



**Committee on Trade and Development
Thirteenth Dedicated Session on Regional Trade
Agreements**

NOTE ON THE MEETING OF 29 MARCH 2021

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A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. The draft agenda as contained in Airgram WTO/AIR/COMTD/RTA/8/Rev.1 of 19 March 2021 was adopted.

B. STATUS OF THE WORK OF THE DEDICATED SESSION

(I) Status of the preparation of factual presentations – Report by the Chairman
(WT/COMTD/RTA/W/6)

2. The Chairman said that his report on the status of the preparation of factual presentations of regional trade agreements (RTAs) notified under the Enabling Clause was contained in document WT/COMTD/RTA/W/6. The report indicated that it was still not possible for the Secretariat to finalize a number of factual presentations. In some cases, the Secretariat was still awaiting the submission of the full set of data, while in others, all comments on the draft factual presentations had not been received. He urged all the parties to these agreements to provide the data and information as soon as possible. He also noted that his report referenced one RTA notified under the Enabling Clause that had not been ratified by all the parties. This was the Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA). Following the procedures of the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA), a factual presentation on PICTA would only be drafted after the agreement had been ratified by all the parties. The parties to PICTA were urged to inform the Secretariat as soon as all ratifications were complete.

3. The representative of the United States thanked the Secretariat for its diligence in advancing the preparation of factual presentations for several RTAs. She noted that, for several agreements listed in document WT/COMTD/RTA/W/6, data and comments were past due. She encouraged the parties to provide the required full set of data and information, so that the Secretariat could complete the drafting of the outstanding factual presentations.

4. The Committee took note of the Chairman's report, and of the interventions.

C. CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

(I) Revised Treaty of Trade between India and Nepal (Goods) (WT/COMTD/RTA18/N/1, WT/COMTD/RTA18/1)¹

D. OTHER BUSINESS

5. No matter was raised under "Other Business".
 6. The meeting was adjourned.
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¹ The minutes relating to the consideration of this agreement are contained in document WT/COMTD/RTA18/M/1.