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REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 27.3(b)

Information from Members

Addendum

SLOVENIA

The present document represents the information requested by the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights which the Secretariat has received from Slovenia, by means of a communication from its Permanent Mission, dated 15 February 1999.

1. In May 1997, Slovenia made a supplementary notification to the TRIPS Council which, *inter alia*, contains the following explanatory note:

"Protection of plant varieties is available through patent protection, as provided for in the Slovenian Law on Industrial Property, especially by virtue of Article 12 of the said Law. By this, Slovenia meets the requirements for the protection of plant varieties, in accordance with Article 27.3(b) of the TRIPS Agreement."

2. It should be further noted that the Slovenian Law on Industrial Property (LIP) does not exclude plants and animals from patentability.

3. Slovenia also wishes to inform the TRIPS Council that it has acceded to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Micro-organisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, which came into effect on 12 March 1998.
