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Background Document by the Secretariat

The Committee will conduct its fifth annual review under Article 15.3 of the Agreement at its meeting on 25 February 2000. This document contains information on developments in the implementation and operation of the Agreement during the period from 1 January to 31 December 1999.

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I. COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

1.1 Composition of the Committee

Chairperson: Mohan Kumar (India)

Members¹

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Angola | France | Morocco |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Gabon | Mozambique |
| Argentina | Gambia | Myanmar |
| Australia | Germany | Namibia |
| Austria | Ghana | Netherlands |
| Bahrain | Greece | New Zealand |
| Bangladesh | Grenada | Nicaragua |
| Barbados | Guatemala | Niger |
| Belgium | Guinea Bissau | Nigeria |
| Belize | Guinea, Rep.of | Norway |
| Benin | Guyana | Pakistan |
| Bolivia | Haiti | Panama |
| Botswana | Honduras | Papua New Guinea |
| Brazil | Hong Kong, China | Paraguay |
| Brunei Darussalam | Hungary | Peru |
| Bulgaria | Iceland | Philippines |
| Burkina Faso | India | Poland |
| Burundi | Indonesia | Portugal |
| Cameroon | Ireland | Qatar |
| Canada | Israel | Romania |
| Central African Republic | Italy | Rwanda |
| Chad | Jamaica | Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| Chile | Japan | Saint Lucia |
| Colombia | Kenya | Saint Vincent & Gren. |
| Congo | Korea | Senegal |
| Congo, Democratic Rep of the | Kuwait | Sierra Leone |
| Costa Rica | Kyrgyz Republic | Singapore |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Latvia | Slovak Republic |
| Cuba | Lesotho | Slovenia |
| Cyprus | Liechtenstein | Solomon Islands |
| Czech Republic | Luxembourg | South Africa |
| Denmark | Macau | Spain |
| Djibouti | Madagascar | Sri Lanka |
| Dominica | Malawi | Suriname |
| Dominican Republic | Malaysia | Swaziland |
| EC | Maldives | Sweden |
| Ecuador | Mali | Switzerland |
| Egypt | Malta | Tanzania |
| El Salvador | Mauritania | Thailand |
| Estonia | Mauritius | Togo |
| Fiji | Mexico | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Finland | Mongolia | Tunisia |

¹Members and observers on 31 December 1999.

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Turkey | United Kingdom | Venezuela |
| Uganda | United States | Zambia |
| United Arab Emirates | Uruguay | Zimbabwe |

Observer Governments²

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|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Albania | Ethiopia | Russian Federation |
| Algeria | Former Yugoslav Rep. of | Samoa |
| Andorra | Macedonia | Saudi Arabia |
| Armenia | Georgia | Seychelles |
| Azerbaijan | Jordan | Sudan |
| Belarus | Kazakhstan | Chinese Taipei |
| Bhutan | Lao | Tonga |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Lebanon | Ukraine |
| Cambodia | Lithuania | Uzbekistan |
| Cape Verde | Moldova | Vanuatu |
| China | Nepal | Viet Nam |
| Croatia | Oman | Yemen |

Observer Organizations

ACP³, ALADI³, EFTA³, FAO, IEC, IMF, ISO, ITC, OECD, OIE, OIML³, UNCTAD, UN/ECE, WHO, WHO/FAO, UNIDO³, Codex Alimentarius Commission and the World Bank

1.2 Main Developments of the Committee during the Current Period

The Committee held its sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth meetings on 31 March, 11 June, and 1 October 1999 (G/TBT/M/15-17) respectively. At those meetings, the Committee heard statements on the implementation and administration of the Agreement, technical assistance and observer status. A number of Members informed the Committee of measures taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement. Several measures were brought to the attention of the Committee by Members who raised concerns about the potential adverse trade effects or inconsistency with the Agreement of those measures. The Committee also held discussions concerning trade facilitation.

At its meeting in March, the Committee carried out its Fourth Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement under Article 15.3 (G/TBT/7) and the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards, Annex 3 of the Agreement (WTO TBT Standards Code Directory - fourth addition, G/TBT/CS/1/Add.3 and G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.5). It agreed to grant observer status to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on an ad hoc basis. It adopted a number of decisions and recommendations to speed up the procedures for notifications and information exchange through means of electronic dissemination (G/TBT/1/Rev.6). In relation to that, a Survey was carried out by the Secretariat on the electronic facilities available in national enquiry points (G/TBT/W/105 and Suppl.1-2).

At its meetings in 1999, the Committee continued its work programme arising from the First Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement under Article 15.4 (G/TBT/5). Discussions were held on the following elements: (i) implementation and administration of the Agreement; (ii) operation and implementation of the notification procedures; (iii) acceptance, implementation and operation of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and

²Members and observers on 31 December 1999.

³Observer status on an ad hoc basis.

Application of Standards; (iv) international standards, guides and recommendations; (v) preparation, adoption and application of technical regulations; (vi) conformity assessment procedures; (vii) technical assistance; (viii) special and differential treatment; and (ix) other elements. Further papers and proposals were prepared by delegations and the Secretariat (G/TBT/W/75/Rev.1, G/TBT/W/87/Rev.1, G/TBT/W/103, 106, 110, 111, 112 and Rev.1, G/TBT/W/113, 117, 118, 121 and Corr.1 and G/TBTW/124).

A WTO Symposium on Conformity Assessment Procedures was held on 8-9 June to deepen Members' understanding on the following issues concerning conformity assessment procedures: (i) relevant international guides and recommendations for conformity assessment; (ii) types of conformity assessment procedures and the conditions for their application; (iii) various approaches for the recognition of the results of conformity assessment procedures; and (iv) the role of international and regional systems for conformity assessment. Experts from business, testing laboratory, inspection, certification, accreditation, metrology, and standardizing bodies, as well as regional and international systems were invited as speakers and panelists. Factual non-binding summary reports of the Symposium and its Sessions were prepared by the Chairman and the rapporteurs under their own responsibilities.

At its meeting in October, the Committee adopted its Report (1999) to the Council for Trade in Goods (G/L/327).

II. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement (Article 15.2)

Table 1 - Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement received in 1999

| Members | Date of entry into Force | Documents containing Members' Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement |
|------------|--------------------------|--|
| COSTA RICA | 1 January 1995 | G/TBT/2/Add.51 |
| LATVIA | 10 February 1999 | G/TBT/2/Add.52 |
| PANAMA | 6 September 1997 | G/TBT/2/Add.53 |
| URUGUAY | 1 January 1995 | G/TBT/2/Add.54 |
| ICELAND | 1 January 1995 | G/TBT/2/Add.55 |
| INDIA | 1 January 1995 | G/TBT/2/Add.56 |
| JAMAICA | 9 March 1995 | G/TBT/2/Add.57 |

III. NOTIFICATIONS

3.1 Notifications made in the current year and since entry into force of the Agreement by Members and by the relevant Articles of the Agreement

In 1999, Members submitted 669 notifications (G/TBT/Notif.99/1-672/Corr.1). Since the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 January 1995 up to 31 December 1999, 2936 notifications have been made by 55 Members. Article 2.9, 2.10, 3.2, 5.6, 5.7, and 7.2 were specified in 2639, 98, 3, 185, 38 and 3 notifications respectively. Eighty seven notifications did not refer to any Articles.

Table 2 – Notifications made by Members and by relevant Articles of the Agreement in the current year and since entry into force of the Agreement

| Members | Number of notifications made in 1999 | Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 1999 | | | | | | | Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---|
| | | 2.9 | 2.10 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 7.2 | not specified | |
| Argentina ⁴ | 16 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Australia | 21 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 |
| Austria | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Belgium | 22 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 |
| Benin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Bolivia | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Botswana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Brazil | 16 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 103 |
| Canada | 24 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 |
| Chile ⁵ | 30 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Colombia | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Costa Rica | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Cyprus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Czech Republic ⁶ | 29 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 62 |
| Denmark | 27 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 130 |
| El Salvador | 11 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 43 |
| Egypt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| European Communities ⁷ | 35 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 168 |
| Fiji | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Finland | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| France ⁸ | 19 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 57 |
| Germany | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Hong Kong, China | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Iceland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

⁴ Member notifying under more than one article.

⁵ Member notifying under more than one article.

⁶ Member notifying under more than one article.

⁷ Member notifying under more than one article.

⁸ Member notifying under more than one article.

| Members | Number of notifications made in 1999 | Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 1999 | | | | | | | Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---|
| | | 2.9 | 2.10 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 7.2 | not specified | |
| India | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Israel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| Jamaica | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Japan ⁹ | 30 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 |
| Republic of Korea ¹⁰ | 21 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 65 |
| Latvia | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Macau | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Malaysia ¹¹ | 98 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 158 |
| Mexico | 34 | 30 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 154 |
| Netherlands | 47 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 483 |
| New Zealand | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Norway | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| Peru | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Philippines | 19 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Poland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Senegal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Singapore | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Slovak Republic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Slovenia | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| South Africa | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Spain | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| Sri Lanka | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sweden ¹² | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Switzerland | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Thailand | 21 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 |

⁹ Member notifying under more than one article.

¹⁰ Member notifying under more than one article.

¹¹ Member notifying under more than one article.

¹² Member notifying under more than one article.

| Members | Number of notifications made in 1999 | Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 1999 | | | | | | | Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---|
| | | 2.9 | 2.10 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 7.2 | not specified | |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Tunisia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Turkey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| United Kingdom | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| United States | 45 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 169 |
| Uruguay | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 669 | 592 | 24 | 0 | 54 | 16 | 0 | 19 | 2936 |

3.1.1 Objectives and Rationales stated in Notifications¹³

Table 3 - Objectives and Rationales stated in Notifications in 1999

| Objectives and Rationales | Notifications received in 1999 |
|---|--------------------------------|
| National Security Requirements | 1 |
| Consumer Information, Labelling | 27 |
| Prevention of Deceptive Practices and consumer protection | 50 |
| Protection of Human Health or Safety | 212 |
| Protection of Animal or Plant Life or Health | 4 |
| Protection of the Environment | 46 |
| Quality Requirements | 26 |
| Harmonization | 50 |
| Adaptation to New Domestic Law and Technology | 62 |
| Lowering or Removal of Trade Barriers | 10 |
| Trade Facilitation | 2 |
| Cost Saving and Increasing Productivity | 5 |
| Others | 173 |
| Not specified | 1 |
| Total | 669 |

3.1.2 Observation of the Recommended Comment Period by Members in the current year¹⁴

The Committee has recommended 60 days as a minimum length of time to be allowed for the presentation of comments from other Members (G/TBT/1/Rev.6). In 1999, Members allowed an average of 46.5 calendar days for comments. Ninety-eight notifications did not specify a comment period, stated as non-applicable or had a lapsed comment period. The table on the following pages gives the relevant data on the observation of the recommended comment period by each Member in 1999.

¹³The following classification of objectives and rationales is based on the criteria laid down in document G/TBT/W/18.

¹⁴Calculated on the basis that the date of issue of the notification (in English) by the WTO Secretariat is the first day.

Table 4 – Observation of the recommended comment period by Members in 1999

| Number of notifications made with comment period | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|-----------------|--|---|-------|
| Members | Less than 45 days | 45-59 days | 60 days or more | Not specified, lapsed, or stated as non-applicable | of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7 | Total |
| Argentina | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 13 | 16 |
| Australia | 4 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 21 |
| Austria | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Belgium | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 22 |
| Bolivia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Brazil | 5 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 16 |
| Canada | 8 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Chile | 1 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 30 |
| Colombia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Costa Rica | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Czech Republic | 16 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| Denmark | 11 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 27 |
| El Salvador | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| European Communities | 1 | 1 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 35 |
| Finland | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| France | 1 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 19 |
| Germany | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hong, Kong, China | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Iceland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| India | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Jamaica | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Japan | 9 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Republic of Korea | 13 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 21 |
| Latvia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Malaysia | 87 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 |
| Mexico | 28 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 34 |
| Netherlands | 15 | 24 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 47 |
| New Zealand | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |

| Number of notifications made with comment period | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|-----------------|--|---|------------|
| Members | Less than 45 days | 45-59 days | 60 days or more | Not specified, lapsed, or stated as non-applicable | of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7 | Total |
| Norway | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Peru | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Philippines | 4 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Singapore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Slovenia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| South Africa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Spain | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| Sweden | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Thailand | 1 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Tunisia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| United Kingdom | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| United States | 13 | 6 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 45 |
| Uruguay | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 243 | 166 | 162 | 98 | 32 | 669 |

3.2 Notifications under Article 10.7 - Bilateral or Multilateral Agreements reached by Members on issues related to Technical Regulations, Standards or Conformity Assessment Procedures

In 1999, 10 notifications were made under Article 10.7 (G/TBT/10.7/19-28), notifying the bilateral or multilateral agreements reached by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania; United States and the European Community; Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia; Thailand and Australia; Australia and the European Community; Australia, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway; Switzerland and Canada; and New Zealand and the European Community.

IV. PUBLICATIONS AND ENQUIRY POINTS

4.1 Publications used to announce that work is proceeding on draft technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures under Articles 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement

Relevant information is contained in documents G/TBT/2 and addenda.

4.2 Publications in which the final texts of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures are published under Articles 2.11 and 5.8 of the Agreement

Relevant information is contained in documents G/TBT/2 and addenda.

4.3 Enquiry points under Article 10 of the Agreement

Updated lists of WTO TBT Enquiry Points under Articles 10.1 and 10.2 of the Agreement are contained in documents G/TBT/ENQ/1-15.

V. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

In 1999, the Secretariat held TBT Seminars jointly with the ISO, ITC, EAC and OAS in Japan, Tanzania, the United States and South Africa for groups of countries from East and South-East Asia, East Africa, Latin America and SADC region respectively. Funds were provided by the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee (JISC), the Japanese Standards Association (JSA) and the WTO-U.K. Trust Fund to finance participants attending the Seminars in Japan and South Africa.

VI. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 14

| Dispute | Request for Consultations | Request to Join Consultations | Mutually Agreed Solution | Panel Established Circulated | Panel Report | Notice of Appeal | Appellate Report Circulated |
|--|---|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>European Communities-</i> Measures Affecting Asbestos and Products containing Asbestos | 3 June 1998 Canada (WT/DS135/1) (G/TBT/D/15) | 12 June 1998 Brazil (WT/DS135/2) | | 25 November 1998 | | | |
| <i>European Communities-</i> Restrictions on Certain Import Duties on Rice | 8 June 1998 India (WT/DS134/1) (G/TBT/D/16) | | | | | | |
| <i>European Communities</i> Measures Affecting Imports of Wood of Conifers from Canada | 24 June 1998 Canada (WT/DS137/1) (G/TBT/D/17) | | | | | | |
| <i>United States-</i> Certain Measures Affecting the Import of Cattle, Swine and Grain from Canada | 29 Sept. 1998 Canada (WT/DS144/1) (G/TBT/D/18) | | | | | | |

| Dispute | Request for Consultations | Request to Join Consultations | Mutually Agreed Solution | Panel Established Circulated | Panel Report | Notice of Appeal | Appellate Report Circulated |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>United States-Measures Affecting Textiles and Apparel Products (II)</i> | 25 Nov. 1998 European Communities (WT/DS151/1) (G/TBT/D/19) | 8 Dec. 1998 Dominican Republic (WT/DS151/2) 8 Dec. 1998 Hong Kong, China (WT/DS151/3) 9 Dec. 1998 Pakistan (WT/DS151/4) 7 Dec. 1998 Honduras (WT/DS151/5) 7 Dec. 1998 Japan (WT/DS151/6) 7 Dec. 1998 Switzerland (WT/DS151/7) 10 Dec. 1998 El Salvador (WT/DS151/8) | | | | | |

VII. CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF STANDARDS

Overall, since the entry into force of the Agreement, 115 standardizing bodies from 79 Members have adhered to the Code of Good Practice. Notifications of acceptance of the Code by standardizing bodies are contained in documents G/TBT/CS/N/1-115. Document G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.6 contains the complete list by Member of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code since 1 January 1995.

In 1999, 9 standardizing bodies from 5 Members accepted the Code. A list by Member of all standardizing bodies that have adhered to the Code in 1999 is in document G/TBT/CS/1/Add.4.

The fifth WTO TBT Standards Code Directory has been published by the ISO/IEC Information Centre in January 2000.

VIII. WORKING AND SPECIAL DOCUMENTS ISSUED DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD

| Document reference | Date of issue | Title and content of documents | Number of pages |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|
| G/TBT/W/72/Rev.1 | 29 Sept 1999 | A List of International Guides and Recommendations Related to Conformity Assessment Procedures - Note by the Secretariat | 9 |
| G/TBT/W/75/Rev.1 | 17 June 1999 | Transparency in International Standards - Draft U.S. Proposal for Decision | 2 |
| G/TBT/W/87/Rev.1 | 30 Sept 1999 | The Conditions for Acceptance and Use of International Standards in the Context of the TBT Agreement - Note from the European Community | 3 |
| G/TBT/W/103 | 25 January 1999 | Technical Barriers to the Market Access of Developing Countries – Background note by the Secretariat | 9 |
| G/TBT/W/104 | 12 February 1999 | Response from the European Commission to Comments by the United States and Canada concerning Notification 97.766 – Communication from the European Community | 3 |
| G/TBT/W/105, and Suppl. 1-2 | 19 February 1999 | Survey on the Electronic Facilities Available in National Enquiry Points – Paper by the Secretariat | 7 |
| | 12 May 1999 | | 3 |
| | 1 September 1999 | | 3 |
| G/TBT/W/106 | 26 March 1999 | Information provided by Bodies involved in the Preparation of International Standards (Information Session – 19 November 1998) – Synthesis paper by the Secretariat | 17 |
| G/TBT/W/107 | 8 March 1999 | Response from the European Commission to Comments by Indonesia on Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directive 92/23/EEC relating to Tyres for Motor Vehicles and their Trailers and to their Fitting – Communication from the European Commission | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/108 | 11 May 1999 | Communication from Mexico | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/109 | 11 May 1999 | Communication from Georgia | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/110 | 8 June 1999 | Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards by Standardizing Bodies – Communication from Thailand | 2 |
| G/TBT/W/111 | 8 June 1999 | Conformity Assessment Procedures – Note from Thailand | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/112 and Rev.1 | 8 June 1999 | Equivalency of Technical Regulations and Standards – Note from Thailand | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/113 | 15 June 1999 | Issues concerning International Standards and International Standardization Bodies – Submission from Japan | 2 |
| G/TBT/W/114 | 14 June 1999 | Reply by the European Commission to the Comments prepared by the United States on the proposed European Community Regulation on Used Aircraft (Notification G/TBT/Notif.99.75) – Communication from the European Community | 2 |
| G/TBT/W/115 | 17 June 1999 | Genetically Modified Agricultural and Food Products – Submission from the United States | 2 |

| Document reference | Date of issue | Title and content of documents | Number of pages |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|
| G/TBT/W/116 | 17 June 1999 | EC Remarks concerning Japanese Legislation on Fishing Vessels Implications for Trade in Commercial Marine Engines – Communication from the European Community | 2 |
| G/TBT/W/117 | 14 July 1999 | Voluntary Service Standards for TBT Enquiry Points – Communication from Canada | 2 |
| G/TBT/W/118 | 14 Sept. 1999 | Code of Good Practice for the Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies – Contribution from Australia | 5 |
| G/TBT/W/119 | 29 Sept. 1999 | EC Regulation 881/98, "Traditional Terms" – Submission by the United States | 2 |
| G/TBT/W/120 | 30 Sept. 1999 | Communication from Albania | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/121 and Corr.1 | 7 October 1999 | Amendment of the TBT Agreement – Proposal by Japan | 4 |
| | 9 December 1999 | | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/122 | 21 October 1999 | Communication from Mexico | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/123 | 10 Nov. 1999 | Communication from Mexico | 1 |
| G/TBT/W/124 | 22 Dec. 1999 | Implementation of Article 10.6 of the Agreement – Note by the Secretariat | 2 |
| G/TBT/SPEC/9 | 18 February 1999 | Working Programme and Schedule of Meetings for 1999 (Draft) – Note by the Secretariat | 1 |
| G/TBT/SPEC/10 | 8 March 1999 | Proposals relating to the Meetings on Procedures for Information Exchange held on 14 September 1998 | 2 |
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