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GENERAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT (2021)

Addendum

The present Addendum to the Annual Report of 2021 sets out the action taken by the General Council at its meeting in December 2021. The minutes of this meeting, which remain the record of the General Council's work, is contained in document WT/GC/M/195.

1 REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE BALI DECISION ON TRQ ADMINISTRATION – EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR A DECISION ON PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE UNDERFILL MECHANISM (WT/GC/M/195)

1.1. At a special meeting held on <u>15 December</u>, the Chair recalled that, in light of the postponement of MC12, the CoA Chair had convened an Informal open-ended meeting of the Committee on Agriculture on 7 December to consult with Members on the way forward. The CoA Chair then informed the Chair that Members had seemed to be agreeable to an exceptional three-month extension of the deadline – that was, up to 31 March 2022. After being requested by the CoA Chair to assist in seeking the General Council's endorsement of this matter, the Chair reached out to Members. As such, the Chair sent a communication on 9 December in this regard. At the request of a Member, a Special General Council meeting was convened to take action on the matter. During the meeting, the representatives of the United States and the European Union spoke. The General Council then agreed to the exceptional extension of the deadline for a decision on Paragraph 4 of the Underfill Mechanism until 31 March 2022.

2 OTHER BUSINESS (WT/GC/M/195)

2.1. At the special <u>15 December</u> meeting, the representative of the European Union made a statement under Other Business. The representative of China spoke. The General Council took note of the statements.