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REPORT (2018) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

1. The Committee on Trade Facilitation (TFC) met several times in different formats. Regular Committee meetings were complemented by a dedicated session on assistance and support for capacity building. In addition, Members engaged in consultations led by the TFC Chair.

2. On 5 March 2018, Members took part in open-ended consultations on next steps for Committee work on Trade Facilitation.

3. The meeting was followed by a regular Committee session on 2 May 2018. It had two main agenda items:

- i. Matters relating to the implementation and administration of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). Work under this item focused on notifications by Members, starting with notifications under Articles 15 and 16 of the TFA, followed by notifications under Articles 1:4, 10:4:3, 10:6:2 and 12:2:2 of the TFA. Members also looked at the status of the ratification process and were updated on the latest developments in that area by the WTO Secretariat;
- ii. Experience sharing/thematic discussions. Under this item, Members shared their experiences on items such as (i) National Trade Facilitation Committees, (ii) transit, and (iii) implementation experiences.

4. On 3 May 2018, the Committee held a dedicated session on assistance and capacity building in line with Article 21:4 of the TFA. Discussion topics included:

- i. Exchanges on any implementation problems;
- ii. A review of progress in the provision of assistance and support for capacity building to support the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement;
- iii. The sharing of experiences and information on ongoing assistance and support for capacity building and implementation programs, including challenges and successes;
- iv. The review of donor notifications as set forth in Article 22 of the TFA; and
- v. The review of the operation of Article 21:2 (assistance and support for LDCs).

5. Immediately after that session, the Committee chairmanship was handed over from Ambassador Daniel Blockert of Sweden to Ambassador Dalia Kadišiene of Lithuania, who was elected by acclamation on 3 May.

6. The next meeting of the TFC took place on 26 June 2018. It had three main agenda items:

- i. Matters relating to the implementation and administration of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Under this item, the Committee addressed a series of matters relating to notifications by Members. Following a discussion of a proposal on the organization of the agenda, the Committee turned to notifications under (i) Articles 15 and 16 of the TFA, (ii) Articles 1:4, 10:4:3, 10:6:2 and 12:2:2 of the TFA and (iii) Article 22 of the TFA. The Committee was then updated on the status of the ratification and the notification processes;

- ii. Experience sharing/thematic discussions. Under this item, Members shared their experiences on issues such as (i) regional approaches to trade facilitation and (ii) Article 2 of the TFA (opportunity to comment, information before entry into force, and consultations). They also discussed approaches to the planning of future experience sharing among Members;
- iii. Reports on recent and upcoming activities.

7. The TFC met again from 9 to 11 October. The agenda of the meeting included the following items:

- i. Matters relating to the implementation and administration of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Under this item, the Committee addressed a series of matters relating to notifications by Members. Following a discussion of the organization of the agenda, the Committee turned to notifications under (i) Articles 15 and 16 of the TFA, (ii) Articles 1:4, 10:4:3, 10:6:2 and 12:2:2 of the TFA and (iii) Article 22 of the TFA. The Committee was then updated on the status of the ratification and the notification processes;
- ii. Administrative Separation Between the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility and the Committee on Trade Facilitation - Request by the United States;
- iii. Experience sharing/thematic discussions. Under this item, Members shared their experiences on issues such as (i) authorized economic operators, (ii) transit, (iii) single window and (iv) advance rulings;
- iv. Recent and upcoming activities;
- v. Draft Annual Report of the TFC to the Council for Trade in Goods (G/TFA/W/10/Rev.1).

**ANNEX I: NOTIFICATIONS FROM MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT UNTIL
8 OCTOBER 2018**

1. Notifications under Articles 15 and 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement

MEMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Costa Rica	G/TFA/N/CRI/1	Category C	07/11/17
Macao, China	G/TFA/N/MAC/1	Categories A & B	20/11/2017
China	G/TFA/N/CHN/1/Add.1	Categories A & B	24/11/2017
Malaysia	G/TFA/N/MYS/1	Category B	27/11/2017
Trinidad and Tobago	G/TFA/N/TTO/1	Categories B & C	27/11/2017
South Africa	G/TFA/N/ZAF/1	Categories A & B	01/12/2017
Guatemala	G/TFA/N/GTM/1	Categories A, B & C	04/12/2017
Togo	G/TFA/N/TGO/1	Categories A, B & C	13/12/2017
Ukraine	G/TFA/N/UKR/1	Categories B & C	04/01/2018
Vanuatu	G/TFA/N/VUT/1	Categories A, B & C	10/01/2018
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	G/TFA/N/BOL/1	Categories A, B & C	17/01/2018
Niger	G/TFA/N/NER/1	Category A	17/01/2018
Gambia, The	G/TFA/N/GMB/1	Categories A, B & C	25/01/2018
Paraguay	G/TFA/N/PRY/1	Categories B & C	25/01/2018
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	G/TFA/N/MKD/2	Categories A & B	30/01/2018
Philippines	G/TFA/N/PHL/1	Categories A, B & C	31/01/2018
Sierra Leone	G/TFA/N/SLE/1	Categories A, B & C	06/02/2018
Sri Lanka	G/TFA/N/LKA/1	Categories A, B & C	08/02/2018
China	G/TFA/N/CHN/1/Add.2	Category B	14/02/2018
Chile	G/TFA/N/CHL/1	Category A	15/02/2018
Dominican Republic	G/TFA/N/DOM/1	Categories A, B & C	16/02/2018
Nepal	G/TFA/N/NPL/1	Categories B & C	16/02/2018
Belize	G/TFA/N/BLZ/1	Categories B & C	20/02/2018
Georgia	G/TFA/N/GEO/1	Categories A & C	20/02/2018
Madagascar	G/TFA/N/MDG/1	Categories B & C	21/02/2018
Thailand	G/TFA/N/THA/1/Add.1	Category B	22/02/2018
Seychelles	G/TFA/N/SYC/1/Add.1	Category B	23/02/2018
Eswatini	G/TFA/N/SWZ/1/Add.1	Category B	23/02/2018
Mongolia	G/TFA/N/MNG/1	Categories B & C	26/02/2018
Bangladesh	G/TFA/N/BGD/1	Categories A, B & C	27/02/2018
Myanmar	G/TFA/N/MMR/1	Categories A, B & C	27/02/2018
South Africa	G/TFA/N/ZAF/1/Add.1	Categories A & B	28/02/2018
Afghanistan	G/TFA/N/AFG/1	Categories A, B & C	02/03/2018
Bahrain, Kingdom of	G/TFA/N/BHR/1	Categories A, B & C	02/03/2018
Lao People's Democratic Republic	G/TFA/N/LAO/1	Categories A, B & C	02/03/2018
Colombia	G/TFA/N/COL/1	Categories A & B	05/03/2018
Niger	G/TFA/N/NER/2	Categories A, B & C	05/03/2018
Peru	G/TFA/N/PER/1	Categories A, B & C	05/03/2018

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Honduras	G/TFA/N/HND/1	Categories B & C	06/03/2018
Guatemala	G/TFA/N/GTM/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	07/03/2018
Argentina	G/TFA/N/ARG/1/Add.1	Category B	12/03/2018
Botswana	G/TFA/N/BWA/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	12/03/2018
Pakistan	G/TFA/N/PAK/1/Add.1	Category B	12/03/2018
Eswatini	G/TFA/N/SWZ/1/Add.1/Rev.1	Category B	12/03/2018
Cuba	G/TFA/N/CUB/1	Categories A, B & C	13/03/2018
Moldova, Republic of	G/TFA/N/MDA/1	Categories B & C	13/03/2018
Brazil	G/TFA/N/BRA/1/Add.1	Category B	14/03/2018
India	G/TFA/N/IND/1	Category B	14/03/2018
Turkey	G/TFA/N/TUR/1	Category A	15/03/2018
Angola	G/TFA/N/AGO/1	Categories A, B & C	21/03/2018
Guyana	G/TFA/N/GUY/1/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	03/04/2018
Morocco	G/TFA/N/MAR/1	Categories B & C	19/04/2018
Albania	G/TFA/N/ALB/1	Categories B & C	23/04/2018
Ukraine	G/TFA/N/UKR/1/Add.1	Category B	22/05/2018
Mauritius	G/TFA/N/MUS/1	Categories A & B	25/05/2018
Indonesia	G/TFA/N>IDN/1	Categories A & B	01/06/2018
Lesotho	G/TFA/N/LSO/1	Categories A, B & C	04/06/2018
Macao, China	G/TFA/N/MAC/1/Add.1	Category B	04/06/2018
Rwanda	G/TFA/N/RWA/1	Categories B & C	04/06/2018
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	G/TFA/N/VCT/1	Categories A, B & C	04/06/2018
Fiji	G/TFA/N/FJI/1	Category B	07/06/2018
Jordan	G/TFA/N/JOR/1	Categories B & C	07/06/2018
Indonesia	G/TFA/N>IDN/1/Corr.1	Categories A & B	05/07/2018
Rwanda	G/TFA/N/RWA/1/Corr.1	Categories B & C	05/07/2018
Kazakhstan	G/TFA/N/KAZ/2	Categories A, B & C	17/07/2018
Central African Republic	G/TFA/N/CAF/1	Category A	26/07/2018
Nicaragua	G/TFA/N/NIC/1/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	30/07/2018
Jamaica	G/TFA/N/JAM/1/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	16/08/2018
Samoa	G/TFA/N/WSM/1	Categories B & C	28/08/2018
Saint Lucia	G/TFA/N/LCA/1	Categories B & C	04/09/2018
Kyrgyz Republic	G/TFA/N/KGZ/2	Categories A, B & C	14/09/2018
Trinidad and Tobago	G/TFA/N/TTO/2	Categories B & C	28/09/2018

2. Notifications under Articles 1:4, 10:4:3, 10:6:2 and 12:2:2 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement

MEMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Singapore	G/TFA/N/SGP/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	14/11/2017
Australia	G/TFA/N/AUS/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	08/01/2018
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	G/TFA/N/MKD/1/Rev.1	Article 1.4	16/01/2018
Guyana	G/TFA/N/GUY/2	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	24/01/2018

MEMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Iceland	G/TFA/N/ISL/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	15/02/2018
Belize	G/TFA/N/BLZ/2	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	20/02/2018
Argentina	G/TFA/N/ARG/2	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	28/02/2018
European Union	G/TFA/N/EU/1/Add.1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	05/03/2018
Liechtenstein	G/TFA/N/LIE/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	14/03/2018
China	G/TFA/N/CHN/2/Rev.1	Articles 1.4 & 10.6.2	19/03/2018
Kazakhstan	G/TFA/N/KAZ/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3 & 10.6.2	19/03/2018
European Union	G/TFA/N/EU/1/Rev.1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	21/03/2018
Costa Rica	G/TFA/N/CRI/2	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	23/03/2018
Kyrgyz Republic	G/TFA/N/KGZ/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	04/04/2018
Macao, China	G/TFA/N/MAC/2	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	04/06/2018
Norway	G/TFA/N/NOR/2	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	18/06/2018
Moldova, Republic of	G/TFA/N/MDA/2	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	29/06/2018
Georgia	G/TFA/N/GEO/2	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	31/07/2018
Chinese Taipei	G/TFA/N/TPKM/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	01/08/2018
Saint Lucia	G/TFA/N/LCA/2	Articles 1.4 & 10.6.2	04/09/2018
Brazil	G/TFA/N/BRA/2/Add.1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	12/09/2018
Mexico	G/TFA/N/MEX/1	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	28/09/2018

3. Notifications under Article 22 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement by Donor Members

MEMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
FROM DONOR MEMBERS			
Australia	G/TFA/N/AUS/2	Article 22.1 & 22.2	19/04/2018
United States of America	G/TFA/N/USA/2/Add.1	Article 22.1 & 22.2	14/06/2018
Canada	G/TFA/N/CAN/3	Article 22.1 & 22.2	15/08/2018
Japan	G/TFA/N/JPN/3	Article 22.1 & 22.2	10/09/2018
Norway	G/TFA/N/NOR/1/Add.1	Article 22.1 & 22.2	21/09/2018
European Union	G/TFA/N/EU/2/Add.1	Article 22.1 & 22.2	28/09/2018
FROM DEVELOPING AND LDC MEMBERS SEEKING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAPACITY BUILDING			
Moldova, Republic of	G/TFA/N/MDA/3	Article 22.3	24/08/2018