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REPORT (2018) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

1. The Committee held its 74th, 75th and 76th regular meetings on 21-22 March, 20-21 June and 14-15 November 2018, respectively. The 74th meeting was chaired by Mr. José Manuel Campos (Chile), and the 75th and 76th meetings were chaired by Ms Kate Swan (New Zealand).¹

2. During these meetings, the Committee:

- a. heard statements from Members regarding measures taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the TBT Agreement, under Article 15.2. In total, since 1995, 142 Members have submitted at least one such statement.²
- b. with respect to notifications³:
 - i. received 1875 new notifications from Members;
 - ii. received 900 *follow-up* notifications (addenda, corrigenda, revisions) from Members;
- c. with respect to specific trade concerns:
 - i. discussed 22 new specific trade concerns;
 - ii. discussed 161 *previously raised* specific trade concerns;
- d. took note of the 23rd Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the TBT Agreement under Article 15.3, which contains detailed information about the work of the Committee during 2017.⁴
- e. held informal meetings on the preparation of the Eighth Triennial Review⁵; and,
- f. concluded the Eighth Triennial Review ([G/TBT/41](#)).

3. At its meetings held during 2018, representatives of the Codex, UNECE, UNIDO, WHO, BIPM, IEC, CROSQ and ISO updated the Committee on activities relevant to the work of the TBT Committee, including on technical assistance.

¹ [G/TBT/M/74](#), [G/TBT/M/75](#) and G/TBT/M/76 (to be issued).

² Figures as of 15 November 2018.

³ Figures as of 15 November 2018.

⁴ [G/TBT/40](#).

⁵ The Chair's report is contained in [JOB/TBT/240/Rev.4](#).