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**Council for Trade in Goods**

**DECISION ON THE RECORDING OF THE RESOLUTION OF TRADE CONCERNs**

ADOPTED ON 7 JULY 2025<sup>1</sup>

The Council for Trade in Goods,

*Recognizing* that Members use the Council for Trade in Goods as a forum to discuss and seek resolution of trade concerns, including those raised in its subsidiary bodies;

*Noting* that similar reporting mechanisms in other WTO Committees, such as the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Committee) and the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Committee), have provided an effective means for Members to track and demonstrate the resolution of Specific Trade Concerns raised in those bodies;

*Desiring* to promote more constructive, solution-oriented discussions by systematically reflecting when and how trade concerns raised by Members are resolved or otherwise concluded;

Decides as follows:

1. The agenda of the Council will be modified to include a new standing item, entitled "Reports on Resolution of Trade Concerns", placed immediately before the consideration of new and previously raised trade concerns.

2. Under this new standing agenda item, Members will be invited to report on previously raised trade concerns for which a resolution has been reached. Members may also inform the Secretariat at any time that a trade concern has been resolved. In these cases, and for transparency purposes, the Chairperson will report such resolution at the Council's following formal meeting.

3. The Secretariat will maintain a categorized record of all trade concerns raised in the Council, where, as applicable, concerns for which information has been received will be listed as falling within one of the following categories:

- a. Reported as resolved: when all of the Members that raised the trade concern in any of the meetings where it was discussed at the Council, and the responding Member(s), report it to the Secretariat as resolved;
- b. Partially resolved: if some but not all of the Members raising and responding to the trade concern have reported it as resolved. This category also covers situations where the trade concern has been resolved for some, but not all, of the products covered by the measure at issue.

4. The Secretariat will reflect the status of all trade concerns, listed within these categories, in the [Trade Concerns Database](#).

5. The absence of further discussion of a particular concern at subsequent meetings of the Council shall not create a presumption that the issue has been resolved. A trade concern will only

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<sup>1</sup> See document [G/C/M/152](#).

be designated as "resolved" or "partially resolved" if the relevant Members explicitly indicate such resolution, as described above.

6. Nothing in this Decision, including the fact that a trade concern is recorded as "resolved" or "partially resolved" shall prevent any Member from again raising the same concern in the Council for Trade in Goods or its subsidiary bodies, or from seeking recourse to dispute settlement under the Dispute Settlement Understanding. The recording of the trade concern as "resolved" or "partially resolved" shall not create any legal consequences nor serve as a ground for any legal inferences on the matter.

7. Every two years, the Secretariat will contact those Members that had raised trade concerns that have not been discussed for at least two consecutive years, in order to enquire about their status and respective categorization as listed in paragraph 3 above.<sup>2</sup> Based on the responses received, the Secretariat will prepare a report listing the status of trade concerns, which will be submitted to the Council for transparency purposes. In addition, the Secretariat will include a new section in the CTG Annual Report to the General Council providing an overview of the status of trade concerns raised at the Council.

8. The Council will review the functioning of this Decision within two years after its adoption.

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<sup>2</sup> The first such exercise will be carried out upon the Decision's adoption.