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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM
DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS

Addendum

New Zealand

At its meeting of 24 May 1995, the Council for TRIPS agreed to invite each developed country Member to provide information on its technical and financial cooperation programmes in the area of intellectual property relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement (IP/C/M/2, paragraph 53).

By means of a communication from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand, dated 21 August 1995, the Government of New Zealand has submitted, in response, information on its technical and financial cooperation programmes. This addendum reproduces this information.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON TRIPS

INFORMATION FROM NEW ZEALAND

1. In accordance with Article 67 of the TRIPS Agreement, the Council for TRIPS has requested that developed country Members provide a description of their technical and financial cooperation programmes in the area of intellectual property rights relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.
2. New Zealand does not currently have a *specific* programme of technical and financial cooperation in the area of intellectual property rights.
3. New Zealand could, however, consider requests for bilateral assistance in the area of intellectual property rights from developing countries both with respect to specific intellectual property rights or with respect to projects where the development of intellectual property rights is part of a more comprehensive project. Such requests may be in the context of bilateral development assistance and, in particular, regional development assistance programmes which New Zealand currently operates. These programmes are strongly focused on the South Pacific and South, South East and North East Asia. Alternatively, New Zealand assistance can be made available under multilateral agency auspices.
4. An example of the type of bilateral development assistance for which New Zealand could consider requests would be for individuals to spend a few days in New Zealand's Plant Variety Rights Office and/or the Patents, Trademarks and Designs Office for familiarization with the way in which these offices operate.
5. New Zealand notes that it has had a small number of requests in the past, both of a bilateral and multilateral nature, to assist in the area of the development of intellectual property rights and has responded positively to these requests. Examples of this type of assistance are that New Zealand has recently completed a bilateral trade assistance project on plant variety rights and, in 1991, jointly hosted with WIPO a South Pacific industrial property licensing seminar.