



## WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

### REPORT (2014) BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Pursuant to the 2013 Ministerial Decision<sup>1</sup> instructing the General Council, *inter alia*, to hold periodic reviews on the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce in its sessions of July and December 2014 and July 2015 on the basis of the reports submitted by the WTO bodies entrusted with the implementation of the Work Programme, the Council for Trade in Goods agreed, at its meeting on 17 November 2014, that I should, under my own responsibility as Chairperson, make the following factual report to the General Council.

The Council for Trade in Goods, pursuant to the Ministerial mandate to the WTO bodies to continue substantially reinvigorating the positive work under the Work Programme, especially under the initiatives taken in relation to commercial issues, development, and evolving technology, and to explore appropriate mechanisms to address the relationship between electronic commerce and development in a focused and comprehensive manner, addressed the issue of the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce at its meetings of 9 April, 19 June, and 17 November 2014.

At these meetings, the Chairpersons invited delegations to express their opinions and to make suggestions as to how to work on the preparation of the periodic reviews to be held in the General Council at its sessions of July and December 2014, and July 2015. However, at these meetings no delegation made suggestions as to how the work on the preparation of the periodic reviews should be addressed.

In accordance with the Bali mandate, the Council for Trade in Goods will continue to include the issue of the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce on the agenda so as to allow delegations further opportunity to express their opinions and to make suggestions as to how to work on the preparation of the periodic review to be held in the General Council at its session of July 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Document WT/L/907.