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Council for Trade in Goods

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
11 MAY 2017**

CHAIRPERSON: H.E. MR. KYONGLIM CHOI (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)

Addendum

In a fax dated Tuesday, 9 May 2017, addressed to all Heads of Delegations, the Chairperson announced that the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG) would reconvene its meeting on Thursday, 11 May 2017, to deal with Agenda Item No. 3 in WTO/AIR/CTG/7 and G/C/W/737, "Appointment of Officers to the Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods".

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

3.1. The Chairperson reminded delegations that, at the last CTG meeting, on 6 April 2017, the interim Chairperson had announced the suspension of Agenda Item No. 3 concerning the "Appointment of Officers to the Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods" given the departure of Ambassador Hamish McCormick, Chairman of the Council, and the lack of agreement at the General Council level with regard to the next Chairperson of this Council and the other WTO bodies. Therefore, the consultation process for the appointment of the chairpersons of subsidiary bodies of the Goods Council had not taken place at that time.

3.2. The Chairperson also reminded delegations that the Guidelines for the Appointment of Officers to WTO bodies contained in document WT/L/510, adopted by the General Council on 10 December 2002, provided that the Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods would conduct consultations on the appointment of the chairpersons of its subsidiary bodies. Additionally, document JOB/GC/22, considered by the General Council on 27 July 2012, indicated that Group Coordinators should be involved in this process at an early stage. He also recalled that, on this occasion, he had proceeded in accordance with the approach adopted by the General Council during its consultation process for the appointment of chairpersons to the WTO bodies for 2017, and had met on several occasions with the Group Coordinators.

3.3. On 7 April 2017, all Members and Group Coordinators had been informed that he would be accepting proposals for candidates to chair the subsidiary bodies of the CTG. The consultations that he had carried out on this matter in the intervening period consisted of meetings with Group Coordinators and bilateral consultations with delegations that had expressed an interest in the consultation process. As per the procedures, he had also coordinated with the Services Council Chair.

3.4. Overall, this had not been an easy task but, based on the proposals and suggestions from Group Coordinators and Members that had responded to his call, he had prepared a slate of names for the Chairpersonship of the respective bodies of the CTG for 2017. This list was first communicated to Group Coordinators on Monday, 8 May, with a deadline provided until Tuesday, 9 May, 3 p.m., for any reservations. In the absence of reservations by the deadline set he had sent a fax reconvening the CTG and informing Members of the slate of names.

3.5. He also recalled that, before the start of this reconvened meeting, he had held an informal open-ended meeting on the proposed slate of names that had been circulated to Members. At this informal meeting, the proposed slate had been accepted by Members. He therefore believed that

he was in a position to propose to this Council an agreed slate of names for the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies. This slate reflected the open manner in which the consultations had been carried out, as well as the wide diversity of the WTO Membership. Considering the different candidates that had been submitted by Group Coordinators, he also believed that the slate of names reflected, to the extent possible, the balance as provided for in the Guidelines.

3.6. The list of names of Chairpersons for the subsidiary bodies that he had prepared read as follows:

Chairpersons of CTG Subsidiary Bodies	
Market Access	Mr Ahmed El Libedy (Egypt)
Agriculture	Mr Alf Vederhus (Norway)
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Mr Marcial Espínola Ramirez (Paraguay)
Technical Barriers to Trade	Mr Jose Manuel Campos Abad (Chile)
TRIMs	Mr Ali Alwaleed Al-Thani (Qatar)
Anti-Dumping Practices	Mr Faisal Saud Sulaiman Al-Nabhani (Oman)
Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	Ms Ieva Baršauskaitė (Lithuania)
Safeguards	Mr Kensuke Tsunoda (Japan)
Import Licensing	Mr Fawaz Almuballi (Saudi Arabia)
Rules of Origin	Mr Gerald Pajuelo (Peru)
Customs Valuation	Ms María Luciana Nader Leandri (Uruguay)
State Trading Enterprises	Ms Rike Octaviana (Indonesia)
Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA Committee)	Ms Zsófia Tvaruskó (Hungary)

3.7. He proposed that the Council agree with the nominations as indicated.

3.8. The Council so agreed.

3.9. The Chairperson recalled that, while all the other subsidiary bodies of the Council had provisions in their respective Agreement or rules of procedure requiring them to elect Chairpersons, Working Parties did not. As a result, he proposed that the Council appoint the nominated Chairperson, Mrs Rike Octaviana (Indonesia), for the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises.

3.10. The Council so agreed.

3.11. The Chairperson then observed that, on the question of Vice-Chairpersons, his understanding was that, in cases where the option existed under the Agreement or rules of procedure, it would be for the subsidiary bodies themselves to decide if they needed a Vice-Chair, and that it was for the respective Chair to hold the necessary consultations. He asked if the Council could proceed on that basis.

3.12. The Council so agreed.

3.13. The Chairperson thanked all Members and Group Coordinators for their constructive spirit during his consultations and for their assistance and cooperation. He also thanked the outgoing Chairpersons of the various subsidiary bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods for their hard work and dedication during 2016, and wished success to the incoming Chairs in fulfilling their tasks during 2017.

3.14. He also informed delegations that the next CTG meeting would take place on Friday, 30 June. The agenda would close on Monday, 19 June 2017.

3.15. As he had not had the opportunity to address delegations, he thanked Members for their confidence and trust in him by electing him as Chairperson of this Council. It was an honour, and he looked forward to working with all delegations in 2017.

3.16. The meeting was closed.
