Statement by the CHairman of thE Council For TRIPS

Informal Meeting of Heads of delegations at thE 12th Ministerial conference

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Good evening, Excellencies and distinguished colleagues.

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](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=%22IP/C/W/669/Rev.1%22%20OR%20@Symbol=%22IP/C/W/669/Rev.1/*%22&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) 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](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=%22IP/C/W/681%22%20OR%20@Symbol=%22IP/C/W/681/*%22&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true), and an outcome document circulated in document [IP/C/W/688](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=%22IP/C/W/688%22%20OR%20@Symbol=%22IP/C/W/688/*%22&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) 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.

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](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=%22WT/MIN(22)/W/15%22%20OR%20@Symbol=%22WT/MIN(22)/W/15/*%22&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true). 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](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=%22WT/MIN(22)/W/15/Rev.2%22%20OR%20@Symbol=%22WT/MIN(22)/W/15/Rev.2/*%22&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) is now before the Ministerial Conference for adoption.

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.

I would further like to request that this report be noted in the formal proceedings of the Ministerial Conference.

This concludes my report.

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