increased trade liberalization to trade, environment and development.
- An enhanced dialogue and information sharing on country experiences and views between government officials from both the trade and the environmental sides within the region. Participants reflected on the implications of WTO trade and environment discussions on their country and in the region as a whole with the intention of enhancing their negotiating position in future negotiations.

P. TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The Secretariat participated in two regional seminars on Trade and Investment, one in Lima, Peru in August 2000, the other in Santiago, Chile in December 2000. The purpose of both seminars was to assist developing countries to better understand the possible role that multilateral rules might play in this area.

Q. TRADE POLICY REVIEW

In 2000, five technical assistance missions were held in conjunction with missions for the preparation of trade policy reviews i.e. for Madagascar (2), Mozambique and the WTO Members of the Organization of East Caribbean States (OECS)⁵ (2). The main objectives of these joint missions were to gather information on technical-related assistance requirements for these Members, which is reflected in the TPR reports and subsequently to organize technical assistance missions taking into account the needs that were identified. This approach will continue to be followed and elaborated, particularly for least-developed countries.

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

⁵ The WTO Members are: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

R. JITAP

The Joint Integrated ITC/UNCTAD/WTO Technical Assistance Programme for selected Least Developed and other African countries (JITAP) is aimed at helping these countries to integrate/participate in the Multilateral Trading system. This programme is applicable on a provisional basis to eight African countries namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Uganda. This programme which was launched as a follow-up, in 1997, to the Singapore Ministerial Meeting and the UNCTAD Ninth Conference both held in 1996 has been effectively implemented since 1998 and is to be ended by the end of the present year. Some twenty-four countries have; however, to date presented their application to this programme⁶

- JITAP technical assistance is undertaken jointly by ITC/UNCTAD and the WTO and is focused on the following elements:
- Increasing capacity-building of LDCs through training and dissemination of information on the multilateral trading system;
- Assisting beneficiary countries implement their obligations under the WTO;
- Facilitating participation in WTO events, through the provision of documentation and computer material.

To help achieve these three general objectives, the activities of the programme are arranged into 15 clusters. Each cluster focuses on a specific subject area and includes a set of activities that are inter-linked and sequenced in time to ensure efficient management of the programme. Technical Assistance provided by the WTO is mostly related to cluster 2 (Inter Institutional WTO Committee dealing as the focal point to the programme), cluster 3 (assistance on customs matters including the Customs Valuation Code and rules of origin), cluster 4 (implementation issues faced by the participating countries), cluster 5 (WTO Reference Centres), and cluster 8 (the training of trainers on the multilateral trading system).

In year 2000, activities undertaken by the WTO Secretariat in the context of this programme were mainly regional and national seminars, technical missions, and participation in conference of relevance for the programme. In addition, several activities including on line information as well as technical advice on implementation issues have been provided on a continuous basis during this year in particular those related to cluster 4 and cluster 5.

Of the 24 activities recorded during year 2000 regional seminars accounted for 11 activities while technical missions for 9 of them; national seminars for 3 and participation in a conference on the multilateral trading system. Regional seminars were held in all participating countries except Tunisia. The subjects of these seminars were respectively TRIPs (2), services (2), regional integration and procurement (2) on trade remedies (2) and on legal implementation (1). In these seminars sub-regional institutions were invited to participate. Inputs were provided for these activities by UEMOA, EAC, ARIPO, and OAPI. With respect to technical missions four of were held in participating countries. These were focused on improving on a constant basis the delivery of the programme. Other technical missions were held in respect of Customs valuation, Trade remedies and notification requirements. Three national seminars were held respectively in Tanzania (2) of which a High-level national symposium on Trade and in Ghana.

⁶ Of which some Least-developed countries like Mauritania, Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia, Senegal, Niger, Chad, Guinea, Togo, Mozambique but also developing countries like Botswana, Congo Brazzaville, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Gabon, Morocco.

In the of year 2000, a mid-term evaluation of the JITAP programme was undertaken. Several conclusions were reached; one of which was that the programme could be expanded to additional countries. It was also suggested institutions could act to redress some of the programmes' weaknesses, such as the private sector and local academic and training institutions, and a greater involvement of the donor countries themselves.

Also three countries located in other regions than Africa in particular Haiti, Yemen and Maldives have also requested to belong to this joint programme.

II. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: SELECTED MODES OF DELIVERY

A. REFERENCE CENTRES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Enhanced use of information technology tools continued to be an important way of delivering WTO technical assistance in 2000. Technical assistance activities, organized with the Joint Vienna Institute for countries in Central and Eastern Europe and in Guatemala, Mexico and Peru for Latin American countries, had substantial video-conferencing and distance-learning components. In addition, 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 2000 included Trade and Sustainable Development, as well as WTO and Africa. The WTO-World Bank on-line forum on Trade and Sustainable Development attracted the participation of over 1,300 individuals from around the world. The forum was the first initiative of the WTO University Network, which links the organization with universities and research centres to build and disseminate knowledge on international trade issues. Topics broached included poverty, inequality and WTO; technical standards and poverty; LDCs and WTO and why Developing countries should participate in a new Round, as well as democracy and WTO.

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 the economic implications and make use of the rules and mechanisms of the WTO. A CD-ROM on existing sources of WTO-related technical assistance was developed in 2000. In addition to serving the immediate purpose of providing a single reference source for potential beneficiaries of trade-related technical assistance, the guide should also be helpful in ensuring adequate co-ordination and co-operation among providers of assistance.

WTO Reference Centres

Twenty-seven WTO Reference Centres were established in 2000 to help improve the institutional setting and support trade information systems in least-developed and developing countries. This brought the total number of WTO Reference Centres by 31 December 2000 to ninety-six covering 78 countries and 14 regional/sub-regional organizations. Refer to Annex I for a geographical distribution and a list of individual locations. The majority of the Reference Centres established in the year 2000 were located in regional or sub-regional institutions.

During the year under review, WTO Reference Centres were established in Botswana, China, Gabon, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lebanon, Mongolia, United Arab Emirates and Comoros. The regional or sub-regional institutions covered were the Secretariats of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Andean Community of Nations (CAN), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), African Development Bank (AfDB), Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). WTO Reference Centres were also established at

the Dominica High Commission in London and at the Brussels-based Embassy of Burkina Faso. Training was provided to officials from all London-based Caribbean Missions in September in the former, and to LDC officials of all ACP Missions in the latter in February/March 2000.

WTO Reference Centre computer equipment was procured for the Brussels-based Embassies of Bénin, Chad, Grenada and Niger to facilitate their access to the Internet. A computer equipment was also procured for the Republic of Congo.

The activities carried out during the year 2000 focused mainly on training of officials on accessing the wealth of information on the WTO Internet site and digital carriers (e.g. CD-ROMs) developed by the WTO. The regional or sub-regional institutions procured their own computer equipment and ensured Internet access before the arrival of the WTO team at the Headquarters of the particular institution.

Follow-up activities in 2000 have included the replacement of computer equipment and/or procurement of computer accessories (uninterruptible power supply device--UPS and "surge arrests") for Bénin, Central African Republic, Chad, Malawi and Niger to stabilize electric power supply to the computer equipment. During the year under review, the WTO Secretariat explored ways of providing free Internet access for WTO Reference Centres located in least-developed countries. Close to 48,000 pages of Daily WTO News Headlines were sent to all WTO Reference Centres during 2000.

In May 2000, a survey was conducted to assess the effectiveness and usefulness of the WTO Reference Centres. The responses received demonstrate that the Reference Centres have indeed become indispensable sources of information on the WTO for the Government, academia 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, or 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 obtain relevant information. Several countries are also using the WTO Reference Centres as their enquiry points to fulfil various notification requirements under the Agreements on SPS (Annex B:3); Technical Barriers to Trade (Articles 10:1 and 10.3) and GATS (Article III:4). Moreover, officials benefiting from the Reference Centre training indicated, in questionnaires given at the end of each training session, that they would use the expertise acquired to access electronic training tools, WTO information resources, maintain ongoing contact with the WTO and to access WTO meeting schedules. Indeed, the establishment of WTO Reference Centres in several developing countries has contributed to improved information flows between the WTO Secretariat and Ministries of Commerce of WTO Members, and regional or sub-regional organizations.

Information Technologies For Development (ITD)

The Web site of the Trade and Development Centre is an Internet site with information and training resources designed to meet the needs of LDCs and other developing country trade officials. The Internet site is used by about 15,000 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 world-wide, 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.

- Training activities: These include the WTO trade policy courses and World Bank courses.
- World Bank integrated program for Agriculture: The World Bank's integrated program of research and capacity building aims at enhancing the participation of developing countries in the WTO 2000 Negotiations on agriculture.

Development of electronic training and information materials remains crucial for LDCs and other developing countries. Some of the current 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 Short 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. More computer-based training modules on other WTO Agreements, to be made available on CD-ROMs and accessible on the Internet, are under development.
- 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 access to computerized databases to developing countries. It is a global communications system with computer links, video-conferencing and interactive classrooms. The World Bank developed the first Centres in 1997 using facilities in its network of field offices located 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 2000. 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.

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.

B. DISTANCE LEARNING AND COMPUTER-BASED TRAINING

The innovative use of distance education and learning methods and techniques can augment the impact of technical assistance activities. The main beneficiaries are junior to mid-level government officials who need to better understand WTO rules and procedures, but the use of video-conferences has also proven to be highly efficient in the delivery of specialized assistance.

(i) *University Network in Latin America*

A successful pilot project was executed in 2000 in collaboration with Mexico's Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Studies (ITESM). Six videoconferences were broadcast live by satellite from Geneva to university centres located in nine Latin American countries. Each

videoconference featured a presentation of 45 to 60 minutes made by one or two WTO experts on a specific subject such as trade in goods, trade and environment or dispute settlement, followed by a 20 to 30 minutes question-and-answer session. On average, 300 persons attended each videoconference, mostly students and businesspeople. An evaluation was conducted by ITESM through an online questionnaire and the cycle was rated as useful to very useful by most participants.

(ii) *Videoconferences*

Videoconferences have been used on a regular basis during 2000, in particular for short interventions by specialized experts of the WTO Secretariat during Short Trade Policy courses. In addition, videoconferences were used to deliver presentations in seminars and workshops where it was not feasible or practical to be physically present.

(iii) *The WTO: A Training Package*

A computer-based package on the World Trade Organization was prepared by the Secretariat and is accessible on the WTO web-site (www.wto.org) since 1998. 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 is in the process of being updated.

The package can be seen as two inter-related components: (i) a set of over 350 "slides"; and (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.

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; and each slide allows the user to send an e-mail to the WTO Secretariat for further clarifications.

Apart from its main use – computer-based self-training - this material can be used in two other ways: (i) to explain in a structured manner the work of the WTO, and (ii) to help trainers organize their presentations using slides. In the former case, no slides are needed while in the latter the "book" is used to highlight the key concepts that are elaborated in each slide presented. In 2000, over 500 copies, mostly on CD-ROM, were distributed and over 8,000 individual modules were downloaded from the web-site.

(iv) *Computer-Based Training (CBT) series*

The objective of this tool is to capture on CD-ROM the subjects presented in WTO Trade Policy Courses. The target audience are trade officials of developing countries as well as other interested persons who are not in a position to attend the residential courses. Using the CD-ROMs, they have access to the course material developed by WTO experts. The material is presented using a multimedia approach that combines text, audio and video segments in an interactive, pedagogical manner. Each module includes a test through which the student, and instructor, can measure progress in absorbing the subject presented. A first trilingual product on the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing that incorporates three hours of course material is already available and over 200 copies were distributed. A second CD-ROM covering the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) is in the process of being finalized.

In addition, a CD-ROM entitled *"Introduction to the world economy: a course with emphasis on transition economies"* has been developed by the World Bank in partnership with the WTO Secretariat and the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Développement International (CERDI), University of Auvergne. This CD-ROM contains 16 lectures on trade policy issues and more than 200 articles (in pdf format) that can be used as support for a "traditional" course. This CD was prepared to accompany the two-week trade policy segment entitled "Trade Policy and the International Trading System" which forms part of the Applied Economic Policy courses taught at the Joint Vienna Institute. Around 150 copies of the CD-ROM were distributed in 2000, mostly to participants in the above-mentioned courses.

(v) *WTO Documentation in Electronic Form*

CD-ROMs containing WTO documents and training materials are produced on a regular basis in-house and distributed during technical assistance activities. During 2000, over 20 such CD-ROMs have been prepared, in particular for participants in Short Trade Policy courses.

(vi) *Other CD-ROMs (publications)*

The WTO has developed a growing series of electronic publications, normally distributed as CD-ROM products. Copies of these electronic publications have been provided to WTO Reference Centres as well as to delegations of developing and least-developed country Members. Most of these CD-ROMs are also available for sale. The following products are used in technical assistance activities on a regular basis:

- *Results of the Uruguay Round*. This trilingual CD-ROM contains all WTO rules and commitments made by its Members and the Schedules of Concessions on goods and on services (nearly 30,000 pages of undertakings). For each Member there are product-by-product lists of bound tariff rates affecting market access for goods, including agricultural products. The Schedules of Specific Commitments on services identify the services sectors to which a country will apply the market access and national treatment obligations of the GATS and any limitations from those obligations it wishes to maintain.
- *Guide to GATT Law and Practice: Analytical Index*. This CD-ROM contains the complete text of the corresponding publication and is fully searchable with hyperlinks and on-screen help.
- *GATT Basic Instruments and Selected Documents (BISD)*. This trilingual CD-ROM contains the 42 volumes of the corresponding publication and uses the same software as that for the Analytical Index.
- *Trade Policy Review* collection. This series covers the Trade Policy Review reports. The second issue covers the period 1995-2000. It is updated annually.
- *WTO Trade Statistics on CD*. This trilingual CD-ROM consists of trade statistics from Volume II of the WTO Annual Report. The last edition covers 2000. It is updated annually.
- *WTO Internet site on CD*. This CD-ROM allows to browse and print the information available on the WTO web-site at a certain date off-line. Updates are pressed every six months.

SECTION TWO

**WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (OTHER THAN THE LEAST DEVELOPED)
AND
TRANSITION ECONOMIES**

I. OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES⁷

A. REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

Regarding the geographical distribution of technical assistance activities held, Table II gives a regional breakdown in person days. African countries benefitted from over 20 per cent of all assistance (1,435) in 2000. Compared to 1999, technical assistance in both the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia increased significantly (54.9 per cent and 29.4 per cent respectively). Assistance in other regions represented 25.5 per cent of all activities for Asia and the Pacific and 23.4 per cent for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Table II
2000 Technical Assistance Activities by Region
(in person days)

Region	Total person days 1999	Percentage Distribution 1999	Total person days 2000	Percentage Distribution 2000	Percentage Increase/ Decrease 2000/1999
Total	1,447	100	1,435	100	-0.8
Africa	304	21.0	293	20.4	-3.6
Asia and the Pacific	396	27.4	366	25.5	-7.5
Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	218	15.1	282	19.7	29.4
Latin America and the Caribbean	427	29.5	336	23.4	-21.3
Middle East	102	7.0	158	11.0	54.9

The WTO also undertakes joint technical assistance activities with other international organizations and is also invited to participate in activities organized by other institutions. This information is summarized in Table III.

⁷Full details on technical assistance activities for developing countries (other than LDCs) and transition economies are provided in Annex 2.

Table III

**Technical Assistance Activities by Region and by Lead Agency
(in person days)**

Activities undertaken by WTO	Total 1999	Total 2000
Total	612	481
a. Africa	127	105
b. Asia and the Pacific	155	99
c. Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	96	86
d. Latin America and the Caribbean	189	114
e. Middle East	45	77

Activities undertaken jointly with other organizations	Total 1999	Total 2000
Total	447	475
a. Africa	84	89
b. Asia and the Pacific	154	100
c. Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	60	107
d. Latin America and the Caribbean	125	126
e. Middle East	24	53

Activities where WTO was invited	Total 1999	Total 2000
Total	388	479
a. Africa	93	99
b. Asia and the Pacific	87	167
c. Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	62	89
d. Latin America and the Caribbean	113	96
e. Middle East	33	28

B. DISTRIBUTION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES BY MODE OF DELIVERY

It is recalled that WTO's technical assistance activities are conducted by different modes of delivery at the national and regional levels: seminars, workshops, training courses, technical missions, conferences and symposia. Summary information on modes of delivery is contained in Table IV.

Table IV
Technical Assistance Activities by Mode of Delivery and by Region
(in person days)

Mode of Delivery	Africa	Asia and the Pacific	Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Latin America and the Caribbean	Middle East	Total
National activities						
1999	148	161	38	236	68	651
2000	141	132	68	115	104	560
of which:						
seminars						
1999	20	34	16	56	24	150
2000	34	45	31	25	42	177
workshops						
1999	28	25	7	6	5	71
2000	9	12	5	9	11	46
training courses						
1999	0	24	0	0	2	26
2000	0	31	12	12	0	55
technical missions						
1999	100	78	15	174	37	404
2000	98	44	20	69	51	282
Regional Seminars						
1999	107	198	131	144	20	600
2000	100	127	164	149	33	573
of which:						
seminars						
1999	58	69	68	54	7	256
2000	67	68	51	41	9	236
workshops						
1999	49	46	12	90	10	207
2000	10	12	19	98	0	139
training courses						
1999	0	83	51	0	3	137
2000	23	47	94	10	24	198
Conferences						
Symposia, Colloquia						
1999	49	37	49	47	14	196
2000	52	107	50	72	21	302
All Activities						
1999	304	396	218	427	102	1,447
2000	293	366	282	336	158	1,435

Compared to 1999, the Secretariat's participation in training courses at both the national and regional level increased considerably from 163 to 253 person days in 2000 for all regions, with the biggest growth in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This strong demand reflects a continuously strong interest in the WTO issues, and the need, particularly of countries in the accession process or those which have recently acceded, 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. The Secretariat's considerable involvement in technical missions in all regions reflects a continuing demand for specific assistance on implementation and regulatory issues.

Technical assistance activities in Africa were mainly delivered in the form of seminars, technical missions and training courses. The regions of the Middle East and of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia saw the greatest increase in technical assistance activities at the national level, while the latter region also saw the greatest increase overall and at the regional level in person days. The Middle East saw an increase in the number of person days associated with seminars, technical missions and training courses, while Latin America and the Caribbean saw an increase in training courses and conferences.

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

C. RELATIVE SHARE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION IN ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

It has often been emphasized that technical assistance is provided by the WTO as a whole, and not solely by the Technical Cooperation Division (TCD). The information available (Table V) shows that of all activities (expressed in person days), the Technical Cooperation Division was responsible for 426, representing a share of 29.7 per cent. A total of 330 person days were provided jointly by TCD and other Divisions, representing 23 per cent, and the vast majority of person days (679) were provided by other Divisions, representing a share of 47.3 per cent. It should also be noted that this increasing number of activities carried out by all Divisions in the WTO is done with only a modest increase in staff.

Table V

**Technical Assistance Activities in 2000
TCD and/or other Divisions
(in person days)**

WTO SECRETARIAT	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
TCD only	426	29.7
TCD jointly with other divisions	330	23.0
Other Divisions (excl. TCD)	679	47.3

II. REGIONAL/NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND SPECIALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

A. AFRICA

This section refers to the following 20 African Developing Countries: Algeria, Botswana, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tunisia, Zimbabwe.

The total number of activities amounted to 61. Regional seminars and workshops accounted for 19, national seminars and workshops for 8, technical missions for 16, and conferences, symposia and colloquia for 12. The establishment of new WTO Reference Centres accounted for six activities.

Of the nineteen regional seminars held in 2000, several were jointly organized with other international organizations, namely FAO, ITC, ITU, UNCTAD, UNDP and the World Bank, and with regional institutions such as CEMAC, COMESA, or SADC. Participants from selected African countries 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.

A total of eight national seminars were organized at the request of individual countries during 2000. Most were seminars of a specialised nature aimed at providing an in-depth knowledge in a particular area or WTO Agreement. Several of these seminars were organized in the context of the JITAP programme.

Technical missions continued to be one of the most important activities undertaken for African countries. A total of 16 activities were undertaken in the year 2000. Most of these missions aimed at helping individual countries to adapt their existing legislation and regulations to the WTO Agreements in areas such as customs valuation, trade remedies and TRIPS, and transposition of tariff schedules. Four technical missions were undertaken in the framework of the JITAP programme, and two technical missions were held in connection with the Trade Policy Review exercise.

In 2000, the WTO participated in 12 conferences, symposia or colloquia organized either by the WTO and/or by other international institutions, regional or sub-regional institutions, or individual countries. Some of the subjects dealt with in these events were Agenda for Africa, Emerging African Market, Globalization, Sustainable Economic Development, Trade Promotion, and Electronic Commerce.

In continuation of the WTO Information Technology for Development project launched in 1997, two new Reference Centres were established in individual African countries and four in sub-regional organizations.

Refer to Annex 2a for the list of activities undertaken in 2000.

B. ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Among the regional activities that took place in Asia and the Pacific were:

- The first WTO/ESCAP Trade Policy Course on the WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for 23 Asian Developing Economies, held in Bangkok (8-26 May 2000). This course provided an opportunity for Asian national WTO desk officers to get a deeper understanding of the fundamental principles of the WTO, the theoretical basis for international trade, and the rules and practices under the various WTO Agreements. Time was also devoted to new issues (trade and competition policy, trade and investment, transparency in government procurement, trade facilitation).

- A joint Singapore/WTO Trade Policy Course for Developing Countries was held in Singapore (14-22 September 2000) under the Singapore/WTO Memorandum of Understanding. This course is held annually for trade officials from developing and least-developed countries.
- The purpose of the WTO/Forum Secretariat /FAO/Commonwealth Secretariat Regional Seminar held in New Zealand (3-7 April 2000) was to explain to the Pacific Island countries the implications of WTO Agreements, with a special focus on agriculture, SPS and special and differential treatment provisions, and the harmonization of domestic policy, legislation and regulations with WTO requirements.
- A WTO/Asian Development Bank Regional Seminar was held in Tokyo (17-25 July 2000) on capacity-building in international and regional trade policy issues. This also involved detailed presentations of the implementation of WTO Agreements.

Specialized regional seminars were carried out on a number of Agreements. Regional seminars on the TRIPs Agreement and its implications for developing countries were held in India, Thailand and Hong Kong China; on TBT/SPS and conformity assessment procedures in Australia, Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines; on trade in services in Singapore and Malaysia; on trade and competition policy in Thailand and India; on textiles for ASEAN textile manufacturers in Malaysia; and on WTO Agreements for international trade lawyers in Australia. In addition, a regional seminar on electronic commerce strategies was held in India; and on trade and environment in Thailand.

In an increasing number of technical assistance activities, an increasing use was made of case studies and simulation exercises resulting from feed-back of participants. These covered dispute settlement procedures and practices, trade in services negotiations, and trade negotiations simulations. Another improvement was the use of customized lectures incorporating examples directly related to the trading framework and negotiating positions of the participants. A first step in the outsourcing of WTO technical assistance activities in the region came with the implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). In this case, the training programme was jointly set up and UNESCAP was responsible for all logistical and administrative matters.

Annex 2b shows a large number of additional activities that were carried out at the regional and national levels, directly by the WTO Secretariat or jointly with national administrations, international or regional organizations. These activities cover virtually all subjects of responsibility within the WTO legal system, including the establishment of WTO Reference Centres.

Refer to Annex 2b for the list of activities undertaken in 2000.

C. CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

During the year 2000, a broad range of technical assistance activities were undertaken for Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries, including national and regional seminars, technical missions, workshops and training courses. The nature of the activities depended mostly on the specific requirements of each beneficiary country. Several countries in this region are currently in the process of accession, while others have recently joined the WTO as full Members, including Albania, Croatia and Georgia. In addition, some countries have been GATT Contracting Parties, and later WTO Members, for some time. The requirements thus differ considerably among those countries that need specific advice in their accession process, those that seek to improve their institutional and human capacity to enhance their understanding of the multilateral trade rules, and those that face implementation issues.

One main objective in designing technical assistance 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. A questionnaire was sent in the summer of 2000 to which the vast majority of countries replied.

Countries that have recently joined the WTO continue to express 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 frequently related to a weak knowledge base in specific areas and/or a weak institutional framework to implement the WTO Agreements. Efforts by the Secretariat have consisted mostly of providing assistance in the legislative process and are geared to 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.

Efforts continue to be pursued to assist countries in the region in their accession process, or, for those that are Members of the WTO, in meeting the requirements of the WTO Agreements. Countries that are in the accession process require mostly 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 and services commitments, and including general and/or specific explanations on the Agreements. At later stages in the accession process, the Secretariat is often called upon to provide explanations to a broader audience, to increase awareness of the WTO system, including the public and private sectors and Members of Parliament. This type of activity is often considered important by government officials who have negotiated the accession, in order to broaden the domestic support for accession and to disseminate information on the WTO to those that have not been directly involved in that process.

Activities of a specific nature to which countries were invited to nominate officials included, *inter alia*, agriculture, rules, market access issues, negotiating techniques, 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 among participants. The courses, conducted by experts from the WTO, include video conferencing with WTO experts from WTO headquarters, interactive training with simulation exercises, CD-Roms, and training material available on the WTO web site. These courses 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 by e-mail, fax or telephone.

The Secretariat continues to cooperate with regional and/or international specialized agencies, organizations and institutes to enhance efficiency in the delivery of information and organization of the activities. This includes the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) based in Istanbul (Turkey) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) based in Tehran (Iran). Cooperation with these bodies has intensified. In addition, various (bilateral) donor agencies are active in the field, who often call upon the WTO to provide its expertise on specific agreements. In some cases, they directly sponsor WTO participation in their activities and assume all logistical and administrative aspects of the seminars, thus generating cost savings for the WTO. This cooperation will be built upon for future activities.

Refer to Annex 2c for the list of activities undertaken in 2000.

D. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Notwithstanding the operational difficulties posed by the lack of decisions on technical assistance at the 1999 Ministerial Conference in Seattle, technical assistance activities with countries in the Latin American and Caribbean region continued in 2000, although in a slightly scaled-back manner.

Three innovative projects carried out in 2000 were:

- The first delivery of the planned Short (two-weeks) Trade Policy Courses at the sub-regional level, one in Lima at the Headquarters of, and in collaboration with, the Andean Community Secretariat, and one in Guatemala at the Headquarters of, and in collaboration with, the Secretariat for Central American Integration (SIECA).
- The development of a Group Trade Policy Review for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Members of the WTO, as a joint TPR-Technical Cooperation project.
- The first extensive application of distance-learning techniques through video-conferencing, both in the execution of the Short Trade Policy Courses and in a stand-alone Cycle of six Video-Conferences on WTO issues organized jointly with the Institute of Technology and Higher Studies of Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico, and broadcast, in real time, to academic centres of excellence associated with ITESM in nine countries in Latin America. Access to this Cycle of Conferences was assured for government officials of the countries concerned.

As pointed out in previous reports, over the last five years the WTO has developed a three-pronged approach to technical assistance activities with Latin American and Caribbean countries: first, carrying forward WTO's collaboration with regional institutions in the region, particularly the Institute for Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (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, in 2000 the programme on WTO Reference Centres, which had been extended to small economies and island countries in the region in 1999, was further expanded into regional Secretariats.

The WTO and INTAL, a research, training and general policy discussion organ of the Integration and Regional Programs Department of the Inter-American Development Bank, have been working together since 1997 in the organization and delivery of a number of technical assistance activities. In view of the success of these activities and the increasing demand from countries concerned, the idea was broached in late 1998 of putting IADB-INTAL/WTO collaboration on a more formal and structured basis. Consequently, and taking into account the expressed interest of the IADB for a joint programme with the WTO, a Memorandum of Understanding was prepared on the basis of the practice developed through the work already done. The MOU was signed by the IADB and the WTO in July 2000.

During 2000, eight different activities in the region were organized under the programme, covering MERCOSUR, the Andean Countries, the Central American Common Market and other countries in Central America and Spanish-speaking Caribbean, CARICOM countries, and Mexico. Different WTO subjects have been dealt with, including market access, agriculture, trade in services, subsidies and countervailing measures, anti-dumping, negotiating techniques, etc. Short Trade Policy Courses started in 2000, with courses delivered to the Andean Community Member countries and to countries in Central America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. The objective is to deliver at least one course every 12 to 18 months in each of the sub-regions. The introduction in these Courses of

real-time video-conferencing from Geneva with WTO experts, to supplement in-place lecturers' explanations, has met with great success, although there is always room for improvement due to the different technology levels in different countries and the organization of the presentations themselves.

The following points provide an initial overall assessment of the programme:

- The evaluations submitted by participants have consistently rated each activity as "very good" (20/30%) to "excellent" (40/60%); the concerns expressed by participants rating "good" or "fair" have mostly related to short duration, more case-study oriented, the need for more practical examples to better understand the functioning of the rules, not enough information on negotiating and political positions of their various trading partners, etc. We have tried to respond through introducing more up-dated information on the state of play in the various WTO bodies, as well as mini-tests in the form of written questionnaires, "quizzes" on scheduling of services commitments, market access negotiations and dispute settlement simulations, etc. These have been highly successful.
- The sub-regional approach adopted for the execution of activities has allowed the seminars, workshops and courses to be oriented towards the specific problems in each sub-region, which differ considerably from one to the other; in areas such as subsidies and anti-dumping. This approach has also recognized the different levels of usage of these instruments among countries, and thus permitted the workshops to be tailored specifically to their needs.
- INTAL's coordination with the WTO Secretariat, either through the Technical Cooperation Division or directly with the Divisions concerned with specific activities (Agriculture, Rules, Services, etc.), and its substantive participation in all events, has proceeded smoothly and efficiently; INTAL's access to the IADB network in all the countries in the region has proved to be extremely useful, particularly as to the preparation of logistical and other local arrangements.
- Where regional institutions other than INTAL (such as CABEI, ECLAC, SELA, IICA, ALADI, etc.) have been the main proponents of various activities, coordination with INTAL has succeeded in mobilizing additional resources and avoiding duplication, as well as provided the opportunity for officials from regional secretariats to also take part in lecturing and training participants, thus increasing inter-agency collaborative efforts throughout the region.
- On the whole, the IADB-INTAL/WTO association has allowed the WTO Secretariat to considerably deepen its own knowledge of the region and its problems, has provided valuable lessons to be applied in the general improvement of WTO technical assistance activities, and has contributed to the building of a sound basis of information and awareness in the region on the multilateral trading system, which is clearly reflected in the increasing demand for more specific activities to deal in-depth with various subjects.

In light of the above, IADB-INTAL and the WTO have jointly decided to extend the programme to the end of 2002, incorporating adjustments and improvements in their activities, as necessary, based on lessons learned.

Among other regional activities, the OAS/Georgetown University/WTO Advanced Training Course on Multilateral and Regional issues in the trade agenda for the Americas, for the benefit of small economies in the region (delivered separately in English and Spanish in the summer) deserves special mention. This programme, delivered annually since 1998, has become one of the highlights of technical assistance activities in the region.

Activities in 2000 show a clear trend towards more intensive work at the national level, and fewer events at the sub-regional and regional levels. Regarding topics covered, the trend is clearly towards an increasing interest in in-depth, subject-specific assistance, geared more to problems and implementation, and forward-oriented to participation in future negotiations, and demonstrates a more advanced level of awareness and understanding on the part of the governments concerned. Nevertheless, turnover due to democratically elected governments will still require repeats in the training of officials new to the WTO.

Refer to Annex 2d for the list of activities undertaken in 2000.

E. MIDDLE EAST

The year 2000 saw the accession of two Middle East countries to the WTO. Jordan acceded to the WTO on 11 April 2000 and Oman on 9 November 2000. Other Middle East Members of the WTO are Bahrain, Cyprus, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen (an LDC) are still negotiating their accession to the WTO. Relative to 1998 and 1999, technical assistance activities in the Middle East expanded in response to increasing needs of acceding countries and demands for assistance on implementation issues by Members in the region.

National seminars and workshops were held in Cyprus, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The topics broached in these seminars included Agriculture, TRIPS, SPS and TBT matters, dispute settlement procedures and practices, trade in services and investment including electronic commerce and telecommunications, notification requirements and skills for multilateral trade negotiations.

Technical missions covered the implementation of GATS in the United Arab Emirates, government procurement in Jordan, customs valuation in Kuwait, and establishment of WTO Reference Centres in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Jordan and Lebanon (ESCWA and the Ministry of Economy and Trade). WTO officials also participated in conferences held in Lebanon (on telecommunications), Cyprus (on GATS), Jordan (on UNDP-WTO technical cooperation in the Arab region) and Kuwait (on investment policies and opportunities in the global market).

Two regional seminars were held in the United Arab Emirates and one in Lebanon. The UAE regional seminars covered food safety policies and the implementation of the Agreements on Agriculture, SPS and TBT; as well as the services negotiations. The regional seminar in Lebanon covered the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures. Saudi Arabia hosted the two symposia on WTO Agreements, as well as customs valuation and free-trade areas. The Fourth Short Trade Policy Course, organized jointly with the Islamic Development Bank, was held in Qatar in October 2000. The Islamic Development Bank provided the funding and the WTO provided the resource persons.

Middle East countries and institutions generously supported and contributed financially to WTO technical co-operation activities in the region during 2000. These included Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and such intergovernmental institutions as the Islamic Development Bank, the Gulf Co-operation Council and the Arab Research Fund, whose contributions in 2000 can be estimated at about five hundred thousand Swiss francs.

During the year under review, the WTO Secretariat signed a number of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's) with Middle East institutions to facilitate delivery of prompt and effective technical assistance to Middle East countries. MOU's were signed with the Islamic Development Bank, and the ESCWA Secretariat.

An assessment of the technical co-operation 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. On other fronts, the hosting was announced of the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference in Doha (Qatar) in 2001.

During the year under review, six briefings were arranged at the WTO Secretariat for visiting senior officials from the Middle East. In April 2000, a three-week briefing on the functioning of the WTO and the multilateral trading system was arranged for a visiting official from Bahrain. In June 2000, a four-day briefing was arranged for two senior officials from the Qatar-based Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting on the functioning of the WTO. From the last week of October until mid-November 2000, four separate briefing/training sessions were organized for five trainees from Jordan. Two trainees followed training on trade remedy measures in the Rules Division, and one each on TBT and trade and environment, SPS and Agriculture issues in the Trade and Environment Division, as well as in the Agriculture and Commodities Division.

Refer to Annex 2e for the list of activities undertaken in 2000.

SECTION THREE

WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

I. STATUS REPORT ON THE INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR TRADE-RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LDCs,

The review of the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance had been initiated in November 1999. The review had been initiated pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Framework document that emerged from the High Level Meeting.⁸ To initiate the review, an independent review team was appointed to assess the operation of the IF, since 1997. The objective was the results of the independent review team would create a basis for the agencies to re-examine the IF, take decisions and make recommendations for its improvement.

The Independent review team was task-managed by the World Bank. The review team was headed by Mr. Sarath Rajapatirana. Other members of the team were Charles Lusthaus and Marie-Hélène Adriene. The World Bank requested an Advisory Committee, composed of John Eriksson and Hans Wyss, to provide independent advice and counsel to the evaluation team. The report of the review was submitted to the core agencies on 8 June 2000. It was circulated to WTO Members on 29 June 2000.⁹ In considering the report, the core agencies considered that it was essentially an input into the final stage of the review process in which WTO members, donors and LDCs were involved.

The essential recommendations of the report of the review, for the improvement of the IF, were as follows:

- a) Clarify Policy Objectives: Clarify the objectives of the IF by restricting it to technical assistance for trade-related development, to support, inter alia, policy reforms, manpower and human resources development, customs reforms, institutional change and legal environment reforms. Infrastructure investment and other hardware development, as well as technical assistance solely related to equipment and bricks and mortar, would be handled in the context of Consultative Groups (CGs) supported by the World Bank and the UNDP-supported Country Round Tables (as distinguished from the round tables presently held for the IF).
- b) Prioritize and Link to Overall Development Assistance Architecture: In the future most development assistance strategy issues are likely to be developed through participatory processes, in the context of such exercises as the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), the Comprehensive Development Framework (CDF) and the United Nations Development Strategy Frameworks (UNDAF). These efforts will be prepared by LDCs in consultation with the World Bank, the IMF, UNDP and other UN agencies, donors and stakeholders. In all such endeavours, country strategy will define the role of trade development and related technical assistance. The IF will then be linked to the priorities established through the formulation of country development strategies.
- c) Give Ownership to the LDCs: Make the IF process more demand driven and country-owned by requiring LDCs to prioritise their specific needs from the list of trade-related technical assistance activities listed in the Needs Assessments. Once a particular trade-related technical assistance project or program is identified as a priority by an LDC, that particular project or program would be submitted to the agency responsible for managing and coordinating such technical assistance.
- d) Strengthen Governance and Administration: The review considered two options: (i) strengthening the Administrative Unit to the point that it can manage the IF while continuing to be located at the ITC in Geneva, and (ii) moving the responsibility for managing the IF to WTO (where the Administrative Unit would be integrated). On

⁸ WT/LDC/HL/1/Rev.1.

⁹ WT/LDC/SWG/IF/1, 29 June 2000.

balance, the review concluded that the superior option is to make the WTO responsible for IF management. This is because the IF requires leadership in the trade field. This leadership in trade resides in WTO, following the Uruguay Round. Given the specific capacities required for managing the IF (within the sharper focused objectives as per (a) above), WTO will need to strengthen its ability to handle trade-related technical assistance. The Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) would continue as an advisory group, meeting not more than twice a year, and help WTO in its coordination with the other IAWG agencies.

- e) Coordination Issues: Once governance is strengthened along the lines of the foregoing recommendation, coordination can be better assured, as WTO will be the designated clearinghouse for inter-agency coordination issues. After completion of all Needs Assessments, the IF process can be simplified. There is also no need to hold round table meetings for the IF, if no trade-related technical assistance funding is expected. As to coordination within LDCs, the lead ministry in the country (whether it be Finance or Planning) that now discusses and presents infrastructure projects to the donors in the context of World Bank-supported CGs and UNDP-supported Round Tables, should bring the Trade or Commerce Ministers to support their requests for trade-related investment assistance at these forums. A special session for trade development may be considered in these forums.

- f) Funding the IF: First, the IAWG agencies and donors will need to ensure that they budget their administrative costs related to the IF while providing whatever other incentives are needed for a better recognition of the responsibilities which they undertook when the IF was created. Second, when it comes to the financing of trade-related technical assistance projects, one approach would be for WTO, as the managing agency for the IF to set up and manage a Trust Fund to finance such technical assistance projects. All donors, including multilateral agencies, would contribute (on a voluntary basis) to the Trust Fund as an expression of their commitment to the IF. The Trust Fund could be replenished every three years, depending on the demand for such funds. The LDCs would access the funds according to well-established criteria and use them within the priorities established under the IF process. The LDCs should be able to draw from the Trust Fund to procure technical assistance from any source, including the private sector. This would not only make technical assistance truly demand-driven but will also create incentives for the agencies to tailor-make their assistance to specific country needs. The use of funds would be subject to standard rules utilised by donors for their projects as to commitments and disbursements. The technical assistance provided by the six agencies and the private sector would be subject to international competitive bidding norms. The alternative to the Trust Fund option would be that the WTO would play the role of a clearing-house for trade-related technical assistance - an option that is less likely to achieve the objectives of a revised IF.

- g) Monitor Trade-Related Technical Assistance Performance: As trade development activities are brought into the mainstream by including them in the overall assistance process, they will be monitored and evaluated along with the progress of other programs in the countries. This can be done through the World Bank's Economic and Sector Work and through the WTO's Trade Policy Reviews. WTO trade policy reviews should specifically monitor and evaluate the progress achieved towards integration of LDCs into the multilateral trading system. However, these reviews should go beyond the review of consistency with trade rules to assess how well trade regimes and trade-related technical assistance are contributing to the integration of LDCs into the global trading environment.

- h) Enlarging the IF to Other Countries and Agencies: This review recommends that the question of enlarging the IF be revisited in the future, after the new recommended arrangements are in place for about three years. At that time a review could be undertaken to see what progress had been made since 1997 to advance the objectives established for the IF.

Senior officials of the core agencies, discussed the above recommendations, together with other inputs to the review, at the IAWG meeting on 21-22 June 2000.

The heads and representatives of the Agencies met on 6 July 2001 in New York¹⁰ and issued a Joint Statement¹¹ containing decisions to improve the IF, make it more effective, and enhance its implementation.

The Joint Statements contained four key decisions, as follows:

- a) First, the Agencies agreed to assist the efforts of LDCs to mainstream trade and trade-related technical assistance into national development plans and poverty reduction strategies. It was also agreed that the World Bank would be responsible for mainstreaming;
- b) Second, the decision was taken to expand the meeting of the Heads of core Agencies to include representatives of donor countries in a new governance body – an IF Steering Committee – which would provide policy oversight;
- c) Third, the Administrative Unit, formerly located at ITC, would be folded into the WTO, which would continue to chair the IAWG; and,
- d) Fourth, the Agencies proposed the establishment of an IF Trust Fund and contributions to it, with an initial funding objective of US\$20 million. The UNDP was assigned the responsibility for managing the proposed IF Trust Fund in cooperation with the core Agencies, on agreed terms.

Furthermore, the Agencies agreed that the Joint Statement would be presented to their respective Governing Bodies and/or Councils¹².

For the rest of the year 2000, consultations continued amongst agencies, donors and LDCs, within the core agencies. The agencies were focused on building consensus on the optimal changes to be made to the Integrated Framework in order to improve its functioning. Most of the consultations took place within the framework of the formal and informal sessions of the Sub-Committee on Least-Developed Countries. However, on 1 December 2000, informal consultations took place amongst agencies, LDCs, and WTO donor members. At this meeting, there was equality of participation. These consultations were continued into the year 2001.

Refer to Annex 3 for the list of activities undertaken in 2000.

¹⁰ WTO/SWG/LDC/IF/4.

¹¹ WT/LDC/SWG/IF/2.

¹² In case of the WTO, the Joint Statement was presented by the Director-General to the General Council on 17 and 19 July 2000, and by the WTO Secretariat to the Sub-Committee on Least-Developed Countries on 21 July 2000.

ANNEX 1

WTO REFERENCE CENTRES

LIST OF EXISTING WTO REFERENCE CENTRES

Total = 96	Africa = 50
No. of countries=78	Caribbean = 16
LDCs = 39	Asia = 11
* Non-LDCs =39	Middle East = 8
† Regional/sub-regional Organizations = 14	Pacific = 6
Ministries other than Trade = 1	Latin America = 2
# Missions of LDCs/Non-residents in Brussels or London = 2	Eastern Europe = 1

Number	COUNTRIES	DATES
1.	Bénin	9-10 October 1997
2.	Burkina Faso	11-13 October 1997
3.	Côte d'Ivoire *	6-7, 14 October 1997
4.	Ghana *	15-16 October 1997
5.	Kenya *	4-5 December 1997
6.	Uganda	8-9 December 1997
7.	Tanzania	11-12 December 1997
8.	Congo D.R.	29-30 January 1998
9.	Rwanda	2-3 February 1998
10.	Central Afr. Republic	5-6 February 1998
11.	Togo	9-10 February 1998
12.	Guinea Bissau	10-11 February 1998
13.	Mali	12-13 February 1998
14.	Djibouti	16-17 February 1998
15.	Guinea	16-17 February 1998
16.	Zambia	5-6 March 1998
17.	Mauritania	9-10 March 1998
18.	Morocco *	12 March 1998
19.	Niger	12-13 March 1998
20.	Chad	16-17 March 1998
21.	Haiti	20-21 April 1998
22.	Mozambique	20-21 April 1998
23.	Malawi	23-24 April 1998
24.	Angola	24-25 June 1998
25.	Burundi	29-30 June 1998
26.	Bangladesh	13-14 July 1998
27.	Myanmar	16-17 July 1998
28.	Maldives	20-21 July 1998
29.	Bahrain *	21-23 September 1998
30.	Madagascar	24-25 Sept. 1998
31.	Solomon Islands	19-20 October 1998
32.	Vanuatu	22-23 October 1998
33.	Bhutan	2-3 November 1998
34.	Nepal	5-6 November 1998
35.	Cape Verde	9-10 November 1998
36.	Gambia	12-13 November 1998
	Kenya	12-13 November 1998
37.	Namibia *	16-17 November 1998
38.	Ethiopia	30 Nov.-1 Dec. 1998
39.	Tunisia *	2-3 December 1998
40.	Sénégal *	2-4 December 1998
41.	Laos	10-11 December 1998
42.	Cambodia	14-15 December 1998
43.	Sudan	8-9 February 1999

Number	COUNTRIES	DATES
44.	Fiji *	18-19 March 1999
45.	Lesotho	22-23 March 1999
46.	Samoa	22-23 March 1999
47.	Mauritius *	15-16 April 1999
48.	Seychelles *	19-20 April 1999
49.	Trinidad & Tobago *	26-27 April 1999
50.	Antigua & Barbuda *	26-27 April 1999
51.	Dominica *	29-30 April 1999
52.	Kuwait *	17-19 May 1999
53.	Equatorial Guinea	20-21 May 1999
54.	Barbados *	3-4 June 1999
55.	Saint Lucia *	7-8 June 1999
56.	Saint Kitts & Nevis *	10-11 June 1999
57.	Cuba *	10-11 June 1999
58.	Dominican Rep. *	14-15 June 1999
59.	Jamaica *	17-18 June 1999
60.	St. Vincent & Grenadines *	8-9 July 1999
61.	Grenada *	12-13 July 1999
62.	Tonga *	22-23 July 1999
63.	Sri Lanka *	22-23 July 1999
64.	Papua New Guinea *	26-27 July 1999
65.	Macau *	26-27 July 1999
66.	Guyana *	20-21 September 1999
67.	Suriname *	23-24 September 1999
68.	Egypt *	27-28 September 1999
69.	Mongolia *	14-15 February 2000
70.	SADC Secretariat, Botswana †	22 March 2000
71.	Botswana *	23-24 March 2000
72.	Gabon *	27-28 March 2000
73.	ECA, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia †	3-4 April 2000
74.	UAE, Abu Dhabi *	10-12 April, 2000
75.	UAE, Dubai *	15-16, April, 2000
76.	COMESA Secretariat, Lusaka-Zambia †	27-28 April, 2000
77.	ECOWAS Secretariat, Abuja-Nigeria †	2-3 May 2000
78.	ANDEAN Secretariat, Lima-Peru †	5 May 2000
79.	IOC Secretariat, Mauritius †	8-9 May 2000
80.	IGAD Secretariat, Djibouti †	11-12 May 2000
81.	CARICOM Secretariat, Guyana †	16-17 May 2000
82.	Jordan *	22-24 May 2000
83.	UEMOA, Burkina Faso †	25-26 May 2000
84.	African Dev. Bank, Côte d'Ivoire †	29-30 May 2000
85.	UMA Secretariat, Rabat. Morocco †	7-8 June 2000
86.	Kyrgyz Rep. *	17-18 July 2000
87.	Comoros	5-6 September 2000
88.	Lebanon *	25-27 September 2000
89.	High Commission of Dominica, London (for Caribbean Missions in the U. K.) #	27-29 September 2000
90.	ESCWA Secretariat, Lebanon †	28-29 September 2000
91.	Mission of Burkina Faso in Brussels #	5-6 October 2000
92.	SIECA Secretariat, Guatemala †	12-13 October 2000
93.	OECS Secretariat, Saint Lucia †	30-31 October 2000
94.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia *	21-22 November 2000
95.	China Institute for Reform and Development, Haikou, HaiNan Province	11-12 December 2000
96.	UAE Abu Dhabi, Ministry of Economy and Commerce	12-14 February 2001

ANNEX 2.a
ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA (57)

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
18-Jan-00	19-Jan-00	<u>Gabon</u> Conference Summit of African Heads of State: Agenda for Africa at the beginning of the 3rd Millennium	Government of Gabon	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DDG, DD		
25-Jan-00	27-Jan-00	<u>Senegal</u> National workshop SPS measures for French- and English-speaking countries in the Sub-region	World Bank / FAO / French Government	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
25-Jan-00	28-Jan-00	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Technical mission JITAP 2000 – Implementation (cluster 2)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD		
09-Feb-00	11-Feb-00	<u>Ghana</u> Technical mission Implementation plans for JITAP 2000 (cluster 2 – Support to MTS institutions): Cluster 3 : follow-up of last mission on Customs valuation Cluster 4: notifications issues and legislation adaptation to WTO Agreements Cluster 5: additional needs concerning the official reference centre: follow-up.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD		
19-Feb-00	23-Feb-00	<u>Egypt</u> Conference Thirty-ninth session of the AALCC: Special meeting on Electronic Commerce: Legal Issues and its Impact on developing countries	Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
28-Feb-00	29-Feb-00	<u>Egypt</u> Conference First Regional Economic Conference of the COMESA – COMESA 2000: the Emerging African Market	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DDG, DD		

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
02-Mar-00	03-Mar-00	<u>Kenya</u> Regional seminar Sub-regional meeting in Africa: preparation of GATS 2000 negotiations. - slide presentations on the next round of negotiations on services and of future negotiations on air transport and maritime transport:	ITU / UNCTAD / ENDESA / World Bank / East-African Cooperation Secretariat / AERC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	Member countries of The East African Cooperation	
13-Mar-00	17-Mar-00	<u>Kenya</u> Technical mission Evaluation mission regarding technical assistance	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
22-Mar-00	22-Mar-00	<u>Botswana</u> Technical mission Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre in the Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Training in the use of WTO information resources (web-sites and CD-ROMs)	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)	SADC Secretariat	TCD	Eight officials of the SADC Secretariat. Activity combined with another technical mission (see below).	
23-Mar-00	24-Mar-00	<u>Botswana</u> Technical mission Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre in the Ministry of Commerce and Industries of Botswana. Training in the use of WTO information resources (web-sites and CD-ROMs).	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)	Government of Botswana	TCD	Fourteen Government officials, mostly from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industries.	
27-Mar-00	28-Mar-00	<u>Gabon</u> Technical mission Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Handicrafts of Gabon. Training in the use of WTO information resources (web-sites and CD-ROMs)	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TCD	Six officials from the Gabonese public sector and two from Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) Secretariat.	25
03-Apr-00	05-Apr-00	<u>Mauritius</u> National seminar Presentation on the WTO and on the Textiles Agreement with emphasis on present situation and anticipation for the future	Mauritius Export Processing Zone Development Authority	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers	TexD		
10-Apr-00	14-Apr-00	<u>Mauritius</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD		

Technical Assistance Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference	
11-Apr-00	13-Apr-00	<u>South Africa</u> Regional seminar Trade and Environment for English-speaking African countries: Introduction on WTO, The link between T&E, Framework for T&E discussions in the WTO, The Seattle MC, MEAs and the WTO, DPGs and related MEAs, TRIPS and the environment, Trade liberalisation and the environment, Environmental standards and the WTO, (Eco-labelling and WTO rules, Environmental disputes in the GATT/WTO, Interpretation of relevant WTO rules through disputes)	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TED	Botswana, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.	2
12-Apr-00	14-Apr-00	<u>Kenya</u> National workshop Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices for the public and private sectors, introduction to the WTO legal system and agreements	Ministry of Trade and Industry	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
16-Apr-00	19-Apr-00	<u>Kenya</u> Conference International Trade in Endangered Species		Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TED	Combined with the regional seminar in South Africa (see above).	
17-Apr-00	20-Apr-00	<u>Tunisia</u> National seminar Technical Assistance mission on Services (cluster 4 – contribution to the adjustment of trade laws and regulations)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD		
19-Apr-00	21-Apr-00	<u>Ghana</u> Technical mission Intellectual Property and International Trade and Investment for Law students (cluster 4 - contribution to the adjustment of trade laws and regulations) - To explain the basic principles of the multilateral trading system , the TRIPS Agreement and the WTO dispute settlement mechanism.	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC / University of Ghana, Faculty of Law	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD, IPD		52
25-Apr-00	28-Apr-00	<u>Ghana</u> Technical mission Assistance to Customs: follow-up mission (cluster 3)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD		

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
02-May-00	03-May-00	<u>Nigeria</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre for ECOWAS	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)	ECOWAS	IMRD, ID	Six Officials from ECOWAS Secretariat.	
05-May-00	06-May-00	<u>Tunisia</u> National seminar Electronic Commerce	Chambre Franco-Arabe	No cost for WTO	Organizers	TSD		
07-May-00	13-May-00	<u>Gabon</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System: Preparatory mission for the Africa 2000 Programme	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)		DDG, FGSD, IFD		
08-May-00	09-May-00	<u>Cameroon</u> Technical mission Political preparatory mission to explain the purpose of the TPR, aspects of Technical Assistance and familiarization with the WTO.	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TPRD	Activity combined with TPR mission to Gabon (see below).	
08-May-00	09-May-00	<u>Kenya</u> Regional seminar Implications of the TBT Agreement for the Business Community, main provisions of the TBT Agreement, conformity assessment in the TBT Agreement, international standards, accreditation, mutual recognition agreements, role of international and regional systems for conformity assessment, technical assistance requirements	PTB / African Regional Standardization Organization (ARSO) / UNIDO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED	Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, UEMOA, ECOWAS, SADC	
08-May-00	09-May-00	<u>Mauritius</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre for the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) Secretariat	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)	IOC Secretariat	IMRD	Ten Officials from the IOC Secretariat.	28
10-May-00	11-May-00	<u>Gabon</u> Technical mission Political preparatory mission to explain the purpose of the TPR, aspects of Technical Assistance and familiarization with the WTO.	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TPRD	Activity combined with TPR mission to Cameroon (see above).	
11-May-00	12-May-00	<u>Morocco</u> Technical mission Transposition of Moroccan Schedule into HS96	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		MAccD		

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
16-May-00	17-May-00	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Regional seminar Agriculture seminar on SPS: enquiry points in West Africa	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)		AgD	Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali Participation of Codex, OIE and CIPV	TYP99
18-May-00	19-May-00	<u>Mauritius</u> Symposium Accompany the DG to the Fifth Summit of the COMESA Authority of Heads of State and Government	WTO / COMESA	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DDG, DD		
29-May-00	30-May-00	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre for the African Development Bank	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)	African Development Bank	ID, IMRD	Twelve Officials from the African Development Bank.	34
05-Jun-00	08-Jun-00	<u>Tunisia</u> Technical mission Implementation of JITAP 2000: tripartite mission (cluster 2 – Support to MTS institutions)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD		
06-Jun-00	09-Jun-00	<u>Kenya</u> Regional seminar Intellectual Property, trademarks (cluster 8 - Human resource development and improvement of MTS knowledge)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		IPD	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania.	
07-Jun-00	08-Jun-00	<u>Morocco</u> Technical mission Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre at the Arab Maghreb Union. Training in the use of WTO information resources (web-sites and CD-ROMs)	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	UMA	TCD	UMA Secretariat (8), Algerian Embassy in Rabat (1) and Moroccan Foreign Affairs Ministry (1)	
12-Jun-00	29-Jun-00	<u>Egypt</u> Training course International Trade Lawyers Course (ITLC-1E), i.e. three-week course on the Multilateral Trading System covering all WTO Agreements. WTO resource persons covered trade in services, WTO information resources and notifications.	IDLI in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Justice and the WTO.	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	IDLI	TSD, TCD	Burkina Faso (1), Cape Verde (3), Central African Republic (1), Chad (1), Rep. of Congo (1), Egypt (2), Ethiopia (1), Jordan (2), Madagascar (2), Mali (1), Morocco (1), Mozambique (1), Palestinian Authority (3), Senegal (1), Tunisia (1), Zambia (2), Zimbabwe (1).	
13-Jun-00	16-Jun-00	<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u> Regional seminar Intellectual Property, trademarks (cluster 8 - Human resource development and improvement of MTS knowledge)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		IPD, TCD	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana.	

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
26-Jun-00	29-Jun-00	<u>Nigeria</u> Conference Forum on Globalization and the WTO: prospective benefits for Nigeria and other developing countries	United States Administration	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DGOff.		
02-Jul-00	04-Jul-00	<u>Kenya</u> Technical mission Implementation of JITAP 2000 (cluster 2 - Support to MTS institutions)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD		
11-Jul-00	13-Jul-00	<u>Gabon</u> Regional seminar Trade and Environment for French-speaking African countries	WTO / UNCTAD / UNDP	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TED	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Rep. of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome e Principe, Senegal, Togo, UDEAC Secretariat	3
18-Jul-00	20-Jul-00	<u>Morocco</u> Regional seminar Competition Policy	UNCTAD	Netherlands Trust Fund (T0021)		IPD	Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Gabon, Senegal, France, the European Community	
24-Jul-00	28-Jul-00	<u>Senegal</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund (T0030)		MAccD		
07-Aug-00	09-Aug-00	<u>Ghana</u> Conference The Role of African Regional Organizations in the Maintenance of Durable Peace, Sustainable Economic Development and Human Rights: African Countries and the WTO	The African Society of International and Comparative Law	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD		
16-Sep-00	20-Sep-00	<u>Egypt</u> Conference OAU / AEC Conference of Ministers of Trade: present a WTO paper at the meeting of experts	OAU / AEC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DDG, DD, ERAD		
25-Sep-00	30-Sep-00	<u>Morocco</u> Regional seminar Trade Negotiation Simulations	WTO / UNCTAD	No cost for WTO	UNCTAD	TCD	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia and ECOWAS Secretariat.	

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
02-Oct-00	06-Oct-00	<u>Kenya</u> Training course International Trade Statistics for countries in Southern and Eastern Africa	United Nations Statistics Office	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TCD	Burundi, Eritrea, Egypt, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.	
03-Oct-00	05-Oct-00	<u>Egypt</u> Technical mission Contingent trade remedies	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		RD		
11-Oct-00	12-Oct-00	<u>Mauritius</u> National seminar Mandated negotiations on Agriculture. Commodities contracts. TRIPS	WTO / University of Mauritius	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TCD		62
13-Oct-00	14-Oct-00	<u>South Africa</u> Technical mission Consultations with the Members of the Board on Tariffs and Trade on contingent trade remedies legislation and meetings with senior Officials of the Department of Trade and Industry as well as with organized business.	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		RD		
17-Oct-00	20-Oct-00	<u>South Africa</u> Regional seminar Rules Implementation seminar for English-speaking African countries	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		RD	Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe [Ethiopia, Gambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia]	RD
20-Oct-00	24-Oct-00	<u>Egypt</u> Conference WTO and the Multilateral Trading system and its Impact on Arab Economies: presentation on the WTO dispute settlement system at an international commercial arbitration conference that will address WTO, and other forms of dispute settlement.	Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration	No cost for WTO	US Department of Commerce	TCD	Arab countries, US department of Commerce, specialized regional bodies that deal with commercial arbitration	
25-Oct-00	27-Oct-00	<u>Nigeria</u> Colloquium High-Level Meeting on Electronic Commerce and Fiscal Revenue In Africa The implementation of Article VII of GATT and Fiscal Revenue	UNCTAD / ECOWAS	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TCD		

Technical Assistance Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference	
26-Oct-00	26-Oct-00	<u>Morocco</u> Conference Deliver a speech on the WTO and the Multilateral Trading System at the World Conference of Trade Promotion Organizations	International Trade Center (ITC) / Moroccan Centre for Export Promotion (CMPE)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	100 trade promotion organizations from 60 countries	
13-Nov-00	14-Nov-00	<u>Morocco</u> National seminar Presentation on SPS/TBT and WTO	ISO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
20-Nov-00	22-Nov-00	<u>Namibia</u> Regional seminar Lecture on SPS Agreement. Discussion of developments in the SPS area. Work of the SPS Committee. Serve as chair/rapporteur and/or facilitator in special session on food safety.	WTO / World Bank / SADC Secretariat	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		AgD	Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe	
21-Nov-00	22-Nov-00	<u>Tunisia</u> Technical mission Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Training in the use of WTO information resources (web-sites and CD-ROMs)	WTO / UNCTAD / ITC	JITAP Fund (T0027)		TCD	Tunisia (ten officials from three Government's Institutions).	
27-Nov-00	02-Dec-00	<u>Mauritius</u> Regional seminar Trade Negotiation simulations	WTO / UNCTAD	No cost for WTO	UNCTAD	TCD	Cape Verde, Comoros, Dominica, Haiti, Mauritius, Sao Tome e Principe, Seychelles, Vanuatu, Indian Ocean Commission	51
04-Dec-00	08-Dec-00	<u>Cameroon</u> Regional workshop on the follow-up to the Uruguay Round and on multilateral trade negotiations on Agriculture. Presentations were made to participants in plenary sessions and in parallel seminars on agriculture, SPS, TBT and TRIPS	FAO	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)		AgD	Ten French-speaking Central African countries	

Technical Assistance Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
04-Dec-00	08-Dec-00	<u>Mauritius</u> Regional workshop Workshop for African Trade Negotiators on selected WTO issues organized jointly by UNCTAD and UNDP with the participation of the WTO. Main subjects covered: implementation issues, mandated negotiations in services and agriculture, TRIMs and investment, competition policy, TRIPs and transfer of technology, and trade and the environment.	WTO / UNCTAD / UNDP	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)	Organizers	TCD Angola (3), Botswana (1), Eritrea (1), Ethiopia (1), Kenya (2), Mauritius (8), Mozambique (2), Namibia (2), South Africa (1), Sudan (1), Swaziland (1), Tanzania (1), Uganda (1), Zambia (2), Zimbabwe (3) in addition to representatives from COMESA (1), ECOWAS (1), IOC(1), OAU (2) and SADC(1) as well as from selected African training and research institutes (2). Resource persons: European Commission (1), UNCTAD (10), UNDP(1), WTO (1)	

ANNEX 2.b
ACTIVITIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (71)

Technical Assistance Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
17-Jan-00	18-Jan-00	<u>Chinese Taipei</u> National seminar Accession: GATT/WTO general principles and rules	Government of Taiwan	No cost for WTO	Government of Taiwan	LegD	
18-Jan-00	19-Jan-00	<u>Tonga</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	
22-Jan-00	28-Jan-00	<u>Vietnam</u> Technical mission Accession of Vietnam to the WTO	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AccD	
09-Feb-00	10-Feb-00	<u>India</u> Symposium High-level seminar organized by the ASCI: Presentation on WTO Discussion of future cooperation in the field of technical assistance	Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	Activity combined with the conference in India (see below).
11-Feb-00	11-Feb-00	<u>India</u> Conference Presentation on implementation of the TRIPS Agreement at the APAA/FICPI Joint Forum to governmental and non-governmental Asian patent officials	Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) / Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	Several hundred officials and intellectual property practitioners from 49 countries, mainly in Asia. Activity combined with the symposium in India (see above).
12-Feb-00	19-Feb-00	<u>Thailand</u> Conference To attend the UNCTAD X Conference	Ministry of Commerce / Government of Thailand	Programme Support Fund (EPSF1)		DG, DDG, TCD, FGSD, ExRD, DD	Most members of the WTO

Technical Assistance Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference	
12-Feb-00	12-Feb-00	<u>Thailand</u> Regional workshop "Buyers and Sellers Meeting on Pharmaceuticals": presentation of the TRIPS Agreement and its implications for the Pharmaceutical Sector in Developing countries	ITC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	Industry representatives and government officials from South Asian and South-East Asian developing countries. Activity combined with activities in India (see previous page).	
14-Feb-00	15-Feb-00	<u>Mongolia</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre	WTO	Hong Kong, China Fund (T0024)	Government of Germany	IMRD, ID	Computer equipment provided by the German Government. Five Officials participated.	TC99
17-Feb-00	18-Feb-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Technical mission Accompany and advise DG in meetings with Prime Minister Zhu Rongji and MOFTEC Minister Shi Guangsheng	Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		LegD		
21-Feb-00	25-Feb-00	<u>Australia</u> Symposium Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems - 8th Session	CODEX	Hong Kong, China Fund (T0024)		AgD		
21-Feb-00	24-Feb-00	<u>Philippines</u> Conference The Manila Forum on Food Fortification Policy - The Potential for Protecting Populations from Minerals and Vitamins Deficiencies in Asian countries: present WTO rules which might apply to food fortification, TBT and SPS Agreements.	Asian development Bank (ADB) / Micronutrient Initiative (MI) / International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI)	No cost for WTO	ADB	AgD	China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyz Republic, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam	
21-Feb-00	25-Feb-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Training course 1. Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures - 2. Agreement on Agriculture	WTO / MOFTEC	Hong Kong, China Fund (T0024)		AgD, TCD		
24-Feb-00	24-Feb-00	<u>Australia</u> Regional workshop Implementation of SPS Agreement for developing countries	WTO / CODEX	Hong Kong, China Fund (T0024)		AgD	Activity combined with Codex Committee 8 th Session (see above).	

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14-Mar-00	17-Mar-00	<u>Japan</u> Colloquium / Meeting 1. First Session of the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology. 2. UNU/IAS Expert Meeting on GM Foods, Biosafety, the Codex and the Regulation of International Trade	1. Codex / 2. UNU/IAS	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	FAO member countries. Activity combined with the workshop in Malaysia (see below).	
20-Mar-00	23-Mar-00	<u>Thailand</u> National seminar Trade Negotiations Simulation	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Activity combined with two other missions to Thailand (see below).	77
21-Mar-00	21-Mar-00	<u>Malaysia</u> National workshop Introduction to WTO SPS Agreement Introduction to Dispute Settlement SPS Dispute settlement cases	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	Malaysia (about 45 participants from the Ministries of Agriculture, Health and Trade, as well as Industry representatives). Activity combined with the colloquium in Japan (see above).	
24-Mar-00	24-Mar-00	<u>Thailand</u> National seminar "Public seminar on Post-Seattle Multilateral Trade Negotiations" for Thai civil society with key speech of Dr. Supachai, WTO official presentation of the negotiations on the mandated built-in agenda and WTO official chair panel.	WTO / Thai Commerce Ministry / CIDA Canada	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Bangkok civil society. Activity combined with two other missions to Thailand.	
27-Mar-00	29-Mar-00	<u>Thailand</u> National workshop The New Round of MTNs: WTO officials acting as resource persons in a Canadian sponsored activity	Canadian Center for trade policy law	WTO/TC (Regular Budget); Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Activity combined with two other missions to Thailand.	81

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29-Mar-00	31-Mar-00	<u>Singapore</u> Regional seminar Trade in Services - First day: impact of the GATS on trade and development; structure of the Agreement; how to schedule commitments; financial services and telecom negotiations and current commitments individual sectors. - Second day: work on disciplines for domestic regulations and on GATS rules; electronic commerce; discussion of specific issues based on self-assessment test; mandated reviews under the GATS. - Third day: discussion of scheduling questions based on practical exercise; outlook on new services round; round-table discussion on achievements and challenges for new round.	WTO / Singapore Joint Training Programme for Developing Countries	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of Singapore	TSD	Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao, P.D.R., Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam
03-Apr-00	07-Apr-00	<u>New Zealand</u> Regional seminar Roundtable: explanation of the implications of WTO Agreements for the Pacific Region. Focus on Agriculture, SPS, Special and Differential Treatment, Harmonization of domestic policy, legislation and regulations with WTO requirements, Regional Integration.	WTO / Forum Secretariat / FAO / Commonwealth Secretariat	New Zealand Trust Fund (TNZ02)		TCD	Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Vanuatu.
03-Apr-00	07-Apr-00	<u>Vietnam</u> National seminar Trade Negotiations Simulation	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Vietnam Officials: Representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs (9), Ministry of Industry (3), Ministry of Finance (3), General Department of Customs (3), Office of National Committee for International Economic Cooperation (2), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (2), Ministry of Trade (4) and 2 auditors

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03-Apr-00	07-Apr-00	<u>Thailand</u> Regional workshop Trade and Environment	Canada-Thailand Trilateral Environment Project and Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation and Ministry of Sciences, Technology and Environment	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED	Cambodia, Lao, Thailand, Vietnam	
13-Apr-00	15-Apr-00	<u>India</u> Regional seminar Competition Law and Policy for the Asia-Pacific region	UNCTAD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Australia, Japan	
16-Apr-00	17-Apr-00	<u>India</u> Regional workshop Training workshop on competition policy for consumer representatives	Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.	
26-Apr-00	28-Apr-00	<u>Chinese Taipei</u> Conference WTO and the state of negotiations	International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) / Government of Chinese Taipei	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF)	TCD		
30-Apr-00	03-May-00	<u>India</u> Training course Training Programme for customs Officials on the Agreement on Customs valuation	Commonwealth Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		MAccD		

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08-May-00	26-May-00	<u>Thailand</u> Training course First WTO / ESCAP Trade Policy Course on the WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for Asian developing economies. Explaining the theoretical basis for international trade, the fundamental principles of the WTO and reviewing the market access results of the Uruguay Round and also the Uruguay Round Agreements. Some time was devoted to the new issues (competition policy, investment, transparency in government procurement etc).	WTO / ESCAP	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD, TFD, ApB, ERAD	Bhutan, Cambodia, China P.R., Indonesia, Korea Rep. of, Lao, P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam Activity combined with national seminar in Malaysia (see below).	82
15-May-00	19-May-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Training course WTO Law: Trade and Investment, Trade and Competition	Glodis Institute, Faculty of Law, Erasmus University, Rotterdam	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TFD		
28-May-00	29-May-00	<u>Brunei Darussalam</u> Colloquium Trade Policy Forum	Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)	No cost for WTO	Organizers	DD		
30-May-00	30-May-00	<u>Malaysia</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System: Explaining the fundamental principles of the WTO and providing an overview of the Uruguay Round Agreements. The DSU was examined in greater detail.	WTO / Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Activity combined with the training course in Thailand (see above).	
31-May-00	04-Jun-00	<u>Thailand</u> Conference Represent WTO at the Annual Session of ESCAP	ESCAP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD		
07-Jun-00	09-Jun-00	<u>Sri Lanka</u> Technical mission Implementation mission on Anti-dumping	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		RD		72

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13-Jun-00	16-Jun-00	<u>Chinese Taipei</u> Conference Functioning of the WTO, Agriculture, Dispute Settlement	International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) / Government of Chinese Taipei	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF)	TCD	Brazil, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Fiji, Gambia, Honduras, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Macedonia, Mexico, Nigeria, Palestine, Paraguay, Poland, Russian Federation, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Slovak Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, Swaziland	
14-Jun-00	16-Jun-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Symposium Third International Forum on Trade Globalization	China Ministry of Information Industry	Hong Kong, China Fund (T0024)		TCD		
19-Jun-00	20-Jun-00	<u>Chinese Taipei</u> Conference Competition Policy	Board of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers	IPD		
27-Jun-00	28-Jun-00	<u>India</u> Training course Selected WTO Agreements: Textiles and Environment. 1. Basic explanation of WTO - What it is, how it operates, main activities; 2. Detailed explanation on Agreement on Textiles and Clothing provisions and implementation, future outlook and trade developments.; 3. Presentation of Trade and Environment issues and activities	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TexD		
29-Jun-00	30-Jun-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Conference WTO Accession and Opportunities in China Agribusiness	IBC Asia Ltd (Singapore)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers	TCD		
06-Jul-00	08-Jul-00	<u>Thailand</u> Regional seminar Trade and Competition Policy for Asian economies	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Donation by the Government of Japan (TJP06)	IPD, RD, LegD		TYP99

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17-Jul-00	25-Jul-00	<u>Japan</u> Regional seminar ADB regional seminar on capacity-building in International and regional trade policy issues. Explaining the following WTO Agreements: TRIPS, GATS, Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Safeguards and Dispute Settlement Understanding.	WTO / Asian Development Bank (ADB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Asian Development Bank	TCD	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, South Korea, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, China, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Vietnam	
02-Aug-00	05-Aug-00	<u>Indonesia</u> Regional seminar "Financing for Development"	ESCAP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD		
08-Aug-00	10-Aug-00	<u>India</u> Regional seminar Electronic commerce strategies for the Asia-Pacific region	UNESCAP Asia Pacific Centre for Technology Transfer	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)		TSD		
21-Aug-00	25-Aug-00	<u>Thailand</u> National workshop WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		LegD		
23-Aug-00	30-Aug-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Training course WTO Agreements, with special emphasis on the Agreement on Trade-related Investment Measures	Advisory Service to the Reform of Commercial Laws in China	No cost for WTO	GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation)	TFD		
23-Aug-00	06-Sep-00	<u>Tonga</u> Technical mission Legislation in the context of Accession	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TCD		
28-Aug-00	29-Aug-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Training course / workshop Lecture on Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of China	TCD		
12-Sep-00	13-Sep-00	<u>Thailand</u> National seminar Subsidies and export credits for Government officials and the business community. Consultations with Ministry of Commerce officials responsible for subsidy policy.	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)	Government of Thailand	RD	Activity combined with the training course in Singapore (see below).	

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14-Sep-00	22-Sep-00	<u>Singapore</u> Training course Short Trade Policy Course for Asia: to lecture on a number of WTO Agreements including SPS, TBT, DSU, Anti-dumping, subsidies, safeguards, Market Access, Customs Valuation, Preshipment Inspection, ITA, Rules of Origin, and other WTO rules governing regional trade agreements	WTO / Singapore Joint Training Programme for Developing Countries	No cost for WTO	Government of Singapore	TCD, RD, MAccD, TSD	Brunei Darussalam, China, P.R., Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Republic of, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam	
20-Sep-00	21-Sep-00	<u>Philippines</u> National seminar To lecture on a number of WTO Agreements including Agriculture, SPS, DSU and WTO rules governing regional trade agreements	WTO / Federation of Philippines Industries	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
26-Sep-00	27-Sep-00	<u>India</u> National seminar Selected WTO Agreements: Agriculture and ITA	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD		
05-Oct-00	11-Oct-00	<u>Korea, Rep. Of</u> Training course Four series of lectures: (1) GATS, agriculture, rules (anti-dumping, Subsidies and countervailing measures, safeguards) and TRIPS at the KDI course on international trade and the WTO Agreements, and (2) on the state of work and negotiations in the WTO at Seoul National University's school of international and national studies, at College of Law of Korea University, and at the Ewha Womans university's graduate school of international affairs.	WTO / School of public policy and Management / Korean Development Institute	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD, AgD, RD	22 officials from: Bangladesh, Chile, Indonesia, Kazakstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Korea	
10-Oct-00	11-Oct-00	<u>Thailand</u> Regional seminar Conformity Assessment and its role in International Trade - Presentations on TBT and Conformity Assessment Procedures for Asian countries	WTO / ISO	Hong Kong, China Fund (T0024); WTO/TC for travel of WTO Official	ISO	TED	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, P.R., Fiji, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines	70
16-Oct-00	18-Oct-00	<u>Malaysia</u> National seminar GATS and background of the Services past and future negotiations	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TSD		

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19-Oct-00	20-Oct-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> National seminar Implementation of the WTO Agriculture and Rules Agreements: lecture on subsidies, anti-dumping, safeguard and agriculture	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TCD	
19-Oct-00	20-Oct-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> National seminar Legal advice	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund (T0037)		AccD, LegD	
25-Oct-00	26-Oct-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Conference Forum of the Shanghai International Industry Fair	MOFTEC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	MOFTEC	TCD	600 Chinese business men
05-Nov-00	09-Nov-00	<u>Australia</u> Conference Participation in Annual Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee, an intergovernmental organization of about 45 countries including 25 developing and LDC countries.	International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		TexD	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Rep. of, Mali, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe
07-Nov-00	07-Nov-00	<u>Thailand</u> Training course Lecture on TRIPS on Intellectual Property Rights for Government officials of APEC economies.	Department of Intellectual Property of Thailand (DIP) / the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA, Thailand) / and the Japanese Patent Office (JPO)	Netherlands Trust Fund (T0021)		IPD	Government officials of APEC member economies. Activity combined with the symposium in Hong Kong, China (see below).

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07-Nov-00	08-Nov-00	<u>Indonesia</u> Technical mission To give an overview of the S&D provisions in the WTO Agreements, and to participate in a roundtable on the impact of S&D on developing countries' trade.	WTO / UNCTAD	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TCD		
08-Nov-00	08-Nov-00	<u>Hong Kong, China</u> Symposium TRIPS Agreement	Intellectual Property Department, Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Hong Kong Group of the Asian Patent Attorneys' Association (APAA)	Netherlands Trust Fund (T0021)		IPD	Local and overseas participants – IP professionals and representatives of multinational companies. Activity combined with the training course in Thailand (see above).	
10-Nov-00	10-Nov-00	<u>Malaysia</u> Regional seminar To make presentation on the implementation of the Textiles Agreement and on developments in international textiles trade to the annual plenary meeting of the ASEAN Federation of Textile Manufacturers.	ASEAN Federation of Textile Manufacturers	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)	ASEAN	TexD	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.	
13-Nov-00	14-Nov-00	<u>Australia</u> Regional seminar International Trade Lawyers Course (ITLC-2E), i.e. three-week course on the Multilateral Trading System covering all WTO Agreements.	WTO / International Development Law Institute (IDLI) in cooperation with the Melbourne Business School, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	IDLI	TCD	Cambodia, China, P.R., Fiji, India, Indonesia, Lao, P.D.R., Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu and Vietnam. In addition, there was a representative of the South Pacific Forum Secretariat.	

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19-Nov-00	22-Nov-00	<u>Philippines</u> Regional seminar 7th ASEAN Food Conference. The Impact of the SPS and TBT Agreements on International Trade in Food.	ASEAN / Government of the Philippines	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		AgD	ASEAN: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, P.D.R., Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam. Activity combined with the national seminar below.	
20-Nov-00	20-Nov-00	<u>Philippines</u> National seminar Symposium on Codex and WTO: Assuring Food Safety and Fair Practice in Global Trade (SPS Agreement and its relevance to Agricultural Trade).	Government of the Philippines	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		AgD	Activity combined with the regional seminar above.	
04-Dec-00	04-Dec-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> National seminar To lecture on WTO Agreements for legal experts from the Ministry of Justice, lawyers and University Law Professors in Beijing.	WTO and Ministry of Justice of China	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Host Government	TCD	Some 150 Chinese lawyers and law professors	
06-Dec-00	06-Dec-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> National seminar To lecture on WTO Agreements for legal experts from the Ministry of Justice, lawyers and University Law Professors in Chongqin.	WTO and Ministry of Justice of China	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Host Government	TCD	Some 150 Chinese lawyers and law professors	
08-Dec-00	08-Dec-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> National seminar To lecture on WTO Agreements for legal experts from the Ministry of Justice, lawyers and University Law Professors in Shanghai.	WTO and Ministry of Justice of China	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Host Government	TCD	Some 150 Chinese lawyers and law professors	
10-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	<u>Korea, Rep. Of</u> Conference Combatting Corruption in the Asia-Pacific region: Presentation on transparency in government procurement	OECD / Asian Development Bank	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		IPD	ADB regional member countries and OECD member countries	
11-Dec-00	15-Dec-00	<u>Singapore</u> Regional seminar To make presentations on: 1. Implementation issues arising out of UR; 2. S&D provisions in the WTO Agreements, and 3. New issues in a new trade round vis-à-vis developing countries.	Colombo Secretariat	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		TCD	All South Asian developing countries	

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11-Dec-00	12-Dec-00	<u>China, P.R.</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre at the China Institute for Reform Development (CIRD), Haikou, Hainan Province.	WTO	No cost for WTO	GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation)	TCD	Twenty-five Officials participated.	
19-Dec-00	21-Dec-00	<u>India</u> Regional workshop Competition Policy for seven Asian and African countries: the state of play on competition policy in the WTO	Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Zambia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Brazil; consultants from UK, France, UNCTAD, OECD and WTO.	
20-Dec-00	21-Dec-00	<u>India</u> Colloquium Issues in WTO Negotiations on Agriculture	Indian Council for research on International Economic Relations	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		

ANNEX 2.c
ACTIVITIES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA (69)

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
02-Feb-00	04-Feb-00	<u>France</u> Conference Forum on African Perspective: The 1st Conference On Emerging Africa	African Development Bank / OECD with the collaboration of the French Ministry of Economy	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD	Several countries from Africa and few OECD countries	
02-Feb-00	04-Feb-00	<u>Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia</u> Technical mission Technical assistance in the preparation of the notification required in the accession process on domestic support and export subsidies (ACC/4 document); presentation of Agreement on Agriculture and agricultural accession issues	WTO / Ministry of Agriculture	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
08-Feb-00	09-Feb-00	<u>Slovak Republic</u> National seminar WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for public and private sector: Overview of the MTS, Market Access, Dispute Settlement, Agriculture, TBT, SPS, Rules, Services, TRIPS	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD, LegD		
09-Feb-00	10-Feb-00	<u>Belgium</u> Colloquium Meetings were held with the ACP Secretariat on 9 February to discuss an outstanding MOU on customs valuation and with EC representatives regarding WTO technical assistance proposals for potential financing by the EC. The meeting on 10 February with the WCO Secretariat was to discuss a joint programme of technical assistance on customs valuation.	WTO / ACP	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

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10-Feb-00	11-Feb-00	<u>Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia</u> Technical mission Presentation of SPS Agreement, rights, obligations, disputes, current issues. Detailed technical meetings with various responsible government agencies - food safety, animal health, plant protection. Assistance with preparing accession request, responses to questions.	WTO / Ministry of Trade	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
21-Feb-00	03-Mar-00	<u>Switzerland (Bern)</u> Training course Short course on GATT 94 for Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries	PECO	Switzerland Trust Fund (TCH04)		PECO, TCD	Albania, Armenia, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russian Federation	
29-Feb-00	29-Feb-00	<u>France</u> Technical mission Consultations with the Agence de la Francophonie on financing technical assistance.	Agence de la Francophonie	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
02-Mar-00	03-Mar-00	<u>Belgium</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centres in the Embassies/Missions of Benin, Chad and Grenada	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TCD	Benin, Chad, Grenada	
07-Mar-00	10-Mar-00	<u>Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia</u> National seminar Trade in Services - First day: Expert meetings at the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Trade. Second and third day (morning): Seminar for participants from all Ministries on the structure of GATS and, in particular, the provisions relevant for acceding countries. Third day (afternoon): Discussion of scheduling issues with officials from the Ministry of Trade	WTO / USAID	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
08-Mar-00	08-Mar-00	<u>Finland</u> Training course Seminar on Trade and Development for the WTO Trade Policy Course group	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers	TCD		

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
16-Mar-00	17-Mar-00	<u>Italy</u> Symposium International Task Force on Commodity Risk Management	World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
20-Mar-00	20-Mar-00	<u>France</u> Symposium OECD/DAC meeting on Good practices in Trade capacity building.	OECD / DAC	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
21-Mar-00	28-Mar-00	<u>Austria</u> Training course Lecture in WTO segment of course at the JVI - Lecture on commercial policy to Applied Economics Course	WTO / Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD, ERAD	Transition economies and developing countries	
30-Mar-00	31-Mar-00	<u>Switzerland (WTO HQ)</u> Training course Workshop on Rules of Origin for Geneva-based delegates from Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		MAccD	Funding to bring two WCO experts from Brussels	
31-Mar-00	01-Apr-00	<u>Spain</u> Colloquium TRIPS Agreement at the Ibero-American Forum on Innovation, Industrial and Intellectual Property, and Development.	Asociacion Interamericana de Propriedad Industrial (ASIPI) / Colegio Oficial de Agentes de la Propriedad Industrial of Portugal (ACPI), and of Spain (COAPI)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
05-Apr-00	06-Apr-00	<u>Hungary</u> Regional seminar South East Europe and the WTO	USAID	WTO/TC (Regular Budget) - for one WTO official	USAID (for three WTO officials)	AgD, LegD, TCD, ApB	Participants included high level officials (Ministers, Deputy Ministers and heads of departments) from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Slovenia	
10-Apr-00	14-Apr-00	<u>Switzerland (WTO HQ)</u> Training course Short course on TRIPS for Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund (TCH04)		PECO, TCD, IPD	Albania, Armenia, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russian Federation	

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10-Apr-00	10-Apr-00	<u>Belgium</u> Symposium Meeting with WTO members based in Brussels, Paris and London, to discuss relations with non-residents	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DDG, DD		
26-Apr-00	28-Apr-00	<u>France</u> Conference 'Forum on Agricultural Policies in Non-Member Economies'	OECD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
06-May-00	10-May-00	<u>Iran</u> Regional seminar Trade Negotiation Simulations for ECO Secretariat members	WTO / ECO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	ECO countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, [Uzbekistan]	130
10-May-00	10-May-00	<u>Sweden</u> National seminar Presentation of WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices to officials from the Swedish National Board of Trade	WTO / Swedish National Board of Trade	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers	TCD		
15-May-00	16-May-00	<u>Russian Federation</u> National seminar Provide explanations on different agreements of the WTO in relation to the accession of the Russian Federation to the WTO.	USAID / DUMA	No cost for WTO	USAID	TCD, LegD	Duma Members, government, academia	
15-May-00	26-May-00	<u>Switzerland (WTO HQ - for Macedonia)</u> Training course Multilateral Trading System and specific WTO Agreements	WTO	No cost for WTO	USAID	TCD		
17-May-00	18-May-00	<u>Russian Federation</u> Regional workshop Represent the WTO, provide explanations on the accession process and on WTO rules concerning regional arrangements	TACIS	No cost for WTO	TACIS	TCD	CIS countries	
18-May-00	19-May-00	<u>Italy</u> Symposium Brainstorming session on capacity building for Trade Law Specialists in developing countries	IDLI	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

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23-May-00	25-May-00	<u>Malta</u> Regional seminar Trade and Environment for Mediterranean countries and the Middle-East (also covering the TBT Agreement)	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)	Swiss Government (TCH05)	TED	Algeria, Tunisia, Malta, Israel, Egypt, Cyprus, Turkey, Morocco	182
29-May-00	01-Jun-00	<u>Lithuania</u> Conference OECD Conference on FDI Policy in the Baltic States & Consultations with Government officials	WTO / OECD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AccD		
29-May-00	30-May-00	<u>France</u> Workshop Good practices for Capacity for Development Trade	OECD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD, TCD		
06-Jun-00	07-Jun-00	<u>Belarus</u> National seminar Market Access issues (Tariffs, Safeguards, Customs Valuation, Rules of Origin, Licensing, TBT)	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD, MAccD		135
14-Jun-00	16-Jun-00	<u>Romania</u> National seminar Trade in Services: First day: General importance of GATS for Romania; introduction into the structure of the Agreement; how to schedule commitments; GATS rules and procedures. Second day: Sectoral implications and case studies; scheduling workshop. Third day (morning): Outlook on the work ahead (new round, review provisions, and ongoing negotiations on GATS rules, etc)	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	Romania (officials from Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Transport, National Agency for Communications and Informatics, National Tourism Authority, Romania Competition Council).	
14-Jun-00	15-Jun-00	<u>Albania</u> National seminar Implementation issues of WTO Agreements, Customs Valuation, Anti-Dumping, Licensing, GATS, TRIPS, Notification Requirements, Regionalism, Government Procurement	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (T0021)		AccD, TCD		116

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20-Jun-00	20-Jun-00	<u>France</u> Symposium Forum International de Montpellier, Mondialisation et Développement (The Multilateral Trading System and WTO Agreements) - WTO overview - Article XXIV (Regional Integration) - ACP-EU Conventions (Lomé 1 to 4 and May 2000 Cotonou Agreement)	Université de Montpellier I / CIPEAS	No cost for WTO	CIPEAS	TCD	University students and local media	
26-Jun-00	27-Jun-00	<u>Russian Federation</u> Technical mission To accompany the Chairman of the Working Party on Accession of Russia to meet with High- level Officials	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AccD		
03-Jul-00	07-Jul-00	<u>Netherlands</u> Training course WTO and the Multilateral Trading System for Legal advisers from developing countries	UNITAR	No cost for WTO	UNITAR	LegD		
03-Jul-00	06-Jul-00	<u>Austria</u> Regional seminar Rules: Anti-dumping, Safeguards and Countervailing duties - Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)	WTO / JVI	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		RD	Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia	112
10-Jul-00	11-Jul-00	<u>France</u> Symposium OECD Round Table on Trade Liberalization in Transition Economies	OECD	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AccD		
13-Jul-00	14-Jul-00	<u>Ukraine</u> Regional seminar Competition Policy	UNCTAD	Netherlands Trust Fund (T0021)		IPD	Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Germany, the European Community, the United States	

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17-Jul-00	18-Jul-00	<u>Kyrgyz Republic</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre: - Setup and official opening of WTO Reference Centre. - Presentation and training to about 20 government officials on how to access WTO information on-line and on CD-ROM.	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of the Kyrgyz Republic	IMRD		
19-Jul-00	20-Jul-00	<u>Switzerland (WTO HQ)</u> Regional workshop Technical Assistance and Differential Treatment in the context of the TBT Agreement	WTO	No cost for WTO	Donor countries (TWP01001)	TED		
24-Jul-00	29-Jul-00	<u>Romania</u> Regional seminar Trade Negotiation Simulations	WTO / UNCTAD	No cost for WTO	UNCTAD	TCD		
03-Aug-00	04-Aug-00	<u>Moldova</u> Technical mission Assistance for the conclusion of the Accession negotiations	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AccD		
04-Aug-00	04-Aug-00	<u>United Kingdom</u> Conference Training session on GATS-related issues for Law Society Staff	The Law Society of England and Wales	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)	Organizers	TCD	Officers of the Law Society of England and Wales	
04-Sep-00	07-Sep-00	<u>United Kingdom</u> Conference To explain WTO rules regarding regional trade agreements and discuss relevant WTO dispute settlement cases	Wilton Park	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Wilton Park	TCD	ACP and European countries	
11-Sep-00	15-Sep-00	<u>Switzerland (WTO HQ)</u> Training course Special course on GATS for Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund (TCH04)		PECO, TCD, TSD	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Macedonia, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine	

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13-Sep-00	13-Sep-00	<u>Belgium</u> National workshop The WTO and the Multilateral Trading System. Participation in the Executive 2000 course for 28 Chinese nationals from the private sector	WTO / CEMC with the University of Antwerpen	No cost for WTO	Organizers	TCD	China (28 executives of Chinese private sector companies).	
21-Sep-00	22-Sep-00	<u>Switzerland</u> Regional seminar To give a presentation on the WTO dispute settlement system, and then help to organize the panel simulation exercise on the second day	UNCTAD	No cost for WTO		TCD	All developing country missions in Geneva invited	
26-Sep-00	26-Sep-00	<u>Italy</u> Regional workshop CASCO/DEVCO Workshop on Facilitating Recognition of Conformity Assessment in the 21st century - TBT Agreement	ISO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED		
27-Sep-00	27-Sep-00	<u>Switzerland (Geneva)</u> Conference Joint ECDPM-ICTSD Informal Experts' Meeting on "Helping the ACP Integrate in the World Economy"	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) / ECDPM	No cost for WTO		TCD		
27-Sep-00	29-Sep-00	<u>United Kingdom (for Dominica)</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre for the Embassy of Dominica in London	WTO	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Caribbean Missions in the U.K.	
28-Sep-00	30-Sep-00	<u>France</u> Symposium Meeting of the Management Board of the Joint Vienna Institute	Joint Vienna Institute	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
02-Oct-00	05-Oct-00	<u>Belgium</u> Regional seminar To make presentations on the WTO legal regime generally, as well as a more focused presentation on the rules and procedures of the dispute settlement system	Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels	No cost for WTO	Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels	TCD, LegD	All Energy Charter members	

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04-Oct-00	10-Oct-00	<u>Austria</u> Training course Lecture on International Trade and Trade Policy	WTO / JVI / World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD, DD	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, China P.R., Czech Republic, Estonia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam	
14-Oct-00	14-Oct-00	<u>Turkey</u> Symposium Food Security in the Third Millennium: New Strategies and Developing Markets	Ministry of Agriculture of Turkey / FAO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
16-Oct-00	17-Oct-00	<u>France</u> Regional workshop Capacity Development for Trade - Coordination	WTO / OECD / IMF / WB / UNCTAD / ITC / USAID / DFID / ODI and other Multilateral and bilateral donors	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
16-Oct-00	19-Oct-00	<u>Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia</u> National seminar and workshop A one-day seminar on WTO matters and issues of direct relevance to the Accession process of Macedonia to the WTO, followed by a three-day workshop on Negotiating techniques	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (T0021)	Training budget	TCD	120	
17-Oct-00	17-Oct-00	<u>Germany</u> Symposium Presentation on WTO information and training (CBT) materials for developing countries and discussions on cooperation in producing print and CD-ROM materials for developing countries.	WTO	Programme Support Fund (EPSF1)		IMRD	Representatives of World Bank, IMF, WIPO, ILO, WHO, WMO and other international organizations.	
23-Oct-00	10-Nov-00	<u>Austria</u> Training course Short Trade Policy Course for Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries: presentations on various Agreements and self-training on computer-based information, Internet, CD-ROM. Several presentations through video-conferencing. Some time was devoted to new issues (competition policy and investment etc).	WTO / JVI	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD, LegD, AccD	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan	128

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24-Oct-00	24-Oct-00	<u>France</u> Conference To speak at the 4th Euro-African Convention on "The New Regulations for World Exchange: an Opportunity for Business in Africa?"	Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Bordeaux	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Bordeaux	DDG		
26-Oct-00	27-Oct-00	<u>Turkey</u> Regional seminar Trade and Investment Information Networking in the ECO region: Presentation of trade information systems, in particular, presentation of the IDB	ECO Secretariat	Switzerland Trust Fund (T0030)		Stat.D	Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey	
02-Nov-00	03-Nov-00	<u>United Kingdom</u> Regional workshop Agenda item: Biodiversity and trade: relationship between CBD and the TRIPS Agreement. Update on TRIPS review. Presentation (relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement, work in the TRIPS Council and implementation issues in the General Council)	FIELD / UNCTAD	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)	Organizers	IPD	Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, India, South Africa, Uganda	
05-Nov-00	07-Nov-00	<u>Austria</u> Symposium Accompany the Director-General	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
06-Nov-00	10-Nov-00	<u>Georgia</u> Regional workshop One day seminar on issues specifically relating to the preparation of BSEC countries' for the new trade negotiations in the WTO as well as on accession and implementation of WTO Agreements, followed by four days of simulations on trade negotiations.	WTO, jointly with BSEC Secretariat for logistical preparations	United Kingdom Trust Fund (T0037)		TCD	BSEC countries, including: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine	124
21-Nov-00	24-Nov-00	<u>Switzerland (WTO HQ)</u> Training course 18th Special Course on Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices for 32 countries	WTO	No cost for WTO		TCD, LegD		
30-Nov-00	01-Dec-00	<u>France</u> Regional seminar TBT, especially Conformity Assessment Procedures and Measurements for North African / Mediterranean Countries	WTO / Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale (OIML)	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)	OIML	TED	Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Crete, Tunisia, Turkey	110

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07-Dec-00	07-Dec-00	<u>Belgium</u> Technical mission Presentation on general principles and international framework in the context of the establishment of a transparent, effective and competitive procurement regime	EC Commission	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		IPD	Turkey	
07-Dec-00	08-Dec-00	<u>Belgium</u> Symposium Attend the Meeting of Heads of ACP Regional Integration Organisations	ACP	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		DD		
09-Dec-00	12-Dec-00	<u>Belgium</u> Conference Presentation on the Role of Developing countries in the Multilateral Trading System	ACP	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		DDG	ACP Members	
11-Dec-00	15-Dec-00	<u>France</u> Symposium / Round Table 1. Participation on Round Tables' discussion on the relation between the SPS Agreement and the Biosafety Protocol addressed to developing countries. 2. Attendance of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.	1. Solagrail / 2. UNEP	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		AgD	UNEP country members - WTO Members	
14-Dec-00	14-Dec-00	<u>Belarus</u> Regional seminar Seminar on the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement, based on the Handbook prepared by the secretariat, titled "How to Apply the Transparency Provisions of the SPS Agreement". The TACIS project has translated this handbook into Russian.	WTO / TACIS	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		AgD	11 CIS countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Uzbekistan)	135

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ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (74)

Technical Assistance Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference	
03-Feb-00	04-Feb-00	<u>Peru</u> Regional workshop Services Negotiations - First day: Lecture on the general importance of GATS for developing countries, the developmental impact of commitments under the Agreement, structure of current commitments, and tentative outlook on the work ahead (new round, review provisions, and ongoing negotiations on GATS rules, etc) Second day, morning: Open panel discussion on specific issues	Comunidad Andina	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	Member countries of the Andean Community (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia), some private industry representatives, and Secretariat members of the Organization of American States, World Bank, and Andean Community.	
06-Feb-00	08-Feb-00	<u>United States of America</u> Conference Trade Policy Review of OECS - This initiative is a joint TPR-TC project, as a result of consultations held with representatives of these countries during "Geneva Week for non-resident WTO Members". Consultations with World Bank, IMF, IADB and OAS.	WTO / OECS	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TPRD, TCD	Activity combined with activities in Barbados, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis.	
09-Feb-00	10-Feb-00	<u>Barbados</u> Conference Trade Policy Review of OECS - Consultations with CRNM and Caribbean Trade.	WTO / OECS	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TPRD, TCD	Activity combined with activities in the United States, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis.	
10-Feb-00	12-Feb-00	<u>Saint Lucia</u> Conference Trade Policy Review of OECS - Consultations with the OECS Secretariat.	WTO / OECS	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TPRD, TCD	Activity combined with activities in the United States, Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis.	
12-Feb-00	14-Feb-00	<u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u> Conference Trade Policy Review of OECS - Consultations with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.	WTO / OECS	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TPRD, TCD	Activity combined with activities in the United States, Barbados, Saint Lucia.	
14-Feb-00	18-Feb-00	<u>Dominican Republic</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TCD		136

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02-Mar-00	04-Mar-00	<u>Jamaica</u> Symposium Presentation on Trade Liberalization, developments since the Uruguay Round and Issues for the Millennium Round.	University of the West Indies	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD		
06-Mar-00	08-Mar-00	<u>Ecuador</u> Symposium International Experts Meeting on Sustainability Assessment of Trade Liberalisation: discuss the purpose, characteristics, policy relevance and effectiveness of sustainability assessments (SAs); plenary sessions with formal presentations alternated with working groups to informally explore some technical issues in more detail in the economic, environmental and social fields; a strong focus was laid on the needs and concerns of developing countries.	World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature International / Fundacion Futuro Latino Americano (FFLA)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers	TED	About 100 individuals from 30 countries, including governments, international organisations, NGOs and academia; developing country representatives included Ecuador, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, Bangladesh, Cuba, Senegal, Uganda, Kenya, Peru, Tanzania, India	
22-Mar-00	23-Mar-00	<u>Chile</u> Conference International Bar Association (IBA) Latin American Forum	International Bar Association (IBA)	No cost for WTO	International Bar Association (IBA)	TED	Activity combined with the regional seminar in Chile (see below)	
25-Mar-00	26-Mar-00	<u>Bahamas</u> Symposium Meeting of the CARICOM countries: development of a regional position on the services negotiations	CARICOM	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
27-Mar-00	31-Mar-00	<u>Jamaica</u> Technical mission Implementation of Customs Valuation Agreement	WTO - HM Customs & Excise of the United Kingdom	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		MAccD		
30-Mar-00	30-Mar-00	<u>Chile</u> Regional seminar Air Transport and GATT	International Bar Association (IBA)	No cost for WTO	International Bar Association (IBA)	TED	Activity combined with the conference in Chile (see above).	

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03-Apr-00	07-Apr-00	<u>Antigua and Barbuda</u> Regional workshop Trade Negotiating Skills	WTO / INTAL (IADB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	INTAL	TCD	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Caribbean Community Secretariat, OECS Secretariat, University of the West Indies, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery, Caribbean Regional Machinery/Inter-American Development Bank project, IDB/INTAL	150
04-Apr-00	06-Apr-00	<u>Barbados</u> Technical mission Technical assistance on the IDB: IDB presentation (submission of data, dissemination of information, IDB tools); visit of the offices in charge of preparing IDB submissions.	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		Stat.D		
05-Apr-00	08-Apr-00	<u>United States of America</u> Conference Presentation of paper on the participation of developing countries in the Dispute Settlement mechanism of the WTO	WTO / American Society of International Law	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
10-Apr-00	13-Apr-00	<u>Honduras</u> Regional workshop Trade in Services for Central American and other Latin American countries: First day (afternoon): General importance of GATS for developing countries; introduction into the structure of the Agreement. Second day: How to schedule commitments; sectoral implications; specific rules and disciplines. Third day : Case studies; tentative outlook on the work ahead (new round, review provisions, and ongoing negotiations on GATS rules).	WTO / INTAL (IADB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD	Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama (including public sector representatives, academics, and Secretariat members of BCIE, INTAL and Secretaria de Integracion Economica Centroamericana).	
10-Apr-00	14-Apr-00	<u>Peru</u> National workshop Anti-dumping and Countervailing duties for Peruvian Government officials	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		RD		
17-Apr-00	19-Apr-00	<u>United States of America</u> Colloquium Meeting of the Joint Vienna Institute Board	Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		

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24-Apr-00	26-Apr-00	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers for Senior African Policy Makers	World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DD / TCD		
02-May-00	04-May-00	<u>Peru</u> Regional workshop Multilateral Trading System after Seattle and prospects for countries Members of the Andean Community	WTO / INTAL (IADB) / Andean Community Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	INTAL	TCD	Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela and Andean Community Secretariat. Activity combined with the technical mission and regional workshop in Barbados (see below).	163
05-May-00	05-May-00	<u>Peru</u> Technical mission Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre in the Secretariat of the Andean Community. Training in the use of WTO information resources (websites and CD-ROMs)	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Andean Community Secretariat	TCD	Eight officials from the Andean Community Secretariat. Activity combined with the regional workshop in Peru (see above) and the regional workshop in Barbados (see below).	
08-May-00	12-May-00	<u>Paraguay</u> Technical mission Customs Valuation	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund (T0030)		TCD		
08-May-00	10-May-00	<u>Barbados</u> Regional workshop Services for Caribbean countries	WTO / CARICOM	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago. Regional organizations: CARICOM and OECS. Activity combined with missions to Peru.	
15-May-00	17-May-00	<u>Argentina</u> Regional workshop Trade in Services for Mercosur countries	WTO / INTAL (IADB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	INTAL	TSD	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay.	
15-May-00	15-May-00	<u>Guyana</u> National seminar Seminar on the WTO and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Activity combined with another technical mission in Guyana (see below).	
15-May-00	15-May-00	<u>Canada</u> Conference Economic Conference: Expanding Horizons - Canada in an international context	Statistics Canada	No cost for WTO	Statistics Canada	TCD		

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16-May-00	17-May-00	<u>Guyana</u> Technical mission Training on the Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	CARICOM	TCD	Activity combined with the national seminar (see above). Fifteen Officials participated.	
22-May-00	02-Jun-00	<u>Peru</u> Training course Short Trade Policy Course for countries member of the ANDEAN Community - Explanation of the WTO Agreements. Practical examples of preparation of concessions in Services and exercises on Dispute Settlement	WTO / INTAL (IADB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela	
24-May-00	26-May-00	<u>Uruguay</u> Regional workshop Multilateral Trade Negotiations: WTO Mechanisms and the commitments of Latin American Countries	SELA / ALADI	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	MERCOSUR: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Chile Activity combined with mission to Peru (see above).	
24-May-00	26-May-00	<u>Jamaica</u> National seminar SPS	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	Activity combined with Cuba (see below).	
29-May-00	30-May-00	<u>Cuba</u> National seminar SPS	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	Activity combined with Jamaica (see above).	161
29-May-00	03-Jun-00	<u>Bolivia</u> Regional workshop Capacity-building programme for FAO member countries: multilateral trade negotiations in agriculture	FAO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela	
30-May-00	02-Jun-00	<u>Cuba</u> Regional workshop Strengthening Research and Policy-Making Capacity on Trade and Environment in Developing countries	UNCTAD / UNDP / Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)		TED	Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, India, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda	
15-Jun-00	15-Jun-00	<u>United States of America (Miami)</u> Symposium Trade-related technical assistance, Consultative Group on Smaller Economies, issues for the Free Trade Area of the Americas	Organization of American States (OAS)	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Activity combined with Two-week Advanced Training Course for Government Officials (see next page).	

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
16-Jun-00	19-Jun-00	<u>United States of America</u> Conference Africa Trade Forum, Washington	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		DGOff.		
19-Jun-00	23-Jun-00	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Campus on International Trade: Conduct a dispute settlement workshop and explained in detail the following WTO Agreements: Agriculture and GATS. We also made a presentation on the participation of developing countries in the multilateral trading system.	UTA / UNITAR	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Australia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Rep. of Congo, Croatia, Egypt, El Salvador, Germany, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Kazakstan, Kenya, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Oman, Saint Lucia, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Suriname, Thailand, Tanzania, Uruguay, Vietnam and Zimbabwe	
19-Jun-00	30-Jun-00	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Two-week Advanced Training Course for Government Officials, including IDB: Spanish-speaking	WTO / OAS	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD, TSD	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela	143
26-Jun-00	29-Jun-00	<u>Saint Lucia</u> Regional workshop Trade Policy Review of the OECS countries	OECS / INTAL	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)	INTAL	TCD, TPRD		
26-Jun-00	30-Jun-00	<u>Ecuador</u> Technical mission Anti-dumping procedures and practices	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)		RD		
27-Jun-00	29-Jun-00	<u>Panama</u> Regional workshop Trade facilitation, Regulation and Standards: The Development Challenge in Central America (TBT)	WTO / World Bank	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TED	Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama.	141
06-Jul-00	07-Jul-00	<u>Dominican Republic</u> Conference 6th Meeting of the Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations of the Caribbean and the Americas, with particular reference to the sessions on Implementation of WTO Agreements and WTO technical assistance activities	Chamber of Commerce, Santo Domingo	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD	Over 100 participants mostly from the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean countries, including from Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago.	

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
06-Jul-00	07-Jul-00	<u>Uruguay</u> Regional workshop Agriculture for ALADI: Perspectives of trade on agricultural goods in Latin America. The non-tariff barriers. Situation and perspectives of the negotiations in the WTO. National experiences of the ALADI Member Countries.	WTO , ALADI , BID / INTAL, FAO, IICA	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	INTAL (IADB)	TCD	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.	
10-Jul-00	21-Jul-00	<u>United States of America</u> Regional workshop Two-week Advanced Training Course for Government Officials, including IDB: English-speaking (13 countries)	WTO / OAS	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TCD, LegD	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados (2), Belize, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica (2), Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname (2) and Trinidad & Tobago (2). Regional organizations: CRNM (3) and OECS.	142
13-Jul-00	15-Jul-00	<u>Guyana</u> Regional workshop Communications and Electronic Commerce	CARICOM	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
31-Jul-00	11-Aug-00	<u>Ecuador</u> Training course Trade Policy Course for Government of Ecuador	OAS / Georgetown University	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	OAS	TCD		
23-Aug-00	23-Aug-00	<u>Peru</u> Regional seminar Investment and Competition Policies	APEC - PERU	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		TFD	21 APEC Members	
30-Aug-00	22-Nov-00	<u>Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela</u> Video-conferences A cycle of six videoconferences on the WTO and its rules	WTO / ITESM	WTO Telephone budget		TCD, Training, TSD, LegD, IPD, TED	Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela	
30-Aug-00	01-Sep-00	<u>Costa Rica</u> Regional seminar Presentation on Competition Policy at the WTO - state of play and options for the future	UNCTAD / National Commission for the Promotion of Competition of Costa Rica	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD	Most countries in the regions of Latin America and the Caribbean: Costa Rica, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago	
11-Sep-00	15-Sep-00	<u>Paraguay</u> National seminar Rules: Anti-dumping, Safeguards and Countervailing duties - Trade remedies	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		RD		158

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
19-Sep-00	21-Sep-00	<u>Guatemala</u> National seminar Trade in Services and the new round of negotiations	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
27-Sep-00	29-Sep-00	<u>Venezuela</u> Regional workshop Participation in the Third Seminar-Workshop on International Trade Negotiations organized by SELA in the framework of the European Union/SELA Project on Training of Human Resources. Presentation on "The WTO mechanisms and the trade commitments of Latin American and Caribbean Countries"; other WTO subjects to be treated during the seminar: Implementation of Uruguay Round Agreements; Market Access in Goods; Electronic Commerce; Trade and Environment; Agricultural Trade; Competition policy and Trade remedies; and Regional integration in the multilateral trade agenda.	SELA	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Central American and Caribbean: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama, Belize, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Guyana, Surinam, Cuba, and Mexico	
27-Sep-00	29-Sep-00	<u>Jamaica</u> Conference Presentation of Paper on Metrology and the WTO TBT Agreement, discussant in panel on papers of other speakers on regional cooperation, in-depth one-to-one training of participants on metrology as it relates to conformity assessment, the TBT Agreement and the facilitation of international trade; role of regional and international systems; attendance of the General Assembly of the Sistema Interamericano de Metrologia (SIM)	Jamaica Bureau of Standards in cooperation with SIM	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Organizers	TED	All Caribbean countries, United States, Mexico, Germany	
02-Oct-00	13-Oct-00	<u>Guatemala</u> Regional seminar Short Trade Policy Course, i.e. two-week course on the Multilateral Trading System covering all WTO Agreements for Latin American countries	WTO / INTAL (IADB) / BCIE and SIECA	United Kingdom Trust Fund (T0037)		TCD	Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.	

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
09-Oct-00	09-Oct-00	<u>Peru</u> Conference Participating in the opening session and delivery of two presentations, i.e. 1) RTAs and the WTO: Procedures and practices; 2) Implications of Multilateral Commitments in the Design of RTAs.	WTO / Catholic University of Peru in cooperation with the World Bank	United Kingdom Trust Fund (T0037)		TCD	Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Andean Community Secretariat. Activity combined with regional seminar in Guatemala (see above).	
10-Oct-00	11-Oct-00	<u>Uruguay</u> Regional seminar Advanced seminar on the SPS Agreement with the four MERCOSUR countries. Topics covered include an introduction to the WTO and the SPS Agreement, the work of the SPS Committee, and the SPS Disputes.	WTO / Agriculture Ministry, Uruguay	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)	Government of Uruguay	AgD	Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay. Activity combined with Panama (see below).	
16-Oct-00	17-Oct-00	<u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u> Technical mission National Trade Policy Review Missions, with special emphasis on needs assessment for technical assistance activities	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund (T0037)		TCD	Activity combined with Saint Lucia.	
16-Oct-00	18-Oct-00	<u>Panama</u> National seminar on the SPS Agreement with the cooperation of a representative from the Codex Alimentarius. Topics covered include an introduction to the WTO and the SPS Agreement, the work of the SPS Committee, and the SPS Disputes. Panamanian experts presented examples of risk assessment.	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		AgD	Activity combined with Uruguay (see above)	
16-Oct-00	17-Oct-00	<u>Barbados</u> Technical mission Special Agricultural safeguard, Domestic support, Tariff quotas, STEs, Notifications.	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		AgD		
18-Oct-00	19-Oct-00	<u>Saint Lucia</u> Technical mission National Trade Policy Review Missions, with special emphasis on needs assessment for technical assistance activities	WTO	United Kingdom Trust Fund (T0037)		TCD	Activity combined with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.	

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18-Oct-00	18-Oct-00	<u>Colombia</u> Conference Two videoconferences that were part of a national seminar for the private sector on "Trends in International Services Trade": (a) The GATS and the on-going negotiations; (b) Latin America and the WTO (keynote speech)	WTO / Colombian Ministry of Foreign Trade	WTO Telephone budget		DDG, TSD	Colombia (over 100 participants, mostly from the private sector)	
18-Oct-00	20-Oct-00	<u>United States of America</u> Regional seminar Conducted a negotiations seminar on Trade in Services and Tariffs. Lectures were given on the following WTO Agreements: Trade in Services, Agriculture and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	WTO / UNITAR	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Developing countries with missions in New York. Some capital-based officials.	
23-Oct-00	27-Oct-00	<u>Jamaica</u> Regional workshop Sub-regional workshop on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Agriculture: market access, domestic support, export subsidies, NFIDCs decision, notifications	FAO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)	FAO	AgD	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago	
25-Oct-00	26-Oct-00	<u>Mexico</u> Regional seminar To lecture on WTO and Developing Countries focussing primarily on Special and Differential Treatment	Gartner Group	WTO/TC (Regular Budget) for 20% DSA	Organizers	TCD, TSD	Developing countries. Activity combined with the United States (see above).	
25-Oct-00	27-Oct-00	<u>Chile</u> Regional seminar Meetings with Deputy Executive Secretary, ECLAC and other senior officials on issues of external transparency and civil society participation in the FTAA process; and participation in the Expert Seminar on "Economic, Social and Legal Measures to Combat Racism with particular reference to Vulnerable Groups".	High Commissioner for Human Rights / ECLAC	Sweden Trust Fund (T0036)		ExRD	Latin American and Caribbean countries.	
30-Oct-00	31-Oct-00	<u>Saint Lucia</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre for the OECS	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)	OECS	TCD	Member countries of the OECS (7): Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & Grenadines	

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
02-Nov-00	03-Nov-00	<u>Peru</u> National workshop Trade and Environment and the Agreement on TBT	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		TED	Activity combined with Argentina (see below).	
06-Nov-00	08-Nov-00	<u>Argentina</u> Regional seminar Trade and Environment for Latin American countries	WTO	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		TED	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela	146
08-Nov-00	09-Nov-00	<u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u> Technical mission National Trade Policy Review Mission, with a special emphasis on needs assessment for technical assistance activities	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TCD	Activity combined with two other TPR missions (see below).	
09-Nov-00	10-Nov-00	<u>Colombia</u> Colloquium ECLAC consultations on Financing Development	ECLAC	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TPRD		
13-Nov-00	14-Nov-00	<u>Antigua and Barbuda</u> Technical mission National Trade Policy Review Mission, with a special emphasis on needs assessment for technical assistance activities	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TCD, TPR		
15-Nov-00	16-Nov-00	<u>Dominica</u> Technical mission National Trade Policy Review Mission, with a special emphasis on needs assessment for technical assistance activities	WTO	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		TCD, TPR		
25-Nov-00	05-Dec-00	<u>Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Brazil</u> Symposium Official travel	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		DGOff.		
27-Nov-00	29-Nov-00	<u>Argentina</u> Regional seminar Participation at the INTAL Seminar on Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean. INTAL/WTO Joint Report on activities 1997-2000. Consultations on INTAL/WTO Work Programme for 2001 on joint technical assistance activities.	INTAL	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)		TCD	Latin American and Caribbean countries	

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05-Dec-00	06-Dec-00	<u>Mexico</u> Regional seminar Delivering Keynote - opening speech on the WTO Work Programme on Electronic Commerce	WTO / OAS / University of Guadalajara Faculty of Law	Netherlands Trust Fund (TNL03)	OAS	TCD	Latin American and Caribbean countries.	

ANNEX 2.e
ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST (35)

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
18-Jan-00	20-Jan-00	<u>Jordan</u> National workshop Agreement on Agriculture; technical aspects of accession, including comparison of commitments with other acceding countries; Safeguards Agreement; WTO in general	GTZ and Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture	WTO/TC (Agriculture budget)	GTZ - German Agency for Technical Cooperation	AgD		
23-Jan-00	26-Jan-00	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> National seminar Developing skills for Multilateral Trade Negotiations	WTO	No cost for WTO	Government of Saudi Arabia	TCD		210
24-Jan-00	25-Jan-00	<u>Oman</u> National workshop Notification requirements for Government officials	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		
06-Feb-00	07-Feb-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Technical mission Implementation of the General Agreement on Trade in Services - GATS	WTO	No cost for WTO	Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry	TSD		
06-Feb-00	06-Feb-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> National seminar Electronic Commerce and the WTO	UNDP / Datamatix	No cost for WTO	Organizers	TSD		
07-Feb-00	09-Feb-00	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> National seminar Electronic Commerce, Telecommunications and the WTO - Trade in Services, Foreign Direct Investment	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	No cost for WTO	Government of Saudi Arabia	TCD		206/214
04-Mar-00	09-Mar-00	<u>Kuwait</u> Conference Industries and Trade Unions Conference	International Investment Forum	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		ERAD		
07-Mar-00	07-Mar-00	<u>Lebanon</u> National seminar The TRIPS Agreement and the WTO.	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		

Technical Assistance Activities		Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference	
28-Mar-00	29-Mar-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Regional seminar "Food safety Policy Systems - The GCC and the International Market Place": Implementation of the Agreements on Agriculture, SPS and TBT for Gulf countries	WTO / ESCWA Secretariat	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates	
03-Apr-00	04-Apr-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Regional seminar Services Negotiation for Arab and Middle Eastern countries - First day: lecture on the impact of GATS on trade and development; the principal structure of the Agreement; current commitments in individual sectors. Second day: discussion of scheduling questions, work on GATS rules; electronic commerce; outlook on new services round.	WTO / UNDP / Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Participating countries	TSD	Jordan, Oman, Palestine, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.	
10-Apr-00	12-Apr-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> National seminar Specific WTO Agreements: Introduction to the WTO, Dispute Settlement, Agreements on Trade Contingency Measures, TRIPS, TRIMS, training on WTO internet resources	UNDP / Faculty of Business and Economics	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD	Eight participants.	
10-Apr-00	12-Apr-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre in Abu Dhabi	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of the United Arab Emirates	IMRD, ID	Four participants.	
15-Apr-00	17-Apr-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Technical mission Training on the establishment of a WTO Reference Centre in Dubai	WTO	No cost for WTO	Government of the United Arab Emirates	IMRD, ID		
16-Apr-00	16-Apr-00	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> Symposium Round Table: Conformity with WTO Rules and creating public awareness	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Islamic Development Bank	TCD		208
30-Apr-00	01-May-00	<u>Oman</u> National seminar Specific WTO Agreements: WTO and the Multilateral Trading System - Sultan-Qaboos University	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TCD		

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
22-May-00	24-May-00	<u>Jordan</u> Technical mission Training on the Establishment of a WTO Reference Centre	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of Jordan	IMRD, TCD	Ten participants.	
23-May-00	24-May-00	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> Symposium Customs Unions and Free-Trade zones	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of Saudi Arabia	DD		207
30-May-00	01-Jun-00	<u>Jordan</u> Technical mission Government Procurement	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		IPD		
05-Jun-00	06-Jun-00	<u>Jordan</u> National workshop Implementation process on TBT and SPS: A two day seminar on the TBT and SPS for officials from the Trade, Health and Agriculture Ministries, as well as meetings with key policy makers. Topics covered include (1) a brief introduction to WTO; (2) main provisions of the SPS and TBT Agreements - Members' rights and obligations; (3) which agreement applies where?; (4) Implementation - the first 5 years: benefits, problems and challenges; (5) disputes under the two agreements; and (6) current issues	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		AgD		
12-Jun-00	13-Jun-00	<u>Lebanon</u> Conference Privatisation and Liberalisation of Middle Eastern and North African Telecommunications	IBC Global Conferences Limited	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		
12-Jun-00	14-Jun-00	<u>Oman</u> National seminar Trade in Services and Investment: explaining the theoretical basis for international trade, the fundamental principles of the WTO, and providing an overview of the Uruguay Round Agreements. A significant amount of time was spent on the accession process of the WTO given the fact that Oman was in the process of acceding to the WTO	WTO	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of Oman	ERAD, AccD, TCD		

Technical Assistance Activities			Organiser	Funding	Other funding	Division	Comments (e.g. participating countries, number of participants, combined activities)	COMTD Reference
09-Jul-00	10-Jul-00	<u>Jordan</u> Conference Review Meeting of Arab States - "WTO: Mandate and Role in the Arab Region"	UNDP Jordan	No cost for WTO	UNDP Jordan	TCD		
03-Sep-00	06-Sep-00	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> National seminar Dispute Settlement; Anti-dumping Practices and Safeguards	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	IsDB	ApB		209
24-Sep-00	27-Sep-00	<u>Lebanon</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre for the Ministry of Economy and Trade	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)	Government of Lebanon	IMRD,	Activity combined with the activity below. Ten participants.	
28-Sep-00	30-Sep-00	<u>Lebanon</u> Technical mission Establishment of WTO Reference Centre for ESCWA	WTO	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		IMRD, TCD	Activity combined with the activity above. Three participants.	
07-Oct-00	08-Oct-00	<u>Kuwait</u> National seminar WTO Agreements: GATS-TRIMs-SPS-TBT-Subsidies-Dispute settlement.	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund (T0030)		TCD		
07-Oct-00	25-Oct-00	<u>Qatar</u> Training course Three-week Trade Policy Course for GCC member countries	WTO / Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	No cost for WTO	IsDB	TED, MAccD, LegD, TSD, AgD	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates	
09-Oct-00	11-Oct-00	<u>Kuwait</u> Technical mission on customs valuation. A consultant presented case studies and practical knowledge to complement the theoretical explanations of the provisions of the Agreement on Customs Valuation.	WTO	Switzerland Trust Fund (T0030)		MAccD		
24-Oct-00	25-Oct-00	<u>Cyprus</u> Conference Participate in a conference covering all the services areas under the GATS	ITC	Denmark Trust Fund (TDK02)		TSD	Developing countries and emerging economies from the Mediterranean Basin, Middle East, CIS countries and Eastern Europe	187
28-Oct-00	01-Nov-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> Conference Information Technology and the WTO	GITEX 2000	No cost for WTO	Organizers	IMRD		

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30-Oct-00	31-Oct-00	<u>Saudi Arabia</u> National seminar WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices	WTO / ITC / Government of Saudi Arabia	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)	Government of Saudi Arabia	LegD		
08-Nov-00	10-Nov-00	<u>Lebanon</u> National seminar Electronic Commerce	WTO / UNESCWA	Sweden Trust Fund (TSE02)		TSD		
13-Nov-00	14-Nov-00	<u>United Arab Emirates</u> National workshop Trade in Services	WTO / Ministry of Commerce and Industry	No cost for WTO	Government of the United Arab Emirates	TSD		
14-Nov-00	16-Nov-00	<u>Lebanon</u> Regional seminar Lecture on SPS Agreement. Discussion of developments in the SPS area. Impact of SPS in trade of animals and animal products in the Middle East.	Lebanese Veterinary Association	Finland Trust Fund (TFI01)		AgD	Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	
22-Nov-00	22-Nov-00	<u>Cyprus</u> National seminar GATS Seminar on Services liberalization and new WTO Negotiations, organized by the employers and industrialists Federation and the Cyprus Planning Bureau (Ministry of Finance).	Ministry of Finance	WTO/TC (Regular Budget)		TSD		

ANNEX 3

TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES¹³

Bangladesh - National Seminar - 20/25 January 2000	Bartoli G.	WTO/Core Agencies: ITC, UNCTAD, UNDP, IMF, World Bank
Kiribati – National Seminar for Government Officials and private sector - 25/26 January 2000	Krommenacker R. – Gomez Toran P.	WTO
Mali – ECOWAS/WAEMU Symposium - 28/29 January 2000	Osakwe C.	ECOWAS/WAEMU
Nepal – Technical mission on Accessions – 28 January – 3 February 2000	Millan H.	WTO
Mauritania – National Symposium on External Trade – 29 January – 1 February 2000	Fortin J.M.	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC/UNDP
Benin – Technical mission on Implementation – 29 January – 2 February 2000	Tourette G. - JITAP	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Burkina Faso – Technical mission on Implementation – 03/07 February 2000	Tourette G. - JITAP	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Togo – Symposium on trade liberalization and food safety – 07/08 February 2000	Fall M.	SADAOC
Solomon Islands – National Seminar on trade negotiations simulations – IF – 14/18 February 2000	Gomez Toran P. – Liontas A.	WTO
Burkina Faso – Training Course for French-speaking countries of the IsDB – 14 February – 3 March 2000	Kulacoglu V. – Fortin J.M – Fall M. – Crawford J. – Keck A. – Cherif M. – Latrille P. – Cossy M. – Kennedy M. – Evans G. – Hainsworth S. – Czako J. – Davel Y.	WTO/Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
Belgium (for Chad) – Installation of Reference Centre for the permanent mission of Chad in Brussels – 28/29 February 2000	Marchese S. – Cherif M.	WTO
Belgium (for Benin) – Installation of Reference Centre for the permanent mission of Benin in Brussels – 1 March 2000	Marchese S. – Cherif M.	WTO
Sudan – National Seminar on TRIPs – 04/10 March 2000	Luanga M. – Gappah P.	WTO
Geneva – Symposium on the LDCs – IF – 9 March 2000	Mr. Touray	WTO
Ethiopia – OAU Council Ministers – 09/10 March 2000	Ouedraogo A.	OAU
Geneva – 16 th Dispute Settlement Course – 21/24 March 2000	Krommenacker R. – Kessie E.	WTO
Uganda (Kampala) – Technical mission for trade Session of the Consultative Group – 21/24 March 2000	Bartoli G.	WTO/World Bank

¹³ Organized by
1=WTO
2=joint organizers
3=invitations

Uganda (Entebbe) – Regional Seminar for JITAP – 21/24 March 2000	Honeck D. - JITAP	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Ethiopia – Regional workshop for the 3 rd UN Conference on LDCs – 27/31 March 2000	Osakwe C.	UNCTAD/ECA
Bangladesh - Regional seminar on TBT – 27/31 March 2000	Pulat M.	Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)/ITC
Benin – Regional Seminar on Services and International transportation – 28/29 March 2000	Aboutahir L.	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Belgium (for Niger) – Installation of Reference Centre for the Permanent Mission of Niger in Brussels – 29 March 2000		WTO
Benin – National Syposium – 30/31 March 2000	Aboutahir L. – Degbelo J.	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Ethiopia – Training on the installation of Reference Centre for ECA – 03/04 April 2000	Allembly B. – Ni Bhriain L.	WTO/ECA
Mali – National workshops on GATS, TRIPS, TBT – 03/07 April 2000	Trolliet C. – Magalhaes J.	WTO
Ethiopia – Training on the installation of Reference Centre for OAU – 05/06 April 2000	Allembly B. – Ni Bhriain L.	WTO/OAU
Tanzania – Assistance to Customs – 17/21 April 2000	Manga-Massina A. - JITAP	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Tanzania – National Seminar – 18/19 April 2000	Fortin J.M - JITAP	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Tanzania – Technical mission: support to MTS institutions – 20 April 2000	Fortin J.M - JITAP	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Zambia - Training on the installation of Reference Centre – 27/28 April 2000	Werner H. – Allembly B.	WTO/COMESA
Malawi - IF – Technical mission on implementation – 8/12 May 2000	W.Chatsika (IF 0013)	WTO/COMMONWEALTH
Uganda – Regional seminar on Trade remedies 9/12 May 2000	JITAP - J.Kreier (JITAP 0039)	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Djibouti – Installation of reference centre at IGAD secretariat. – 11/12 May 2000	L.Ople - Ni Bhriain (Ref 0028)	WTO/IGAD
Côte d'Ivoire - Regional seminar on agriculture and SPS - 16/17 May 2000	J. Magalhaes	WTO/France
Tanzania – National symposium - 18/19 May 2000	JITAP -J.M.Fortin (JITAP 0045)	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Ethiopia – Visit to OAU and ECA - 14/16 May 2000	A.Ouedraogo - C.Osakwe	WTO/OAU/ECA
Ethiopia – National seminar on Accessions - 21/26 May 2000	C.Adrian - J.M.Fortin (IF0020)	WTO
Burkina Faso - Regional seminar on Trade remedies 23/26 May 2000	G.Tourette - L.Aboutahir - JITAP (JITAP 0040)	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Burkina Faso - Installation of reference centre in UEMOA - 25/26 May 2000	E.Sesar Lauraux - L.Giraud (Ref0023)	WTO/UEMOA
Nepal – Conference on Electronic Commerce -30/31 May 2000	L.Tuthill (NPL003)	UNCTAD
Lesotho – Symposium on Trade negotiating forum on Trade in services. - 6/7 June 2000	C.Gamberale (IF0060)	CAPAS/SADC
Kenya – Regional seminar on TRIPs - 7-9 June 2000	- JITAP - H.Wager	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Geneva – Regional seminar on SPS for LDcs -12 June 2000	E.Wijkstrom - (AGD005)	WTO
Côte d'Ivoire - Regional seminar on TRIPs - 13/16 June 2000	JITAP - M.Tankoano -M.Kennedy	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC

Burkina Faso - Seminar on regional integration and government procurement - 27/29 June 2000	JITAP - G.Tourette - J.M.Fortin (JITAP0044)	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
New York - IAWG - 21/22 June 2000	C.Osakwe. P.Low- M.Oshikawa (USA008)	WTO
New York - Colloquium IF - 4/7 July 2000	C.Osakwe. P.Low- M.Oshikawa (USA009)	WTO
Kenya - JITAP Implementation Committee 2/4 July 2000	JITAP - J.M.Fortin	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Geneva - 17 th Dispute Settlement course (11 LDCs sponsored) - 4/7 July 2000	E.Kessie - W.Chatsika (DSU002)	WTO
Tanzania – Regional workshop on regional integration 4/7 July 2000	JITAP - L.Aboutahir (JITAP0043)	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Gabon – Regional workshop for French-speaking African countries on Trade and Environment - 11/13 July 2000	J.Vigano. F.Vargas	WTO
Togo – Session of the Council of Ministers of OAU - 6/12 July 2000	A.Ouedraogo - M.Luanga (TG001)	OAU
Madagascar - TPRM mission - 17/20 July 2000	J.M.Fortin (TPR004)	WTO
Mozambique -TPRM mission - 23/27 July 2000	J.M.Fortin (TPR005)	WTO
New York - Preparatory Committee for the Third Conference on LDCs -24/28 July 2000	C.Osakwe (USA0010)	WTO
Cambodia – Trade negotiations simulation seminar - 7/11 August 2000	G.Tourette - A.Liontas (IF0025)	WTO
Ghana – Conference on ECOWAS and the WTO - 7-9 August 2000	E.Kessie	WTO/ECOWAS
Comoros – Installation of reference centre - 4/7 September 2000	G.Tourette- S.Raffourt (REF0034)	WTO
Myanmar – Trade negotiations simulations - 11/15 September 2000	A.Liontas - R.Krommenacker	WTO
Samoa - Technical Mission on Accession - September 9/20 August 2000	P.Williams (IF0031)	WTO
Mauritania - IF mission - 17/19 September 2000	J.M.Fortin	WTO
Washington – IAWG - 12/18 September 2000	C.Osakwe - P.Low - M.Oshikawa	WTO
Tanzania – Customs valuation seminar - 24/29 September 2000	D.Tyler	WTO
Buthan - National seminar - 27 /29 September 2000	H.Millan - S.Mathur - P.Rinchen IF0024)	WTO
Angola – National seminar – 25/28 September 2000	J.M.Fortin	WTO
Brussels – Installation of Reference Centers Burkina Faso and Niger Embassy - 3/6 October 2000	G.Tourette . I.Ortiz(Ref0032)	WTO
Thailand – Regional workshop on the TBT Agreement - 10/11 October 2000	A.Gamboa-Alder	WTO
South Africa - Regional seminar for LDCs on rules implementation - 17/20 October 2000	I.Wosnowski, S.Ainsworth; G.Carroz	WTO
Cameroon – CEMAC Regional seminar - 16/19 October 2000	G.Tourette . W.Alfaro	CEMAC/OAU/ECA
Geneva – IIIrd Short Trade Policy Course - 16 October - 3 November 2000		WTO
Cambodia - Joint IF mission - 21/29 October 2000	M.Oshikawa	WTO/Core Agencies: ITC, UNDP, UNCTAD, IMF, World Bank
Geneva – Geneva Week for non-residents – 23/26 October 2000		WTO
Uganda – Regional seminar on legal implementation - 23/27 October 2000	JITAP - J.M.Fortin	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC

Zambia – COMESA Summit - 30/31 October 2000	A.Ouedraogo	WTO/COMESA
Cameroon - ECA Seminar on external trade matters - 5/9 November 2000	G.Tourette	WTO/ECA/OAU
Yemen – Technical mission on Accession - participation at UNCTAD symposium on trade and Investment - 6-9 November 2000	C.Adrian - S.Mathur	WTO/UNCTAD
Niger – UNDP Roundtable for private sector - 7/9 November 2000	J.M Fortin	WTO/UNDP
Buthan - Roundtable meeting - 4/13 November 2000	M.Oshikawa	WTO
Ethiopia - Conference .32 nd General Assembly of the African Airlines Association . 27/28 November 2000	P.Latrilie (ETH005)	ECA/OAU
Bangladesh - Technical assistance mission - 18/23 November 2000	M.Mannan	WTO
Sudan – Technical mission for Accession - 18/22 November 2000	C.Adrian	WTO
Ethiopia - ECA Conference on preparation of the IIIrd UN Conference on LDCs - 15/17 November 2000	J.M.Fortin	WTO/ECA/OAU
Ethiopia – ECA Conference of African Finance Ministers -19/20 November 2000	C.Osakwe	WTO/ECA/OAU
Namibia – SPS Regional seminar for SADC countries.- 20/22 November 2000	J.Magalhaes	WTO/SADC
Geneva - Chad UNDP Roundtable - 21/23 November 2000	G.Tourette - J.M.Fortin (No cost)	UNDP
Canada – Visit to CIDA -. 27 November 2000	C.Osakwe	WTO
Uganda – National conference on Trade policy - 29/30 November 2000	C.Osakwe	USAID
Nepal – Regional workshop on agriculture. 27 November – 1 December 2000	J.Finn (AGD007)	FAO
Cameroon – Regional workshop on negotiations in Agriculture - 4/8 December 2000	M.Fall	FAO
Kenya – Regional Workshop on regionalization and trade - 6/8 December 2000	JITAP - J.M.Fortin	WTO/UNCTAD/ITC
Paris - 2 nd Meeting of French-speaking countries - 12/13 December 2000	J.M.Fortin	AIF
Mali - 24 Ordinary Session of Heads of States of ECOWAS - 15/16 December 2000	G.Tourette - A.Ouedraogo	ECOWAS