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**DISSEMINATION OF THE INTEGRATED DATA BASE (IDB) AND  
THE CONSOLIDATED TARIFF SCHEDULES (CTS) DATABASE**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

The following communication, dated 30 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Asian Development Bank.

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1.1. I am writing to request the WTO grants privileged access to the Asian Development Bank to the WTO's Integrated Database (IDB), RTA database, and Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS) database and would be grateful if you would submit my request to the Committee on Market Access for its consideration and approval;

1.2. By way of background information, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is an international organization established on 19 December 1966, by virtue of the Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank (ADB Charter) signed on 4 December 1965 in Manila, entered into force on 22 August 1966, whose headquarters are located in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines; and enjoying the privileges and immunities set out in the ADB Charter and agreements with its members. ADB has 68 members and has the purpose to foster economic growth and co-operation in the region of Asia and the Pacific and to contribute to the acceleration of the process of economic development of its developing member countries (<https://www.adb.org/who-we-are/about>);

1.3. ADB has been a close partner of the WTO for many years, especially in the areas of Aid for Trade and trade finance. Since the launch of the Aid for Trade initiative, Aid for Trade has been an integral part of ADB's support for regional cooperation and integration, and inclusive development, in Asia and the Pacific. ADB is working to complement efforts to further reduce trade barriers, facilitate trade, assist domestic regulatory reforms, and deepen regional cooperation and enhance trade linkages between economies. ADB has also been contributing regularly to the Global Review of Aid for Trade through research collaboration and knowledge-sharing. This is in line with ADB's Finance++ approach which packages finance with leverage and knowledge.

1.4. ADB has been building in response to COVID-19 a mapping tool for the supply chains linked to COVID-19 goods (<https://www.adb.org/multimedia/scf/#/>). These maps provide banks, investors, governments and health care professionals with the information required to ensure companies involved in manufacturing and distributing goods critical to fighting the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can access supplies fast and efficiently.

1.5. Finally, hoping that my request will be considered favourably, I am pleased to inform you that ADB agrees to the conditions for the use and publication of IDB and CTS information, as set out in the Dissemination Policy of the Integrated Database (IDB) and the Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS) Database, as adopted by the WTO Committee on Market Access and contained in Annex 4 to document [G/MA/238](#).

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