SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR TRIPS

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD ON 15-16 OCTOBER 2020. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER.

TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING, DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AND CIRCULATED SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS ARE LISTED UNDER THE RELEVANT AGENDA ITEMS, ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS CONTAINING CURRENT PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION.


SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT PROPOSED AGENDA CHAD, ON BEHALF OF THE LDC GROUP, HAS ALSO MADE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA (LISTED AS ITEM 14). INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA HAVE ALSO MADE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA (LISTED AS ITEM 15).

FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS, THE CHAIR PROPOSES ITEMS 3 AND 16 FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS MEETING.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE AGENDA:

1. NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

   • DOCUMENTS IP/N/1/TPKM/28; IP/N/1/TPKM/29 AND IP/N/1/TPKM/30 (CHINESE TAIPEI: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

   • DOCUMENTS IP/N/1/AUS/22 AND IP/N/1/AUS/23 (AUSTRALIA: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

   • DOCUMENTS IP/N/1/MEX/21; IP/N/1/MEX/22/REV.1 AND IP/N/1/MEX/23 (MEXICO: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

   • DOCUMENTS IP/N/1/USA/64 AND IP/N/1/USA/65 (UNITED STATES: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)
• DOCUMENTS IP/N/1/GBR/2; IP/N/1/GBR/3; IP/N/1/GBR/4; IP/N/1/GBR/5; IP/N/1/GBR/6; IP/N/1/GBR/7; IP/N/1/GBR/8; IP/N/1/GBR/9; IP/N/1/GBR/10; IP/N/1/GBR/11; IP/N/1/GBR/12; IP/N/1/GBR/13; IP/N/1/GBR/14; IP/N/1/GBR/15; IP/N/1/GBR/16; IP/N/1/GBR/17; IP/N/1/GBR/18; IP/N/1/GBR/19; IP/N/1/GBR/20; IP/N/1/GBR/21; IP/N/1/GBR/22; IP/N/1/GBR/23; IP/N/1/GBR/24; IP/N/1/GBR/25; IP/N/1/GBR/26; IP/N/1/GBR/27; IP/N/1/GBR/28; IP/N/1/GBR/29; IP/N/1/GBR/30; IP/N/1/GBR/31; IP/N/1/GBR/32; IP/N/1/GBR/33; IP/N/1/GBR/34; IP/N/1/GBR/35; IP/N/1/GBR/36; IP/N/1/GBR/37; IP/N/1/GBR/38; IP/N/1/GBR/39; IP/N/1/GBR/40; IP/N/1/GBR/41; IP/N/1/GBR/42; IP/N/1/GBR/43; IP/N/1/GBR/44; IP/N/1/GBR/45; IP/N/1/GBR/46; IP/N/1/GBR/47; IP/N/1/GBR/48; IP/N/1/GBR/49; IP/N/1/GBR/50; IP/N/1/GBR/51; IP/N/1/GBR/52; IP/N/1/GBR/53; IP/N/1/GBR/54; IP/N/1/GBR/55; IP/N/1/GBR/56; IP/N/1/GBR/57; IP/N/1/GBR/58; IP/N/1/GBR/59; IP/N/1/GBR/60; IP/N/1/GBR/61; IP/N/1/GBR/62; IP/N/1/GBR/63; IP/N/1/GBR/64; IP/N/1/GBR/65; IP/N/1/GBR/66; IP/N/1/GBR/67; IP/N/1/GBR/68; IP/N/1/GBR/69; IP/N/1/GBR/70; IP/N/1/GBR/71; IP/N/1/GBR/72; IP/N/1/GBR/73; IP/N/1/GBR/74; IP/N/1/GBR/75; IP/N/1/GBR/76; AND IP/N/1/GBR/77 (UNITED KINGDOM: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

• DOCUMENT IP/N/1/PAK/3 (PAKISTAN: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

• DOCUMENT IP/N/1/MMR/1 (MYANMAR: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

• DOCUMENT IP/N/1/HKG/37 (HONG KONG, CHINA: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

• DOCUMENTS IP/N/1/UKR/8 AND IP/N/1/UKR/9 (UKRAINE: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

• DOCUMENT IP/N/1/JPN/50 (JAPAN: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

• DOCUMENT IP/N/1/SVN/4 (SLOVENIA: LAWS AND REGULATIONS)

• DOCUMENT IP/N/3/ALB/1 (ALBANIA: UPDATED CONTACT POINTS UNDER ARTICLE 69)

• DOCUMENT IP/N/3/SVN/1 (SLOVENIA: UPDATED CONTACT POINTS)

2. REVIEW OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

3. IP MEASURES IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

• "COVID-19: MEASURES REGARDING TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS" (AVAILABLE FROM
4. REVIEW OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27.3(B)

5. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TRIPS AGREEMENT AND THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

6. PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE

7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SPECIAL COMPULSORY LICENSING SYSTEM (PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE ANNEX TO THE AMENDED TRIPS AGREEMENT AND PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE DOHA DECLARATION ON THE TRIPS AGREEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH)

   • DOCUMENT JOB/IP/38 (DRAFT REPORT PREPARED BY THE WTO SECRETARIAT)

8. NON-VIOLATION AND SITUATION COMPLAINTS

9. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 71.1

10. REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 24.2

11. EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REVIEW UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT

   • DOCUMENT IP/C/R/TTI/JPN/1 (JAPAN: REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT)

   • DOCUMENT IP/C/R/TTI/CHE/1 (SWITZERLAND: REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT)

   • DOCUMENT IP/C/R/TTI/USA/1 (UNITED STATES: REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT)

   • DOCUMENT IP/C/R/TTI/AUS/1 (AUSTRALIA: REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT)

   • DOCUMENT IP/C/R/TTI/GBR/1 (UNITED KINGDOM: REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT)

12. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

   • IP/C/R/TC/JPN/1 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS - JAPAN)

   • IP/C/R/TC/CHE/1 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS - SWITZERLAND)
• IP/C/R/TC/USA/1 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS - UNITED STATES)

• IP/C/R/TC/AUS/1 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS - AUSTRALIA)

• IP/C/R/TC/GBR/1 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS - UNITED KINGDOM)

• IP/C/R/TC/WTO/1 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: NOTE PREPARED BY THE WTO SECRETARIAT) (TO BE CIRCULATED)

• IP/C/R/TC/UNCTAD/1 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS - UNCTAD) (TO BE CIRCULATED)

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INNOVATION: MAKING MSMES COMPETITIVE - MAKING MSMES COMPETITIVE THROUGH INCLUSIVE PROTECTION OF VARIOUS IPS


14. DULLY MOTIVATED REQUEST BY LDCS TO EXTEND THE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER ARTICLE 66.1 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS

• DOCUMENT IP/C/64 (EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER ARTICLE 61.1 FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS - TRIPS COUNCIL DECISION OF 11 JUNE 2013)

• DOCUMENT IP/C/W/668 (EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER TRIPS ARTICLE 66.1 FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS - COMMUNICATION FROM THE LDC GROUP)

15. PROPOSAL FOR A WAIVER FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT OF COVID-19

• DOCUMENT IP/C/W/669 (COMMUNICATION FROM INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA)

16. WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

• DOCUMENT WT/L/274 (WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE)

• DOCUMENT WT/L/1079 (GENERAL COUNCIL DECISION OF 10 DECEMBER 2019)

17. INFORMATION ON RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE WTO
18. OBSERVER STATUS FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

19. ANNUAL REPORT

- DOCUMENT JOB/IP/39 (DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED BY THE WTO SECRETARIAT)

20. OTHER BUSINESS

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.

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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