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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Addendum

ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The present document reproduces the updated information on technical and financial cooperation activities relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, which has been received from the OECD by means of a communication, dated 22 September 1999.

You will recall that we provided some information to your predecessor, Ambassador Major, in July 1998, concerning the preparation by the Working Party of the Trade Committee of a report on Intellectual Property Practices of OECD countries in the field of biotechnology. The report, covering patent examination practices related to biotechnology inventions; patent enforcement issues related to patented inventions; and plant variety protection issues relevant to plant inventions, was derestricted in February 1999. It is now available to the public, together with the country responses that served as a basis for preparing the report, on our website at <http://www.oecd.org/ech/docs/bio.htm>. It has also been made available to the TRIPS Council on the occasion of your recent discussion of Article 27.3(b).
