



**General Council
27-28 July 2021**

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 1. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE AND REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**
- 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BALI, NAIROBI AND BUENOS AIRES OUTCOMES – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR**
- 3. WORK PROGRAMME ON SMALL ECONOMIES – REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE DEDICATED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**
- 4. TRIPS COUNCIL MATTERS**
 - A. STATUS REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATIONS BY THE TRIPS COUNCIL ON THE REVISED "PROPOSAL FOR A WAIVER FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT OF COVID-19" (IP/C/W/669/REV.1) – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS
- 5. WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE – REPORT BY THE CHAIR**
- 6. WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND MORATORIUM ON IMPOSING CUSTOMS DUTIES ON ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS – REQUEST FROM INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA**
- 7. PREPARATIONS FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR**
 - A. WTO RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC – REPORT BY THE FACILITATOR
- 8. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MULTILATERAL PROCESS ON THE WTO RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC**
 - A. DRAFT GENERAL COUNCIL DECLARATION - COVID-19 AND BEYOND: TRADE AND HEALTH – COMMUNICATION FROM AUSTRALIA; BRAZIL; BRUNEI DARUSSALAM; CANADA; CHILE; CHINA; THE EUROPEAN UNION; HONG KONG, CHINA; ICELAND; JAPAN; KAZAKHSTAN; KENYA; REPUBLIC OF KOREA; MEXICO; REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA; MONTENEGRO; NEW ZEALAND; NORTH MACEDONIA; NORWAY; SINGAPORE; SWITZERLAND; THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU; THE UNITED KINGDOM; URUGUAY AND VANUATU (WT/GC/W/823)
 - B. URGENT TRADE POLICY RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS - COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THE WTO GENERAL COUNCIL (WT/GC/231)
 - C. MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON COMBATING, MITIGATING AND RECOVERING FROM THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND – COMMUNICATION FROM THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU (WT/GC/W/822)
- 9. SAUDI ARABIA'S RESTRICTIVE POLICIES ON POULTRY IMPORTS – REQUEST FROM BRAZIL**

10. **TRADE RELATED CHALLENGES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND WAY FORWARD: A DRAFT FOR MC DECISION (WT/GC/W/807)**
11. **PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR WTO COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES ADDRESSING TRADE CONCERNS – COMMUNICATION FROM ALBANIA; AUSTRALIA; CANADA; CHINA; EUROPEAN UNION; HONG KONG, CHINA; ICELAND; REPUBLIC OF KOREA; REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA; NEW ZEALAND; NORTH MACEDONIA; NORWAY; PANAMA; QATAR; SINGAPORE; SWITZERLAND; THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU; THAILAND; TURKEY; AND UKRAINE (WT/GC/W/777/REV.6)**
12. **SUPPORTING THE CONCLUSION OF FISHERIES SUBSIDIES NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE OCEAN AND FISHING COMMUNITIES - DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECISION - COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL (WT/GC/W/815)**
13. **G90 DECLARATION ON SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT – COMMUNICATION FROM SOUTH AFRICA ON BEHALF OF THE G90 (WT/GC/234)**
14. **PAPER TITLED "THE LEGAL STATUS OF 'JOINT STATEMENT INITIATIVES' AND THEIR NEGOTIATED OUTCOMES" – REQUEST FROM INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA (WT/GC/W/819)**
15. **PROPOSED GENERAL COUNCIL DECISION ON PROCEDURES TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY AND STRENGTHEN NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER WTO AGREEMENTS – ARGENTINA; AUSTRALIA; CANADA; CHILE; COSTA RICA; THE EUROPEAN UNION; ISRAEL; JAPAN; NEW ZEALAND; NORWAY; SINGAPORE; SWITZERLAND; THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU; UNITED KINGDOM; AND THE UNITED STATES (JOB/GC/204/REV.6 - JOB/CTG/14/REV.6)**
16. **JOINT COMMUNICATION ON SYSTEMIC ISSUES – STATEMENT BY SWITZERLAND**
17. **STRENGTHENING THE MULTILATERAL CHARACTER OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION – REQUEST FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP**
18. **WAIVERS UNDER ARTICLE IX OF THE WTO AGREEMENT¹**
 - A. EUROPEAN UNION – APPLICATION OF AUTONOMOUS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS – EXTENSION OF WAIVER – DRAFT DECISION (G/C/W/794)
 - B. REVIEW OF WAIVERS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX:4 OF THE WTO AGREEMENT
 - (i) Least-Developed Country Members – Obligations under Article 70.8 and Article 70.9 of the TRIPS Agreement with respect to Pharmaceutical Products, granted on 30 November 2015 until 1 January 2033 (WT/L/971)
 - (ii) Kimberley Process Certification Scheme for Rough Diamonds, granted on 26 July 2018 through 31 December 2024 (WT/L/1039)
 - (iii) Canada – CARIBCAN, granted on 28 July 2015 until 31 December 2023 (WT/L/958, WT/L/1112)
19. **COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - REPORTS ON THE MEETINGS OF APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY 2021 (WT/BFA/194, WT/BFA/195, WT/BFA/196)**

¹ In connection with this Item, the attention of members is drawn to the Decision-Making Procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council on 15 November 1995 (WT/L/93).

20. WTO PENSION PLAN

- A. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020 (WT/L/1111)
- B. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION PENSION PLAN (WTOPP) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (WT/L/1113 AND WT/L/1113/CORR.1)

21. CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT – AUSTRALIA; CANADA; THE EUROPEAN UNION; JAPAN; NEW ZEALAND; THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU; UNITED KINGDOM; AND THE UNITED STATES

22. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS - REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

OTHER BUSINESS
