



Working Party on State Trading Enterprises

IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE WORKING PARTY¹

Members of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises have agreed to:

- 1) Instruct the Secretariat to shorten the time taken to produce minutes;
- 2) Instruct the Secretariat to circulate the "Status of Notifications Submitted by WTO Members under Article XVII:4(A) of the GATT 1994 and Paragraph 1 of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII of the GATT 1994" twice a year, before each formal meeting of the Working Party, after the closing of the airgram for the meeting;
- 3) Agree on the dates of both formal meetings of each year at the autumn meeting of the previous year;
- 4) For each formal meeting of the Working Party, issue the final airgram 15 days before the meeting or, if that is a WTO non-working day, the previous WTO working day;
- 5) Instruct the Secretariat to organize relevant hybrid training in the fall/winter 2023, with a focus on how to comply with the notification requirements under Article XVII:4(A) of the GATT 1994 and paragraph 1 of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII of the GATT 1994.

¹ This set of steps has been agreed through a written procedure held from 9 to 26 May 2023, following informal and formal exchanges within the Working Party on 28 April 2023.