

REPORT (2002) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Addendum

1. Since the submission of the Report (2002), the Committee has held its thirtieth and thirty-first meetings on 20 March and 2 July (G/TBT/M/29-30) respectively. Ms. Emily Earl (New Zealand) and Mr. Juan Antonio Dorantes Sánchez (Mexico) were Chairpersons. At those meetings, the Committee heard statements on the implementation and administration of the Agreement. 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.
2. At its thirtieth meeting, the Committee carried out its Eighth Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement under Article 15.3 as well as its Eighth Annual Review of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (Annex 3 of the Agreement) based on background documents G/TBT/12, WTO TBT Standards Code Directory (Eighth Edition), G/TBT/CS/1/Add.7 and G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.9. A Special Workshop on TBT-related Technical Assistance was held on 18 March back to back with the Committee meeting. The relevant proposals were reflected by the Committee in the context of its mandate to develop a technical cooperation programme under the Second Triennial Review of the Agreement and as confirmed and mandated by Ministers at Doha.
3. The Committee has started the preparation for the Third Triennial Review of the Agreement under Article 15.4 to be conducted at the end of year 2003. For that, a number of issues which were of common interest to Members were under discussion. It also considered a number of requests for observer status in the Committee.
4. The ALADI was invited to update the Committee on its activities and provided information on the ways it sought to ensure the effective participation of Members, and in particular of developing country Members, in its activities.
