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**Council for Trade in Goods  
Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices**

**CURRENT FUNCTIONING OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES**

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS  
BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES**

The following report has been prepared under the responsibility of Mr Juan Carlos ESTRELLA as Chairperson of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices, with the assistance of the Secretariat, at the request of the Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods.<sup>1</sup>

**1 PAST EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

**The past efforts to improve the work of the Committee are referred to in detail under part 2 below. However, the following are the highlights of these past efforts which resulted in the current status of the Committee's practices:**

- Decision of the Committee in 1995 to set the dates of regular meetings to be held in the last weeks of April and October of each year (G/ADP/M/1).
- Constant coordination among the three Rules Committees (Anti-Dumping Practices, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Safeguards), as their meetings are held in the same week. Coordination among the three Rules Committees and the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises (WPSTE) which holds its meetings back-to-back with the three Committees.
- Committee's approved procedures for the review of its legislative notifications in 1996 (G/ADP/W/284) and its revised version in 2014 (G/ADP/W/284/Rev.1).
- Committee's format for semi-annual reports (G/ADP/1) in 1995 and the adoption of its revised version in 2008 (G/ADP/1/Rev.1).
- Committee's minimum information format for ad hoc notifications of preliminary and final anti-dumping actions (G/ADP/2) in 1995. This was followed by two revisions to add clarity with respect to the types of actions to be notified and provide for additional transparency (G/ADP/2/Rev.1 and G/ADP/2/Rev.2) in 2006 and 2009, respectively. The Secretariat issues monthly reports reflecting all such notifications and provides a service allowing Government officials of Members to inspect such documents, upon request.
- A process held in 2009 to streamline notifications yielded the so called "one-time notification" format (G/ADP/19) and the adoption of a Committee decision requiring Members to submit all their anti-dumping notifications electronically, in an effort to do away with paper submissions (G/ADP/20).
- Annotated draft agendas circulated approximately six weeks prior to the meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> See document JOB/CTG/18.

- Circulation of a "deadlines" document following each meeting to recapitulate the deadlines for answers to questions raised in connection to the last meeting and to indicate the future deadlines for documentation to be submitted in connection with the next meeting.
- Issuance of two reminders for semi-annual reports covering the preceding six months.
- Members are reminded and encouraged by the Chair at every meeting to use the e-subscription function.
- Members are reminded and encouraged by the Chair at every meeting to provide their missing notifications.
- Courtesy copies of all room documents issued prior to the meetings and placed online are also sent to a regularly updated contact list of delegates responsible for the Committee.
- The development of two useful electronic tools for investigating authorities, i.e., the i-trADe online training course for anti-dumping; and the MADRE electronic timeline tool for trade remedies investigations.
- The launch in 2021 of the new online "AD Portal" for the submission of Members' semi-annual reports.
- The launch in 2021 of the "Explore Data" function of the AD portal which provides online access to all information submitted by Members in their semi-annual reports.
- The launch in 2022 of the "Trade Remedies Data Portal", a searchable database of information on trade remedy actions that presents this information in an accessible, customizable and user-friendly manner.

## 2 CURRENT STATUS OF COMMITTEE PRACTICES

### 2.1 Assistance to delegates

- The Committee does not regularly organize training activities for Geneva-based delegates on the practical aspects of its functioning and has never been requested by Members to provide such activities. The Secretariat systematically provides assistance to all delegations involved in the meetings before and after such meetings. The Secretariat circulates a "deadlines" document containing the specific dates by which Members should submit the various documentation in connection with the last meeting and in conjunction with the following meeting. It also contacts all delegations with items listed on the agenda (by phone/email/in person) to remind them of the upcoming meeting, the issues raised and whether there are any outstanding questions to answer before or at the meeting.

- On the substantive issues under the purview of the Committee, these are usually discussed back-to-back with the Regular Committee meeting in two informal subsidiary bodies, i.e. the Informal Group on Anti-Circumvention ("IGAC") and the Working Group on Implementation ("WGI"). The meetings of these two bodies are held back-to-back with the Committee meetings. It should also be noted that the topics discussed at the WGI sessions are consulted and agreed upon by Members and that the sessions are presided over by a capital-based discussant with practical experience in the area of anti-dumping investigations.

- At every Committee meeting, the Chair regularly promotes the use of the e-subscription tool.

- The Committee has not undertaken specific initiatives to increase the participation of capital-based officials *per se*, as the Committee has always been heavily attended by large capital-based delegations. The fact that the dates of the meetings were decided by the Committee in 1995 to take place in the last week of April and the last week of October (unless that falls on a WTO holiday) made it easy for capital-based officials to plan their travel and organize their meeting dates with certainty and predictability. The only exception was during the COVID-19 pandemic when capital-based officials, and in a couple of meetings Geneva-based delegates, were unable to attend

in person. However, despite time zone differences capital-based officials attended online meetings via Interprefy and interacted effectively. The continued use of Interprefy even after the COVID-19 pandemic, has definitely increased attendance and enhanced participation of more capital-based officials who can now attend such meetings online via a flexible virtual tool.

## 2.2 Organization of Committee work

### 2.2.1 Digital tools used for Committee work

- The Secretariat has been involved in a series of projects aimed at digitizing the trade remedy notification process and improving the way information on the use of trade remedy measures is compiled, stored and presented to Members. A major development in this regard is the official launch, in 2021, of the Anti-Dumping Notification Portal, which allows Members to electronically create and submit - through a dedicated e-platform - semi-annual reports while minimizing effort and reducing reporting errors. This was shortly followed by the addition of the "Explore Data" function, which provides online access to all information submitted by Members in their semi-annual reports.

- The Secretariat has started promoting the new portal as early as 2019 and upon the initial launch in October 2020, the Secretariat conducted a series of presentations, demonstrations and trainings tailored to increase Members' awareness of the Portal and its functionalities, for which it has received very positive feedback from Members.

- In parallel, the Secretariat has upgraded and restructured the anti-dumping database, which has required intensive work with individual Members to clean up past records in this database. This work has culminated in the development of the "Trade Remedies Data Portal", a searchable database of information on trade remedy actions that presents this information in an accessible, customizable and user-friendly manner. This Portal has been presented to Members at the Committee meeting in October 2022 and has gone online as of 1 November 2022.

- It should also be noted that the Secretariat has developed in 2018 two very useful electronic tools. **The first** is an interactive and very comprehensive capacity-building and **web-based training platform** and reference package for anti-dumping investigators known as **i-trADe**. i-trADe contains detailed explanations on both procedural and substantive aspects of conducting anti-dumping investigations and was developed by the WTO Secretariat, drawing on the best of its expertise, to bring a fully integrated and interactive computer-based training tool right to the authorities' desktops. **The second** is a case management tool known as **MADRE (Managing Anti-Dumping investigations in REal time)** which was created by the WTO Secretariat, inspired by investigating authorities' own case management systems and practices, and with excellent support from authorities around the world. MADRE's lightweight and clear interface make it easy for users to take advantage of all of the system's features and functions. It is a web-based package installed by authorities in their own IT environment, and it can be especially useful for newly established authorities.

### 2.2.2 Planning and organization of meetings

- The Committee has fixed dates for its regular meetings, by virtue of a 1995 decision (G/ADP/M/1). These are usually held in the last week of April (the spring meeting) and the last week of October (the autumn meeting), which allows for advance planning and predictability. In the rare occurrence that any day of these weeks falls on a WTO official holiday, the Committee is informed and decides on an alternative meeting date, usually the following week.

- In addition to its Rules of Procedures contained in document G/ADP/4, the Committee has adopted, in 1996, specific procedures for the review of its legislative notifications, which is a crucial part of its work and monitoring function (G/ADP/W/284). These procedures were further revised at the request of Members in 2014 (G/ADP/W/284/Rev.1) which resulted in the retention of all unanswered written questions, posed to legislative notifications under review, on the agendas of the Committee's meetings until written answers are submitted.

- It should be noted that the dates of the Committee's meetings are coordinated with the Committees on Safeguards (SG) and on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM) which hold their meetings in the same weeks (the "Rules week" meetings). The same coordination is also extended to the

WPSTE which holds its meetings back-to-back with the three Committees. All four bodies involve to a large extent the same capital-based officials.

### 2.2.3 Regular meetings and meetings of informal subsidiary bodies

**Table 1: Number of regular and informal subsidiary bodies meetings**

| Year                 | Regular meeting and subsidiary bodies                     | Type of meetings                                 | Other (e.g. workshops, symposia, etc.)   |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>2019 (spring)</b> | 1 May<br>1 May<br>2 May                                   | Regular<br>IGAC <sup>3</sup><br>WGI <sup>4</sup> | None   |
| <b>2019 (autumn)</b> | 20 November <sup>2</sup><br>20 November<br>21-22 November | Regular<br>IGAC<br>WGI                           |  |
| <b>2020 (spring)</b> | COVID-19 pandemic – meetings cancelled                    | Regular<br>IGAC<br>WGI                           |  |
| <b>2020 (autumn)</b> | 28 October<br>None (COVID-19)<br>None (COVID-19)          | Regular<br>IGAC<br>WGI                           | Presentation by the Secretariat on the AD portal for submission of semi-annual reports<br><br>In December 2020, virtual presentations in English and Spanish to Members on the same subject. |
| <b>2021 (spring)</b> | 28 April<br>None (COVID-19)<br>None (COVID-19)            | Regular<br>IGAC<br>WGI                           |  |
| <b>2021 (autumn)</b> | 27 October<br>None<br>28-29 October                       | Regular<br>IGAC<br>WGI                           | Presentation by the Secretariat on the "Explore Data" function of the AD portal for submission of semi-annual reports  |
| <b>2022 (spring)</b> | 27 April<br>27 April<br>28-29 April                       | Regular<br>IGAC<br>WGI                           |  |
| <b>2022 (autumn)</b> | 26 October<br>None<br>27-28 October                       | Regular<br>IGAC<br>WGI                           | Presentation by the Secretariat on the new Trade Remedies Data Portal  |

<sup>2</sup> Please note that Members agreed exceptionally on that date in lieu of the last week of October to accommodate the meetings of the Negotiating Group on Rules.

<sup>3</sup> Informal Group on Anti-circumvention.

<sup>4</sup> Working Group on Implementation.

### 2.2.4 Annotated draft agendas and airgrams

- The Committee issues – since 1995 – detailed annotated draft agendas<sup>5</sup> approximately six weeks before each regular meeting, where different items are listed along with the relevant information and deadlines. The annotated draft agenda also informs Members of the date by which they can submit any comments or add any items to the agenda, prior to the issuance of the formal airgram convening the meeting. The Committee has two subsidiary informal bodies: the Informal Group on Anti-Circumvention (IGAC) and the Working Group on Implementation (WGI). Both informal bodies are referred to in the annotated draft agenda and are held based on processes agreed upon by the Membership.

- The formal airgram is issued at a minimum 10 days prior to the first meeting of the Rules week (SG, SCM, ADP) along with the airgrams for the meetings of the IGAC (if requested to be held) and the WGI. The airgram contains the proposed agenda which has already been circulated in detailed form in the annotated draft agenda document along with any items requested by the set deadline to be placed on the agenda by any Member. The order of the agenda is fixed, whereby standing agenda items for review of different notifications are listed first, followed by the Chair's reports on the work of the IGAC and the WGI, any issues requested to be placed on the agenda by any Member or group of Members and ultimately followed by Other Business, date of the next meeting, election of officers (spring meeting) and adoption of the Committee's Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods (autumn meeting).

- A list of contact details for the delegates responsible for the Committee has been created many years ago. It is updated continuously, and is issued as a room document prior to each meeting. annotated draft agendas, airgrams, draft annual reports and all communications issued by the Committee or the Chair and placed online prior to the meetings are also sent by email to this contact list to keep delegates attending the meetings informed.

**Table 2: Preparation of annotated draft agendas and airgrams**

| Year                 | Date of regular meeting and subsidiary bodies                                       | Date of circulation of annotated draft agendas | No. of days before the meeting | Date of circulation of airgrams                       | No. of days before the meeting |
|----------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>2019 (spring)</b> | 1 May 2019 – Regular<br>1 May 2019 – IGAC<br>2 May 2019 - WGI                       | 22 March 2019                                  | 40 days                        | 18 April 2019<br>18 April 2019<br>18 April 2019       | 13 days                        |
| <b>2019 (autumn)</b> | 20 Nov. 2019 <sup>6</sup> - Regular<br>20 Nov. 2019 – IGAC<br>21-22 Nov. 2019 - WGI | 11 October 2019                                | 40 days                        | 8 November 2019<br>8 November 2019<br>8 November 2019 | 12 days                        |
| <b>2020 (spring)</b> | COVID-19 pandemic – meetings cancelled  | ----   | ----                           | ----  | ----                           |
| <b>2020 (autumn)</b> | 28 Oct. 2020 – Regular<br>(IGAC & WGI – not held – COVID-19 restrictions)           | 18 September 2020                              | 40 days                        | 16 October 2020                                       | 12 days                        |

<sup>5</sup> Table 2.

<sup>6</sup> Please note that Members have agreed exceptionally on that date in lieu of the last week of October to accommodate the meetings of the Negotiating Group on Rules.

| Year                 | Date of regular meeting and subsidiary bodies                             | Date of circulation of annotated draft agendas | No. of days before the meeting | Date of circulation of airgrams                 | No. of days before the meeting |
|----------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>2021 (spring)</b> | 28 April 2021 – Regular (IGAC & WGI – not held – COVID-19 restrictions)   | 19 March 2021                                  | 40 days                        | 16 April 2021                                   | 12 days                        |
| <b>2021 (autumn)</b> | 27 Oct. 2021 - Regular (IGAC – not held)<br>28-29 Oct. 2021 - WGI         | 17 September 2021                              | 40 days                        | 15 October 2021<br>15 October 2021              | 12 days                        |
| <b>2022 (spring)</b> | 27 April 2022 – Regular<br>27 April 2022 – IGAC<br>28-29 April 2022 – WGI | 18 March 2022                                  | 40 days                        | 14 April 2022<br>14 April 2022<br>14 April 2022 | 13 days                        |
| <b>2022 (autumn)</b> | 26 Oct. 2022 – Regular (IGAC – not held)<br>27-28 Oct. 2022 - WGI         | 16 September 2022                              | 40 days                        | 14 October 2022<br>14 October 2022              | 12 days                        |

### 2.2.5 Other documents circulated before and after the meetings

- Prior to each meeting, the Secretariat circulates a list reflecting the status of the semi-annual reports, i.e., indicating the reports that have and have not been received. Two documents are circulated per semester to remind Members to submit their semi-annual reports covering a given reporting period (January-June and July-December).

- The Secretariat issues – on an ongoing basis – monthly reports containing information on the different ad hoc notifications of anti-dumping actions submitted by Members. The Secretariat has a service that provides the electronic version of such documents to delegates and other government officials, upon request.

- The Secretariat circulates prior to each meeting an updated list of Members' authorities competent to conduct anti-dumping investigations, as notified by Members.

- Prior to each meeting, the Secretariat circulates an updated list of contact details of delegations for Members' review and submission of further updates, if any.

- Prior to the October meeting each year, the Secretariat circulates the draft annual report for Members' review and written comments.

- The Secretariat receives different types of notifications, namely, legislative notifications, ad hoc notifications of preliminary and final anti-dumping actions and semi-annual reports of anti-dumping actions. In case of legislative notifications, these are placed on the agenda pursuant to specific procedures adopted by the Committee (G/ADP/W/284/Rev.1). They are formatted and circulated upon receipt. The reports on ad hoc notifications received are, as explained above, produced and circulated monthly.

- The only documents that may be issued after the circulation of the airgram are certain semi-annual reports by Members either due to late submission past the deadline or due to inconsistencies that need to be corrected. It should be noted that once such reports are received, they are not circulated automatically as submitted, but are checked thoroughly by the Secretariat prior to circulation. If

anomalies or inconsistencies are found in such documents, the Secretariat liaises with the Member in question and provides its comments and suggestions in this respect. In some cases, Members' feedback takes some time which eventually delays the circulation of the reports until after the circulation of the airgram. As these reports contain figures that source the data compiled in the tables of the annual report to the CTG, the draft annual report is also issued in the week prior to the Committee meeting and after the circulation of the airgram.

- Immediately after meetings, the Secretariat circulates a deadlines document, for follow-up documents related to the meeting just concluded, and for documents to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting. In addition, following a meeting of the Committee the Secretariat normally prepares a strictly factual news item for the WTO website, approved by the Chair of the Committee, reflecting the main topics that were raised at the meeting.

- In addition, the latest statistics based on the information contained in the semi-annual reports of Members is also placed on the WTO anti-dumping webpage covering the period January 1995 until the latest reporting period covered by the semi-annual reports, i.e., the last six months just reviewed by the Committee.

## 2.2.6 Preparation of the minutes

- Minutes produced are those for the regular meetings and any other formal (special) meetings of the Committee. For the informal subsidiary bodies of the Committee (the IGAC and WGI), no minutes or summaries are produced.

- For each regular meeting, the Secretariat starts drafting the minutes of the meetings immediately after the regular meeting but can only finalize the first draft when it receives all of the written versions of the statements or after the recording of the meeting is transcribed to make sure that the minutes are comprehensive, accurate and complete. The minutes are basically a detailed summary of what Members said at the meeting. The Secretariat normally awaits the deadlines - pertaining to the questions and answers to be provided following the meeting - to lapse (these questions and answers are usually circulated and referred to in the draft minutes) before the draft minutes are sent to Members for comments. The draft minutes are then sent to Members that took the floor at the meeting to comment on the summaries of their interventions. The draft minutes are also sent to Members regarding which an item was raised, even if they did not take the floor. Members who took the floor at the meeting are given 10 calendar days to comment on their own interventions. The minutes are then immediately circulated once any necessary changes have been introduced.

**Table 3: Preparation of the minutes/summary reports**

| Year                 | Last date of the formal meeting        | Date of circulation of the minutes | No. of pages | No. of days following the meeting |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>2019 (spring)</b> | 1 May                                  | 19 July                            | 18           | 79                                |
| <b>2019 (autumn)</b> | 20 November <sup>7</sup>               | 15 January                         | 20           | 56                                |
| <b>2020 (spring)</b> | COVID-19 pandemic – meetings cancelled |                                    |              |                                   |
| <b>2020 (autumn)</b> | 28 October                             | 29 January                         | 19           | 93                                |
| <b>2021 (spring)</b> | 28 April                               | 26 July                            | 24           | 89                                |
| <b>2021 (autumn)</b> | 27 October                             | 17 December                        | 20           | 51                                |

<sup>7</sup> Please note that Members have agreed exceptionally on that date in lieu of the last week of October to accommodate the meetings of the Negotiating Group on Rules.

| Year                 | Last date of the formal meeting | Date of circulation of the minutes | No. of pages | No. of days following the meeting |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>2022 (spring)</b> | 27 April                        | 14 September                       | 22           | 140                               |
| <b>2022 (autumn)</b> | 26 October                      |                                    |              |                                   |

### 2.2.7 Informal meetings

- The Committee has not held informal meetings during the period 2019-2022.

**Table 4: Convening of informal meetings**

| Year        | Date of informal meeting | Date of communication convening the informal meeting | No. of days |
|-------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>2019</b> | NONE                     |  |             |
| <b>2020</b> |                          |  |             |
| <b>2021</b> |                          |  |             |
| <b>2022</b> |                          |  |             |

## 2.3 Substantive work

### 2.3.1 Thematic sessions

- The Committee has two subsidiary bodies:

#### **The Working Group on Implementation (WGI):**

- The WGI serves as an informal forum for the exchange of information on Members' practices in conducting anti-dumping investigations. It was created by a decision of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices in October 1996.<sup>8</sup> The WGI normally meets twice per year, back-to-back with the Committee's regular spring and autumn meetings. Following discussions in the Committee in 2015, Members agreed to adopt a new approach to reinvigorate the work of the WGI, which had become largely dormant while anti-dumping negotiations were active.

- In particular, Members agreed to have a topic-based approach, where a given meeting would focus on a specific topic(s). The topic(s) to be discussed at a meeting should be identified well in advance, and agreed by Members.

- Members also agreed to select a discussant, on a topic-by-topic basis, to facilitate discussion at each meeting of the WGI. The discussant should be an anti-dumping expert, known among Committee Members, who would encourage Members to submit papers, prepare possible lists of questions or issues for advance circulation to focus and moderate the discussions. The discussion outlines prepared by the discussants are circulated as room documents and also sent directly to delegates by email on the same day. A reference to the WGI is also included in the annotated draft agenda for each regular meeting of the Committee. Although there is no agreed timeline for the preparation and circulation of the discussion outline, in practice, it is sent to Members at least four weeks before the meeting of the WGI. The meetings of the WGI are convened by a separate airgram issued on the same day the airgram for the Committee's regular meeting is issued.

<sup>8</sup> G/ADP/M/7



- As agreed by the Committee, the meetings of the WGI are held in an informal, off-the-record format to create an environment where Members can speak openly about their practices. For this reason, no minutes are prepared for the meetings of the WGI.

#### **The Informal Group on Anti-Circumvention (IGAC):**

- The IGAC is dedicated to discussions on circumvention of anti-dumping measures, and anti-circumvention measures, in the context of anti-dumping. That is, it is a body dedicated to a specific "theme". This Group was created in 1997 pursuant to a Ministerial Decision of the Uruguay Round.<sup>9</sup> When the IGAC meets, its meetings are held back-to-back with regular meetings of the Committee.

- In 2015, Members agreed that meetings of the IGAC would take place only if a Member submitted a new discussion paper, or requested that a meeting be held. A reference to the IGAC is also included in the annotated draft agenda of the Committee and the meeting is convened by a separate airgram issued on the same day the Committee's regular meeting airgram is issued.

#### **2.3.2 Notifications**

- The Secretariat has modified the Handbook of Anti-dumping-Related Notification Obligations and the mock examples for legislative notifications to be submitted. The handbook and examples, which can be found on the WTO anti-dumping webpage, can provide additional clarity as to how and when the notification obligations should be fulfilled.

- In the area of notifications of anti-dumping actions, the Committee developed, in 1995, a format for the submission of the semi-annual reports of anti-dumping investigations conducted and actions taken by Members (G/ADP/1). In the same year, it also developed a minimum information format for ad hoc notifications of anti-dumping actions (G/ADP/2). In 2008, the Committee revised the semi-annual report format, including a detailed set of guidelines to make the format more user-friendly and accurate (G/ADP/1/Rev.1). In addition, in 2006 the Committee developed new guidelines for the minimum information format for ad hoc notifications. These guidelines include a non-exhaustive list of the types of anti-dumping actions to be notified by Members (G/ADP/2/Rev.1). These guidelines were further updated in 2009 to encourage additional transparency (G/ADP/2/Rev.2). In 2015, the Secretariat delivered two presentations on how to use the formats, the slides of which as well as the recording of the presentations remain online to date and are accessible to all delegations.

- In 2009, a streamlining process of the different types of notifications was conducted, which yielded two important decisions by the Committee. The first was the decision to create a one-time notification format for Members that do not have investigating authorities and have never imposed anti-dumping measures. For Members in this situation, this one-time notification replaces the obligation to provide a nil notification of anti-dumping actions every six months. This is a tangible improvement that both provides transparency and assists developing countries and LDCs in complying with this notification obligation by alleviating their burden in submitting repeated nil notifications. To date, 53 Members have submitted such one-time notification. The second Committee decision in this context was to require all Members to submit all their anti-dumping notifications electronically, in an effort to do away with paper submissions.

- The Committee's annual report includes several tables reflecting the status of all types of notifications submitted by Members and those that are missing.

- At every regular Committee meeting, the Chair raises the issue of missing notifications under each agenda item pertaining to the notification obligations, and strongly urges Members to fulfil their notification obligations. This is reflected in the minutes of all Committee meetings and in the Committee's annual reports.

- The Secretariat has been involved in a series of projects aimed at digitizing the trade remedy notification process and improving the way information on the use of trade remedy measures is compiled, stored and presented to Members. A major development in this regard was the official launch, in 2021, of the Anti-Dumping Notification Portal, which allows Members to electronically

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<sup>9</sup> Decision on Anti-Circumvention.

create and submit through a dedicated e-platform semi-annual reports, while minimizing effort and reducing reporting errors; and the later addition of the "Explore Data" function, which provides online access to all information submitted by Members in their semi-annual reports. The Secretariat has given presentations, demonstrations and training sessions tailored to the needs of individual delegations to increase Members' awareness of the Portal and its functionality. The Portal has received very positive feedback from Members.

- In parallel, the Secretariat has upgraded and restructured the anti-dumping database, which has required intensive work with individual Members to clean up past records in those databases. This work has culminated in the development of the Trade Remedies Data Portal, a searchable database of information on trade remedy actions that presents the information notified in semi-annual reports in an accessible, customizable and user-friendly manner. The Data Portal was presented to Members at the Committee meeting in October 2022, and went live on 1 November 2022.

- During the weeks in which the Committee meets, the Secretariat regularly receives many delegations attending the meeting (Geneva and capital-based officials), and responds to all questions they may have on the functioning of the Committee, and provides information on i-trADe and MADRE, as well on the anti-dumping notification and data portals.

### **2.3.3 Reports prepared by the Secretariat**

- The Secretariat circulates monthly reports of ad hoc anti-dumping actions notified by Members. Those reports list all of the notifications received by the Secretariat, which it archives electronically and makes available to all interested delegations upon request.

- Prior to the October meeting each year, the Secretariat also issues a draft annual report to Members for comments. This report is adopted by the Committee at the end of the October meeting.

### **2.3.4 Participation by external stakeholders**

The International Monetary Fund, World Bank and UNCTAD have regular Observer status in the Committee. Pursuant to a decision of the Committee in October 1998, the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States ("OACPS") and the OECD are invited to attend meetings on an *ad hoc* basis.

### **2.3.5 Work with other Committees or WTO bodies**

***Latest examples of presentations made jointly by the Committees on ADP and SCM are as follows:***

- in October 2015, explaining the notification formats for semi-annual (G/ADP/1/Rev.1) and ad hoc reports (G/ADP/2/Rev.2) (audio and presentations placed online until now for Members' benefit);

- in October 2022, introducing the Trade Remedies Data Portal (audio and presentations placed online for Members' benefit).

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