

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
INFORMATION FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS**

Addendum

NEW ZEALAND

The present document reproduces the updated information on New Zealand's technical and financial cooperation activities relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, which has been received from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand by means of a communication dated 11 November 2002.

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1. Article 67 of the TRIPS Agreement provides that "developed country Members shall provide, on request and on mutually agreed terms and conditions, technical and financial cooperation in favour of developing and least-developed country Members... [this] shall include assistance in the preparation of laws and regulations on the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights as well as the prevention of their abuse, and shall include support regarding the establishment or reinforcement of domestic offices and agencies relevant to these matters, including the training of personnel".
 2. The New Zealand Agency for International Development has provided comprehensive training in trade issues, including trade-related aspects of intellectual property, in a number of developing and least-developed countries, including in the 2001/02 financial year, Laos PDR, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Mongolia, Lesotho, East Timor, Tonga, China, in the Pacific Region and within APEC.
 3. The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand also provides technical assistance, on request, to help developing and least-developed countries to establish intellectual property offices. In the past IPONZ has helped to train officers, and provided equipment for, the Tongan intellectual property office.
 4. In addition, the New Zealand Government (the Ministry for Economic Development) recently hosted a group of copyright officials from China, as part of a study tour focused on the implementation of intellectual property legislation and enforcement.
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