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## **TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

At its meeting of 4-5 June 2003, the Council for TRIPS agreed to invite intergovernmental organization observers to the Council to update the information on their technical and financial cooperation activities relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

The present document reproduces the information which has been received from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) by means of a communication dated 11 September 2003.

Communications from other intergovernmental organizations will be circulated as addenda to this document.

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**Communication of Mr. Jean-Marie Metzger, Director, Trade Directorate**

Paris, 11 September 2003

Dear Ambassador Menon,

Thank you for your letter of 26 August 2003 requesting information on any technical and financial cooperation programmes of the OECD relating to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement. While the OECD has a range of activities underway relating to intellectual property rights and relevant to the TRIPS S Agreement, we have not separately targeted implementation of the Agreement as the specific focus of technical co-operation. The OECD does not operate financial co-operation programmes related to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

One project that I would like to highlight, however, concerns a workshop on "Intellectual Property Rights and Development in China" that we have scheduled for 2004 in Beijing. This workshop will highlight the OECD experience concerning the increasing importance of IPR policies in promoting technological transfer and innovation in order to enhance social and economic growth in a knowledge-based economy. Naturally, this type of activity is a complement to the strategy of the Chinese Government to "revitalise the nation through science and education" and to strengthen its IPR regime in line with the TRIPS Agreement.

Links to information on a number of other OECD activities related to intellectual property rights can be found on the OECD web site at [www.oecd.org/sti/ipr](http://www.oecd.org/sti/ipr).

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