



**STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS**

INFORMAL MEETING OF HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AT THE 12TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

*17 June 2022*

1. Good evening, Excellencies and distinguished colleagues.
2. I would like to recall that the TRIPS Council began its consideration of a "Proposal for a Waiver from Certain Provisions of the TRIPS Agreement for the Prevention, Containment and Treatment of COVID-19", circulated in document [IP/C/W/669/Rev.1](#) and addenda, in October 2020. The Council also considered a Draft General Council Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health in the circumstances of a pandemic, circulated in document [IP/C/W/681](#), and an outcome document circulated in document [IP/C/W/688](#) on 3 May 2022. The TRIPS Council has regularly reported on its considerations to the General Council under Article IX:3 of the Marrakesh Agreement, most recently on 7 June 2022.
3. As part of this process, and based on continued text-based negotiations in the TRIPS Council, a draft text was forwarded to the 12th Ministerial Conference on 10 June 2022 in document [WT/MIN\(22\)/W/15](#). In light of further negotiations in the last few days, I understand that a Draft Ministerial Decision on the TRIPS Agreement circulated in [WT/MIN\(22\)/W/15/Rev.2](#) is now before the Ministerial Conference for adoption.
4. I want to thank the Secretariat, my predecessor Ambassador Dagfinn Sørli of Norway, and all Members for their efforts, their persistence and their constructive spirit in bringing these discussions to a conclusion.
5. I would further like to request that this report be noted in the formal proceedings of the Ministerial Conference.
6. This concludes my report.

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