

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 16 September 1997.

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1. The Council for TRIPS has requested an update from developed country Members of their technical and financial cooperation programmes in the area of intellectual property rights relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.
 2. New Zealand does not currently have a *specific* programme of technical and financial cooperation in the area of intellectual property rights.
 3. New Zealand does, however, consider requests for bilateral assistance in the area of intellectual property rights from developing country partners under its Official Development Assistance programme (NZODA). Such requests may be in the context of bilateral or regional development assistance programmes which New Zealand currently operates. These programmes are focussed on the Pacific Island States and the developing countries of East and South-East Asia.
 4. In June 1997, New Zealand hosted a Commonwealth regional seminar for Pacific Island Countries on legal issues arising from the Uruguay Round Agreements, which included a full day programme on the TRIPS Agreement covering matters such as implementing legislation and enforcement. The seminar was attended by 14 participants from nine Pacific Island Countries and presentations were made by New Zealand and Australian officials, as well as a representative from the African Regional Industrial Property Office and a consultant from Vanuatu.