

SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR TRIPS

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD ON 5-6 MARCH 2013. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, 5 MARCH.

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS MADE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL ITEM TO THE AGENDA (INCLUDED AS ITEM 12). CHILE, KOREA, CHINESE TAIPEI AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE MADE ANOTHER REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL ITEM (INCLUDED AS ITEM 13). FOLLOWING THESE REQUESTS, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE AGENDA; ITEM 11 IS INCLUDED UPON THE EARLIER WRITTEN REQUEST BY NEPAL ON BEHALF OF THE LDC GROUP:

1. NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT
2. REVIEWS OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION
3. REVIEW OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27.3(B)
4. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TRIPS AGREEMENT AND THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
5. PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE
6. NON-VIOLATION AND SITUATION COMPLAINTS
7. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 71.1
8. REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 24.2
9. FOLLOW-UP TO TENTH ANNUAL REVIEW UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT
10. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING
11. REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD UNDER ARTICLE 66.1 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT

12. PROPOSED MEASURE BY NEW ZEALAND: NOTIFICATION CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT G/TBT/N/NZL/62, DATED 24 JULY 2012, ON A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE PLAIN PACKAGING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN NEW ZEALAND.
13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INNOVATION: SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES
14. INFORMATION ON RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE WTO
15. OBSERVER STATUS FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
16. OTHER BUSINESS
17. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

IT IS RECALLED THAT PARAGRAPH 19 OF THE DOHA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION PROVIDES THAT THE COUNCIL, IN UNDERTAKING THE WORK PROVIDED FOR IN THAT PARAGRAPH, SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN ARTICLES 7 AND 8 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT AND SHALL TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION.

ANY MEMBER WISHING AN ADDITIONAL ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS INVITED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THIS SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE SO THAT A REVISED AIRGRAM CAN BE ISSUED TEN CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE WTO, OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH OBSERVER STATUS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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