

**REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2
OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

CZECH REPUBLIC

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 October 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Decision on Implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement.

Pursuant to the Decision of the Council for TRIPS of 19 February 2003 (IP/C/28), developed country Members are required to submit annually reports on actions taken or planned in pursuance of their commitments under Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement.

The Czech Republic provides financial incentives to enterprises and institutions in its territory in order to promote and encourage technology transfer to least-developed country Members in the framework of the Development Aid Programme. This report lists concrete actual projects of the Development Aid, most of which have continued from previous years.

Projects of Development Aid realized in Least-Developed Countries:

- Bangladesh: assistance in overhaul and modernisation of the steam power plant Chittagong (1998–2004), realized by the Škodaexport company (under responsibility of the Ministry of Industry and Trade);
- Zambia: assistance in establishment of health-care centre and training medical centre in Lusaca, delivery of Czech experts and equipment (2000-2004), realized by the Ministry of Health/Rotary Club Prague (under responsibility of the Ministry of Health);
- Zambia: geological prospecting of mineralisation in the copper area, including assessment of environmental impacts of old copper mining (2001-2003), realized by the Czech Geological Survey (under responsibility of the Ministry of Environment);
- Burkina Faso: assessment of waste gold resources, including their possible further utilisation (2003-2005), realized by the Czech Geological Survey (under responsibility of the Ministry of Environment);

- Ethiopia: hydrological prospecting and research of water resources focused on arid areas, training of local experts (2001-2005), realized by the Aquatest company (under responsibility of the Ministry of Environment).
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