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**REPORT (2019) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION
TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS**

1. The Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA) entered into force on 22 February 2017. This report covers the period from 11 October 2018 to 16 October 2019.

2. During the period under review, the Committee on Trade Facilitation (TFC) held three formal meetings: on 12 to 13 February (G/TFA/M/7); on 25 to 26 June (G/TFA/M/8); and 15 to 16 October (G/TFA/M/9¹).

3. The meeting of 12 and 13 February was chaired by Ambassador Dalia Kadišiene (Lithuania) and the remaining meetings were chaired by her successor Ambassador Mohammad Haqjo (Afghanistan) who was elected at the June meeting as Chair of the Committee for 2019.

4. The work of the TFC focused on four main areas: matters relating to the implementation and administration of the TFA; experience sharing/thematic discussions; updates on relevant activities from TFAF and other organizations; and the Committee's Rules of Procedures.

Matters relating to the implementation and administration of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

5. Under this item, the Committee's work focused on notifications. Developing and least developed country Members invoking the special flexibilities of the TFA are required to notify their implementation commitments to the Committee in accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of the TFA. Members discussed the implementation of the Agreement, analysed progress made and highlighted remaining work to be done, with some drawing attention to upcoming notification deadlines, related challenges and available support. A significant milestone was passed on 22 August 2019 as this was the date by which developing Members were required to notify their definitive dates for their category C provisions. A total of 78 notifications under Articles 15 and 16 were received during the period under review.

6. A total of 40 transparency notifications were received during the period under review: Art.1.4 (import, export and transit procedures); Art.10.4.3 (single window); Art.10.6.2 (customs brokers) and Art.12.2.2 (exchange of customs information).

7. In accordance with Article 22.1 and 22.2 of the TFA which require donor Members to notify information regarding their technical assistance arrangements and the process and mechanisms to receive assistance, 7 donor Members submitted notifications. Article 22.3 requires beneficiary Members to notify contact details with regard to technical assistance and 23 developing and least developed country Members submitted notifications under this article.

8. During the period under review, 8 further ratifications were received, bringing the total number of ratifications to 146 Members (89% of the Membership).

Experience sharing/thematic discussions

9. The Committee holds regular experience sharing and thematic discussions. During the period under review, Members shared their experiences on items such as (i) National Trade Facilitation Committees, (ii) transit, (iii) inward and outward processing and temporary admission; (iv) advance

¹ To be issued.

rulings; and (v) developing the notification required under Article 1:4. More details on the information and experience sharing discussions can be found on the TFA database.²

Rules of procedures of the Committee on Trade Facilitation

10. At its meeting of 25 and 26 June, Members finalized work on the Committee's rules of procedure (G/TFA/W/14) and agreed to forward them to the Council for Trade in Goods for approval.

Reporting by TFAF and other organizations

11. The Committee received regular updates from the WTO TFA Facility at each of its meeting. The Facility's Annual Report for 2018 was introduced at the June meeting.³ The Committee was also updated on its work by the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, OECD and UNCTAD during the period under review.

Dedicated session on assistance and capacity building

12. In accordance with the provision of Article 21.4 of the Agreement, the Committee held an annual dedicated session on assistance and capacity building on 16 October 2019. The items discussed included: exchanges on any implementation problems; a review of progress in the provision of assistance and support for capacity building to support the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement; sharing experiences and information on ongoing assistance and support for capacity building and implementation programs, including challenges and successes; reviewing donor notifications as set forth in Article 22 of the TFA; and reviewing the operation of Article 21:2 (assistance and support for LDCs).

Draft Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods.

13. The Committee adopted the Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods (G/TFA/W/17) and requested the Secretariat to update it to take account of the October meeting.

² <https://www.tfadatabase.org/trade-facilitation-committee/experience-sharing/key-points>.

³ <http://www.tfafacility.org/annual-report-2018>.

**ANNEX I: NOTIFICATIONS FROM MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT UNTIL
15 OCTOBER 2019**

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

MEMBER	DOCUMENT SYMBOL	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Tonga	G/TFA/N/TON/1/Add.1	Category B	15/10/2018
El Salvador	G/TFA/N/SLV/1	Categories A & C	22/10/2018
Grenada	G/TFA/N/GRD/1	Categories B & C	29/10/2018
Viet Nam	G/TFA/N/VNM/1	Categories A, B & C	16/11/2018
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	G/TFA/N/SAU/1	Category A	30/11/2018
Armenia	G/TFA/N/ARM/1/Add.1	Category B	08/02/2019
Bangladesh	G/TFA/N/BGD/1/Add.1	Category C	14/02/2019
Ecuador	G/TFA/N/ECU/1	Categories B & C	14/02/2019
Madagascar	G/TFA/N/MDG/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	22/02/2019
Moldova, Republic of	G/TFA/N/MDA/1/Add.1	Category B	26/02/2019
Barbados	G/TFA/N/BRB/1	Categories B & C	27/02/2019
Dominica	G/TFA/N/DMA/1	Categories A, B & C	27/02/2019
Uruguay	G/TFA/N/URY/1	Category B	07/03/2019
Oman	G/TFA/N/OMN/1	Categories A & B	22/03/2019
Mozambique	G/TFA/N/MOZ/3	Categories B & C	02/04/2019
Mauritius	G/TFA/N/MUS/1/Add.1	Categories A & C	05/04/2019
Mauritania	G/TFA/N/MRT/1	Categories A, B & C	26/04/2019
Mozambique	G/TFA/N/MOZ/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	26/04/2019
Panama	G/TFA/N/PAN/1	Categories A, B & C	08/05/2019
Papua New Guinea	G/TFA/N/PNG/1	Categories B & C	27/05/2019
Senegal	G/TFA/N/SEN/1	Categories B & C	03/06/2019
Central African Republic	G/TFA/N/CAF/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	04/06/2019
Egypt	G/TFA/N/EGY/1	Categories A, B & C	20/06/2019
Djibouti	G/TFA/N/DJI/1	Categories A, B & C	03/07/2019
Malaysia	G/TFA/N/MYS/1/Add.1	Category B	03/07/2019
Cameroon	G/TFA/N/CMR/1	Categories B & C	10/07/2019
Liberia	G/TFA/N/LBR/1	Categories A, B & C	23/07/2019
Paraguay	G/TFA/N/PRY/1/Add.1	Category C	23/07/2019
Kazakhstan	G/TFA/N/KAZ/2/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	26/07/2019
Dominican Republic	G/TFA/N/DOM/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	29/07/2019
Cote d'Ivoire	G/TFA/N/CIV/1	Categories A, B & C	30/07/2019
Ghana	G/TFA/N/GHA/1	Categories A, B & C	01/08/2019
China	G/TFA/N/CHN/1/Add.3	Category B	07/08/2019
Montenegro	G/TFA/N/MNE/1/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	07/08/2019

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	G/TFA/N/VCT/1/Add.1	Category C	07/08/2019
Tajikistan	G/TFA/N/TJK/1	Categories A, B & C	12/08/2019
Congo	G/TFA/N/COG/1	Categories A, B & C	15/08/2019
Ukraine	G/TFA/N/UKR/1/Add.2	Categories B & C	15/08/2019
Tajikistan	G/TFA/N/TJK/1/Corr.1	Categories A, B & C	19/08/2019
Bangladesh	G/TFA/N/BGD/2	Progress & arrangements with donors	20/08/2019
Kazakhstan	G/TFA/N/KAZ/2/Add.1/Corr.1	Categories A, B & C	20/08/2019
Barbados	G/TFA/N/BRB/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	22/08/2019
Gabon	G/TFA/N/GAB/1	Categories A, B & C	22/08/2019
Ghana	G/TFA/N/GHA/1/Add.1	Category C	22/08/2019
Grenada	G/TFA/N/GRD/1/Add.1	Category C	22/08/2019
Moldova, Republic of	G/TFA/N/MDA/1/Add.2	Category C	22/08/2019
Seychelles	G/TFA/N/SYC/1/Add.2	Category C	22/08/2019
Antigua and Barbuda	G/TFA/N/ATG/1	Categories B & C	23/08/2019
Dominica	G/TFA/N/DMA/1/Add.1	Category C	23/08/2019
Guyana	G/TFA/N/GUY/1/Add.2	Category C	23/08/2019
Nigeria	G/TFA/N/NGA/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	23/08/2019
Saint Lucia	G/TFA/N/LCA/1/Add.1	Category C	23/08/2019
Tonga	G/TFA/N/TON/1/Add.2	Category C	23/08/2019
Papua New Guinea	G/TFA/N/PNG/1/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	23/08/2019
Costa Rica	G/TFA/N/CRI/1/Add.1	Category C	27/08/2019
Pakistan	G/TFA/N/PAK/1/Add.2	Category C	27/08/2019
Sri Lanka	G/TFA/N/LKA/1/Add.1	Category C	27/08/2019
Belize	G/TFA/N/BLZ/1/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	30/08/2019
Cabo Verde	G/TFA/N/CPV/1	Categories A, B & C	30/08/2019
Fiji	G/TFA/N/FJI/1/Add.1	Category C	30/08/2019
Jamaica	G/TFA/N/JAM/1/Add.2	Categories A, B & C	30/08/2019
Kyrgyz Republic	G/TFA/N/KGZ/2/Add.1	Categories A, B & C	30/08/2019
Samoa	G/TFA/N/WSM/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	30/08/2019
United Arab Emirates	G/TFA/N/ARE/1	Categories A & B	09/09/2019
Namibia	G/TFA/N/NAM/1	Categories B & C	10/09/2019
Malawi	G/TFA/N/MWI/1	Categories B & C	12/09/2019
Suriname	G/TFA/N/SUR/1	Category C	12/09/2019
Costa Rica	G/TFA/N/CRI/1/Add.1/Corr.1	Category C	16/09/2019
Lao People's Democratic Republic	G/TFA/N/LAO/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	16/09/2019
Eswatini	G/TFA/N/SWZ/1/Add.2	Categories B & C	16/09/2019
Tunisia	G/TFA/N/TUN/1	Category C	16/09/2019

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Zimbabwe	G/TFA/N/ZWE/1	Categories B & C	16/09/2019
Belize	G/TFA/N/BLZ/1/Add.1/Corr.1	Categories A, B & C	19/09/2019
United Arab Emirates	G/TFA/N/ARE/1/Corr.1	Categories A & B	19/09/2019
Lao People's Democratic Republic	G/TFA/N/LAO/1/Add.2	Categories B & C	24/09/2019
Ecuador	G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.1	Category C	26/09/2019
Cuba	G/TFA/N/CUB/1/Add.1	Categories B & C	03/10/2019
Cuba	G/TFA/N/CUB/2	Progress & arrangements	03/10/2019

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

MEMBER	DOCUMENT SYMBOL	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
Philippines	G/TFA/N/PHL/2	Art. 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	26/10/2018
North Macedonia	G/TFA/N/MKD/1/Rev.2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	12/11/2018
Pakistan	G/TFA/N/PAK/2	Art. 1.4 & 10.6.2 of the TFA	15/11/2018
Pakistan	G/TFA/N/PAK/2/Rev.1	Art. 1.4 & 10.6.2. of the TFA	23/11/2018
Peru	G/TFA/N/PER/3	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	27/11/2018
Japan	G/TFA/N/JPN/2/Corr.1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	19/12/2018
Chile	G/TFA/N/CHL/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	20/12/2018
Lao People's Democratic Republic	G/TFA/N/LAO/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3 & 10.6.2 of the TFA	17/01/2019
Armenia	G/TFA/N/ARM/2	Art. 12.2.2 of the TFA	14/02/2019
China	G/TFA/N/CHN/2/Rev.2	Art. 1.4 & 10.6.2 of the TFA	18/02/2019
Russian Federation	G/TFA/N/RUS/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	01/03/2019
Bahrain, Kingdom of	G/TFA/N/BHR/3	Art. 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	04/03/2019
Ukraine	G/TFA/N/UKR/3	Art. 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	05/03/2019
Hong Kong, China	G/TFA/N/HKG/1/Rev.1	Art. 1.4 & 10.4.3 of the TFA	08/03/2019
Guatemala	G/TFA/N/GTM/2	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	18/03/2019
Saint Kitts and Nevis	G/TFA/N/KNA/3	Art. 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	01/04/2019
Mozambique	G/TFA/N/MOZ/2	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	02/04/2019
Mauritius	G/TFA/N/MUS/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	09/04/2019
India	G/TFA/N/IND/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	11/04/2019
Thailand	G/TFA/N/THA/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3 & 10.6.2 of the TFA	09/05/2019
Turkey	G/TFA/N/TUR/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	15/05/2019

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Uruguay	G/TFA/N/URY/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	17/05/2019
Australia	G/TFA/N/AUS/1/Rev.1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	20/05/2019
Eswatini	G/TFA/N/SWZ/2	Art. 10.6.2 of the TFA	23/05/2019
El Salvador	G/TFA/N/SLV/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	27/05/2019
Chile	G/TFA/N/CHL/2/Add.1	Art. 10.4.3 of the TFA	03/06/2019
Montenegro	G/TFA/N/MNE/2	Art. 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	13/06/2019
Israel	G/TFA/N/ISR/1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	18/06/2019
Ecuador	G/TFA/N/ECU/2	Art. 10.6.2 of the TFA	20/06/2019
Mongolia	G/TFA/N/MNG/2	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	12/07/2019
Indonesia	G/TFA/N>IDN/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	23/07/2019
Maldives	G/TFA/N/MDV/1	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	23/07/2019
Dominican Republic	G/TFA/N/DOM/3	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	29/07/2019
Grenada	G/TFA/N/GRD/2	Art. 12.2.2 of the TFA	07/08/2019
Peru	G/TFA/N/PER/3/Rev.1	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	12/08/2019
Brazil	G/TFA/N/BRA/2/Add.2	Art. 1.4 of the TFA	15/08/2019
Morocco	G/TFA/N/MAR/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	30/08/2019
Malawi	G/TFA/N/MWI/2	Art. 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	12/09/2019
Viet Nam	G/TFA/N/VNM/2	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 of the TFA	25/09/2019
Maldives	G/TFA/N/MDV/1/Add.1	Art. 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	03/10/2019
Egypt	G/TFA/N/EGY/2	Art. 10.6.2	14/10/2019
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	G/TFA/N/VCT/3	Art. 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	14/10/2019
Nepal	G/TFA/N/NPL/2	Art. 10.6.2	14/10/2019
Bangladesh	G/TFA/N/BGD/3	Art. 10.6.2	14/10/2019
Panama	G/TFA/N/PAN/2	Art. 10.6.2 & 12.2.2	15/10/2019

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

MEMBER	DOCUMENT SYMBOL	AREAS COVERED	DATE OF ISSUANCE
FROM DONOR MEMBERS			
Japan	G/TFA/N/JPN/4	Art. 22:1 & 22.2 of the TFA	07/03/2019
Switzerland	G/TFA/N/CHE/3	Art. 22:1 & 22.2 of the TFA	26/03/2019
United States	G/TFA/N/USA/3	Art. 22:1 & 22.2 of the TFA	13/05/2019
Australia	G/TFA/N/AUS/3	Art. 22.1 & 22.2 of the TFA	14/06/2019
European Union	G/TFA/N/EU/2/Add.2	Art. 22:1 & 22.2 of the TFA	14/06/2019

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Norway	G/TFA/N/NOR/3	Art. 22:1 & 22.2 of the TFA	23/07/2019
Chinese Taipei	G/TFA/N/TPKM/2	Art. 22:1 & 22.2 of the TFA	02/09/2019
FROM DEVELOPING AND LDC MEMBERS SEEKING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAPACITY BUILDING			
Tonga	G/TFA/N/TON/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	15/10/2018
Ukraine	G/TFA/N/UKR/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	23/11/2018
Peru	G/TFA/N/PER/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	27/11/2018
Guyana	G/TFA/N/GUY/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	04/12/2018
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	G/TFA/N/VCT/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	19/02/2019
Tonga	G/TFA/N/TON/2/Rev.1	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	25/02/2019
Bahrain, Kingdom of	G/TFA/N/BHR/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	01/03/2019
Peru	G/TFA/N/PER/2/Rev.1	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	07/03/2019
Saint Kitts and Nevis	G/TFA/N/KNA/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	01/04/2019
Belize	G/TFA/N/BLZ/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	03/04/2019
Trinidad and Tobago	G/TFA/N/TTO/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	18/04/2019
Fiji	G/TFA/N/FJI/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	10/07/2019
Paraguay	G/TFA/N/PRY/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	23/07/2019
Dominican Republic	G/TFA/N/DOM/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	29/07/2019
Mauritius	G/TFA/N/MUS/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	01/08/2019
Grenada	G/TFA/N/GRD/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	07/08/2019
Sri Lanka	G/TFA/N/LKA/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	12/08/2019
Maldives	G/TFA/N/MDV/2	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	04/09/2019
Mongolia	G/TFA/N/MNG/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	04/09/2019
Sri Lanka	G/TFA/N/LKA/2/Corr.1	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	09/09/2019
Malawi	G/TFA/N/MWI/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	12/09/2019
Paraguay	G/TFA/N/PRY/2/Rev.1	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	20/09/2019
Ecuador	G/TFA/N/ECU/3	Art. 22.3 of the TFA	26/09/2019