

Committee on Trade and Environment

**ITEM 4: PROVISIONS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM WITH RESPECT
TO THE TRANSPARENCY OF TRADE MEASURES USED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PURPOSES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES AND REQUIREMENTS,
WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANT TRADE EFFECTS**

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Note by the Secretariat

Corrigendum

Paragraph 40, which contains an excerpt from Canada's Trade Policy Review (TPR), should be revised to read as follows:²

40. The Secretariat TPR of Canada (WT/TPR/S/78) notes that Canada was a participant in the negotiations to conclude the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and will be affected by its framework of rules and obligations upon ratification. On the conclusion of the negotiations on the Protocol in Montreal on 29 January, the Minister of Environment stated that "This agreement meets the challenge of establishing effective science-based risk assessment and regulatory regimes while respecting the concerns of the developing world. Canada recognises the right of every country to restrict the import of LMOs that would harm its biodiversity. That is why Canada supports the precautionary approach, which allows nations to take action even in the absence of full scientific certainty."

¹ In English only.

² This revision is being made to reflect the contents of an already issued corrigendum on Canada's TPR (document WT/TPR/S/78/Corr.1, dated 4 December 2000).