

**Council for Trade-Related Aspects
of Intellectual Property Rights**

**TRANSITIONAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE
ACCESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Report to the General Council

1. At its meeting of 17-19 September 2002, the Council for TRIPS took up the review under the transitional review of the implementation by China of its WTO commitments, pursuant to section 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (WT/L/432) in combination with its normal review of China's TRIPS implementing legislation.
2. The introductory statement made by the delegation of China, the questions put to it by Australia, Canada, the European Communities and their member States, Japan, Korea, Switzerland and the United States, and the responses given by it in the review of its legislation are being circulated in document IP/Q/CHN/1.¹ In addition, the following communications were submitted: two communications from China, one providing information required under Annex 1A to the Protocol of Accession (IP/C/W/382), and the other providing background information on intellectual property rights protection in China (IP/C/W/384), and a communication from the European Communities and their member States (IP/C/W/371).
3. A detailed account of the discussion during the Council's September meeting can be found in the minutes of the meeting in document IP/C/M/37/Add.1, paragraphs 15-63 and 84-96.

¹ This document will compile all the questions and responses contained in the Council working papers circulated in the context of the review.