

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

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM
DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS

Addendum

NORWAY

The present document reproduces the updated information on Norway's technical and financial cooperation activities relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, which has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway by means of a communication, dated 19 February 1997.

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1. The Council for TRIPS has requested an update from developed country Members of their technical and financial cooperation programmes in the area of intellectual property rights relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.
 2. Norway does not currently have a specific programme for technical and financial cooperation in the area of intellectual property rights. Norway does, however, consider requests for bilateral assistance in the area of intellectual property rights from developing countries under its general development programme.
 3. In 1996, Norway contributed US\$2.5 million for a Norwegian Trust Fund aimed at assisting least developed countries to implement the WTO Agreements. The Second Workshop on the TRIPS Agreement for Sub-Saharan African Countries that was held by the WTO Secretariat on 23-27 June 1997 was organized with the financial sponsorship of the Norwegian Trust Fund.
 4. Through its Patent Information Service, the Norwegian Patent Office provides developing countries with search reports free of charge. The Patent Information Service includes information from patent literature and patent documents in all technical areas. The working language is English and reports have so far been executed for Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Ghana and Peru.
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