La Misión Permanente de Chile ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra saluda muy atentamente a la Oficina del Alto Comisionado para los Derechos Humanos – Relator Especial sobre el disfrute al más alto estándar de salud física y mental – y, en referencia a su Nota de 19 de julio pasado (2002-7, CHL 2/2011), tiene el agrado de remitir la respuesta del Gobierno de Chile a las preguntas relativas a la negociación del Trans Pacific Partnership.

La Misión Permanente de Chile aprovecha la oportunidad para reiterar a la Oficina de la Alto Comisionado para los Derechos Humanos – Relator Especial sobre el disfrute al más alto estándar de salud física y mental – las seguridades de su más alta y distinguida consideración.

Ginebra, 24 de noviembre de 2011
1. Are the facts alleged in the above summary accurate?
2. Has the Government kept the TPP negotiation secret? If so, why?
3. Please provide details of any actions taken to ensure that the public and other relevant stakeholders have had access to draft texts and other documents relevant to the TPP.
4. Please provide details of any actions taken to ensure consultations with civil society and other relevant stakeholder with regard to the TPP.
5. Please provide details of any actions taken to ensure the enjoyment of the right to the highest attainable standard of health in Chile.

Anand Grover  
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

The alleged facts in your letter do not accurately represent nor reflect the spirit with which TPP members have engaged in this negotiation process. Although negotiations have been conducted between government officials, all TPP delegations have been actively involved in responding to all inquiries received from relevant stakeholders, civil society members and NGOs.

Furthermore, throughout all TPP negotiation meetings -9 meetings have been held in Australia, USA, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Chile, Singapore, Vietnam and Peru- stakeholders arrangements have been provided by the host country and invitations have been issued. In this context, relevant stakeholders have had the opportunity to participate in seminars giving presentations on relevant trade issues and also interact with TPP government negotiators. Moreover, in several meetings, stakeholders have been invited to meet with all Chief Negotiators to answer any questions and receive constructive contributions to the successfullness of the process. These actions have been given to all interested parties without making any differences.

In regards to specific issues that you mention in your letter, at this stage of the negotiation, in all chapters, there are still various proposals on the table on some may still various proposals on the table and some may still have to be tabled in the near future.

TPP member would like to add that, as in all part and future trade negotiations, countries involved have the right to keep offers, drafts texts and proposals confidential, as these documents reflect the positions of one and/or more countries that are engaged in a particular negotiation.

Furthermore, TPP members would like to assure that civil society consultations, questions and uncertainties on all trade issues, have been carefully considered in each meeting and that,
throughout the foreseeable future, they will maintain their commitments to further enhance the relationship with all relevant stakeholders, civil society members and NGOs.

Finally, with respect to your final question, in the case of Chile, we would like to clarify that the main objective of the Ministry of Health of our country is to improve the levels of public health, by developing a harmonized health system that focuses on people and access to medicines. This system should strengthen the different factors that affect public health and also provide for an appropriate access to the health care system. Through this system it will be possible to ensure the right to a higher standard of health in our country.