

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

NEW ZEALAND

The following communication, dated 31 August 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of New Zealand.

This submission updates information on New Zealand's technical assistance activities relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

1. Article 67 of the TRIPS Agreement provides that "developed country Members shall provide, on request and on mutually agreed terms and conditional, 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 (NZAID) has provided training in trade issues, including trade-related aspects of intellectual property, in a number of developing and least-developed countries in 2003/04, primarily focused on Lao PDR, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Myanmar, the Pacific Region and within APEC. NZAID has offered technical assistance to the Secretariat of the South Pacific Community for the implementation of the Regional Framework on Traditional Knowledge and Expressions of Culture of Pacific Nations.
 3. The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) provides technical assistance on request to developing and least-developed countries to assist in establishing intellectual property offices. In the past IPONZ has helped to train officers and provided equipment, although there were no requests for assistance in 2003/04.
 4. IPONZ also co-ordinated the attendance of a New Zealand speaker at a Workshop on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights organised by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in partnership with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, in Fiji in July 2004.
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