

## REPORT (2010) OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES

### I. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING PARTY

1. The Working Party on State Trading Enterprises was established by the Council for Trade in Goods at its meeting of 20 February 1995, pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (hereinafter "the Understanding"). Membership of the Working Party is open to all Members indicating their wish to serve on it. Observer governments in the General Council of the WTO have observer status in the Working Party. During the period under review (16 October 2009 to 19 October 2010, i.e. the period of time between the regular, annual meetings of the Working Party), Ms Doris JURADO (Colombia) assumed the Chairpersonship of the Working Party from Mr. Haitao ZHU (China). Ms JURADO was appointed Chair by the Council for Trade in Goods at its meeting on 23 March 2010.

2. The mandate of the Working Party, as set out in paragraph 5 of the Understanding, is: (i) to review notifications and counter-notifications on state trading; (ii) to review, in the light of the notifications received, the adequacy of the questionnaire on state trading (BISD 9S/184) and the coverage of state trading enterprises notified under paragraph 1 of the Understanding; and (iii) to develop an illustrative list showing the kinds of relationships between governments and enterprises, and the kinds of activities engaged in by these enterprises, which may be relevant for the purposes of Article XVII of the GATT 1994. Regarding the review of notifications, the Working Party having completed the mandated revision of the questionnaire on state trading, now reviews notifications in light of the questionnaire adopted on 2 April 1998 (G/STR/3) and revised on 14 November 2003 (G/STR/3/Rev.1). The notifications reviewed for the current period are listed below in paragraph 9. Regarding the Illustrative List of State Trading Relationships and Activities, the Working Party completed its mandate with the adoption of the Illustrative List by the Council for Trade in Goods on 15 October 1999 (G/STR/4).

3. This Report is submitted under paragraph 5 of the Understanding. It sets out the activities of the Working Party during the period under review.

4. Participants in the Working Party's meetings to date are: Argentina; Australia; Bangladesh; Barbados; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burundi; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; The European Union<sup>1</sup>; Guatemala; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Israel; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kenya; Korea; Macao, China; Malaysia; Malta; Mauritius; Mexico; Morocco; New Zealand; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Singapore; South Africa; Switzerland; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Ukraine; United States; Uruguay; Venezuela; Vietnam; Zambia and Zimbabwe. Ethiopia; Iran; Russian Federation and Sudan have participated as observers.

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<sup>1</sup> The European Union and its 27 Member States are counted as one.

5. Following the regular meeting held on 16 October 2009, the Working Party held one informal consultation and two regular meetings during the period under review. The informal consultation was held on 29 April 2010 and the regular meetings were held on 16 June 2010 and 19 October 2010. The minutes of the regular meeting held on 16 June 2010 are circulated as G/STR/M/20. The minutes of the regular meeting held on 19 October 2010 will be circulated in document G/STR/M/21.

6. On 13 August 2010 the Chair of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises received a letter from the Chairman of the Working Party on Trade and Transfer of Technology. The letter requested the Chair of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises to inform the Chair of the Working Party on Trade and Transfer of Technology of any discussions, submissions and/or other developments relating to trade and technology transfer that may have taken place since the last report in 2002, or any information on work that is planned on trade and technology transfer. The Chair of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises responded that there had been no discussions, submissions, or other developments relating to trade and technology transfer in the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises and there were no plans for any such activity.

7. The next regular meeting of the Working Party will be held on 20 October 2011.

## **II. NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW OF MEMBERS' STATE TRADING ACTIVITIES**

8. Article XVII:4 of GATT 1994, and paragraph 1 of the Understanding require Members to notify their state trading enterprises to the Council for Trade in Goods. New and full notifications were first required in 1995 and, subsequently, every third year thereafter, while updating notifications were to be made in the intervening years, indicating any changes since the last new and full notification. On 11 November 2003, the Working Party adopted the recommendation contained in document G/STR/5 regarding the frequency of notifications. The said recommendation, approved by the Council for Trade in Goods on 26 November 2003, modified the periodicity of state trading notifications so that new and full notifications on state trading were due every two years instead of every three years and the requirement of updating notifications in the intervening years was eliminated (i.e. the notification burden was reduced). On 3 October 2008 the Working Party recommended to the Council for Trade in Goods that the application of the recommendation contained in G/STR/5 be extended for a further period of two years. A recommendation to that effect was subsequently circulated as G/STR/6. Informal consultations were held on 29 April 2010 to review the frequency of notifications and decide whether to extend the application of the recommendation in G/STR/6 either as presently drafted or in a modified form, for a further period. The Working Party was not able to reach a conclusion. The Chair consulted with Members bilaterally, drafted a recommendation and circulated it for comments and then called a formal meeting on 16 June 2010. The recommendation was adopted as G/STR/7. Informal consultations will be held prior to 30 June 2012 to review the frequency of notifications with a view to determining whether to extend the application of the recommendation in G/STR/7, either as presently drafted or in a modified form, for a further period or for an indefinite period.

9. In the period under review 22 updating notifications and 49 new and full notifications were received. The Working Party reviewed all of these notifications at its regular meeting on 19 October 2010, and also reviewed notifications from Albania; the European Union; Nigeria and Switzerland<sup>2</sup> previously submitted but not reviewed. The notifications reviewed were as follows: The 2010 new and full notifications from Australia; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Ecuador; El Salvador; Grenada; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Korea; Macao, China; Japan; Namibia; Norway; Qatar; Singapore; Switzerland; Chinese Taipei; Trinidad and Tobago; Turkey; Ukraine

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<sup>2</sup> G/STR/12/ALB; G/STR/N/9/EEC/Suppl.1; G/STR/N/10/EEC/Suppl.1; G/STR/N/11/EEC/Suppl.1; G/STR/N/12/NGA; and G/STR/N/12/CHE.

and the United States; the 2008 new and full notifications from Albania; Canada; Ecuador; El Salvador; Jamaica; Korea; Namibia; Nigeria; Norway; Qatar; Switzerland; and Trinidad and Tobago; the 2006 new and full notifications from Ecuador; El Salvador; the Supplement from the European Union; India; Korea; Namibia and Norway; the 2004 new and full notifications for Ecuador; El Salvador; the Supplement from the European Union; India; Malaysia; Namibia and Norway; the 2001 new and full notifications from Ecuador; El Salvador; Malaysia; and Namibia; the 1998 new and full notifications from Ecuador and Malaysia; the 2003 updating notification from Ecuador; El Salvador; the supplement from the European Union; India; Malaysia; Namibia and Norway; the 2002 updating notification from Ecuador; El Salvador; India; Malaysia; Namibia and Norway; the 2000 updating notification from Ecuador and Malaysia; the 1999 updating notification from Ecuador and Malaysia; and the 1996 and 1997 updating notifications from Ecuador; El Salvador and Malaysia.

10. At the regular meeting of the Working Party, Australia posed written questions relating to India's updating notifications contained in documents G/STR/N/8/IND, G/STR/N/9/IND, and India's new and full notifications contained in documents G/STR/N/10/IND and G/STR/N/11/IND.<sup>3</sup> Australia also directed follow up questions to Japan concerning its notification submitted in document G/STR/N/12/JPN.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, Australia circulated written questions requesting India and Norway to inform the Working Party of when they expected to submit outstanding notifications, asking both India and Norway to provide written responses.<sup>5</sup>

11. During the period under review Japan submitted written replies to questions from the United States on Japan's notification contained in document G/STR/N/12/JPN.<sup>6</sup>

12. The Working Party adopted its Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods for the year 2010.

### **III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATION**

13. As of the date of 19 October 2010, 21 notifications (out of a possible 126 notifications) have been received for the 2010 notification period (G/STR/N/13) and 35 notifications (out of a possible 126 notifications) for the 2008 notification period (G/STR/12). More detailed information with respect to the status of notifications since 1995 is set out in the table found attached to this report (along with the Membership list of the WTO, also attached).

14. The Working Party held a workshop on 18 October 2010 in response to reactions by Members at the informal consultations on 29 April 2010 regarding the frequency of notifications, and following bilateral consultations initiated by the Chair to hear from Members on the problems they were experiencing in complying with their notification obligation (the agenda for the workshop is attached).

15. The workshop, initiated by the Chair, included a presentation by the Secretariat on STEs generally and the notification obligation, and two presentations by Members (Australia and Chile) on their experiences in completing STE notifications. The Chair set aside half a day for one-on-one technical assistance.

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<sup>3</sup> G/STR/Q1/IND/3.

<sup>4</sup> G/STR/Q1/JPN/10.

<sup>5</sup> G/STR/Q1/IND/3 and G/STR/Q1/NOR/7.

<sup>6</sup> See G/STR/Q1/JPN/11, circulated on 22 September 2010.

**NOTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY WTO MEMBERS UNDER ARTICLE XVII:4(A)  
OF THE GATT 1994 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE UNDERSTANDING ON THE  
INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE GATT 1994**

Status as of 19 October 2010<sup>1</sup>

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Albania (ALB)	*	*	*	*	*	A				N	N	N	
Angola (AGO)	*	A											
Antigua and Barbuda (ATG)	A												
Argentina (ARG)	A N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
Armenia (ARM)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	N	N	N	
Australia (AUS)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bahrain (BHR)	A			X	X	X							
Bangladesh (BGD)	A												
Barbados (BRB)	A X												
Belize (BLZ)	A												
Benin (BEN)	*	A											
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (VEN)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Bolivia (BOL)	A				N	N	N						
Botswana (BWA)	A N												

<sup>1</sup> "X" indicates that a notification has been made.

"N" indicates that a nil notification has been made.

"\*" indicates that the country/customs territory was not yet a Member of the WTO.

"A" indicates the year in which the WTO Agreement entered into force for that Member.

"§" indicates that the country in question is currently a member of the European Union.

The shaded boxes indicate that the corresponding notification was submitted by the European Communities. On 1 December 2009, the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community (done at Lisbon, 13 December 2007) entered into force. On 29 November 2009, the WTO received a Verbal Note (WT/L/779) from the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities stating that, by virtue of the Treaty of Lisbon, as of 1 December 2009, the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community.

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Brazil (BRA)	A X		X										
Brunei Darussalam (BRN)	A												
Bulgaria (BGR) <sup>2</sup> §	N	A					N	N		N			
Burkina Faso (BFA)	A												
Burundi (BDI)	A						N						
Cambodia (KHM)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A			
Cameroon (CMR)	A												
Canada (CAN)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cape Verde (CPV)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	
Central African Republic (CAF)	A												
Chad (TCD)	*	A		N	N	N	N						
Chile (CHL)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
China (CHN)	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X	X	X				
Colombia (COL)	A X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Costa Rica (CRI)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Côte d'Ivoire (CIV)	A X												
Croatia (HRV)	*	*	*	*	*	A		N	N	N	N	N	
Cuba (CUB)	A												
Cyprus (CYP) <sup>3</sup> §	A X						N	N	N				
Czech Republic (CZE) <sup>3</sup> §	A X	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Democratic Republic of the Congo (COD)	*	*	A										

<sup>2</sup> This Member became a European Communities' member State on 1 January 2007. See also last sentence in footnote 1.

<sup>3</sup> This Member became a European Communities' member State on 1 May 2004. See also last sentence in footnote 1.

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Djibouti (DJI)	A												
Dominica (DMA)	A			X	X	X							
Dominican Republic (DOM)	A												
Ecuador (ECU)	*	AN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Egypt (EGY)	A			N									
El Salvador (SLV)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Estonia (EST) <sup>3</sup> §	*	*	*	*	A		N	N	N				
European Union (EEC)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N	
Fiji (FJI)	*	A		X									
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MKD)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	N			
Gabon (GAB)	A												
Gambia (GMB)	N	A											
Georgia (GEO)	*	*	*	*	*	A	N	N					
Ghana (GHA)	A						N			N			
Grenada (GRD)	*	A											X
Guatemala (GTM)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N					
Guinea, Republic of (GIN)	A N						N	N	N				
Guinea Bissau (GNB)	A												
Guyana (GUY)	A												
Haiti (HTI)	N	A N	N	N	N	N							
Honduras (HND)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Hong Kong, China (HKG)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Hungary (HUN) <sup>3</sup> §	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				

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Iceland (ISL)	A X			X	X								
India (IND)	A X						X	X	X	X	X		
Indonesia (IDN)	A X	X		N			X	X		X	X	X	
Israel (ISR)	A X												
Jamaica (JAM)	A X		X				N					X	
Japan (JPN)	A X	X	X	X			X			X	X	X	X
Jordan (JOR)	*	*	*	X	X	A X	X	X	X				
Kenya (KEN)	A										N		
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SAU) <sup>4</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	N	N	
Korea, Republic of (KOR)	A X	X		X			X			X	X	X	X
Kuwait (KWT)	A												
Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ)	*	*	*	A									
Latvia (LVA) <sup>3§</sup>	*	*	*	X	A X	N	N	N	N	N			
Lesotho (LSO)	A												
Liechten-stein (LIE)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Lithuania (LTU) <sup>3§</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X						
Macao, China (MAC)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Madagascar (MDG)	A												
Malawi (MWI)	A												
Malaysia (MYS)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Maldives (MDV)	A												
Mali (MLI)	A												
Malta (MLT) <sup>3§</sup>	A X			X	X	X	X	X					

<sup>4</sup> Saudi Arabia became a Member of the WTO on 11 December 2005.

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Mauritania (MRT)	A												
Mauritius (MUS)	A X	X	X					X					
Mexico (MEX)	A N	N	N	N	N	N							
Moldova (MDA)	*	*	*	*	*	*	A N	N	N	N	N		
Mongolia (MNG)	*	*	A	N	N	N	N						
Morocco (MAR)	A X												
Mozam-bique (MOZ)	A											N	
Myanmar (MYN)	A												
Namibia (NAM)	A X			X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Nepal (NPL)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A			
New Zealand (NZL)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Nicaragua (NIC)	A												
Niger (NER)	*	A											
Nigeria (NGA)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				N	
Norway (NOR)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oman (OMN)	*	*	*	*	*	A	X		X				
Pakistan (PAK)	A N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N				
Panama (PAN)	*	*	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Papua New Guinea (PNG)	*	A											
Paraguay (PRY)	A			X									
Peru (PER)	A X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Philippines (PHL)	A X	X		X	X	X	X						
Poland (POL) <sup>3</sup> §	A X			N	N	N	N	N	N				
Qatar (QAT)	N	A			N					N	N	N	N



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Romania (ROU) <sup>2</sup> §	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Rwanda (RWA)	*	A											
Saint Kitts & Nevis (KNA)	*	A											
Saint Lucia (LCA)	A												
Saint Vincent & Grenadines (VCT)	A			X	X	X							
Senegal (SEN)	A												
Sierra Leone (SLE)	A												
Singapore (SGP)	A N	N	N	N	N	N			N	N	N	N	N
Slovak Republic (SVK) <sup>2</sup> §	A X	X	X	X	X	N	N	N	N				
Slovenia (SVN) <sup>2</sup> §	A X	X	X	X	X	N	N	N	N				
Solomon Islands (SLB)	*	A											
South Africa (ZAF)	A X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N					
Sri Lanka (LKA)	A												
Suriname (SUR)	A									N	N	N	
Swaziland (SWZ)	A												
Switzerland (CHE)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (TPKM)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X	X	X	X	X	X
Tanzania (TZA)	A												

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Thailand (THA)	A X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	
Togo (TGO)	A												
Tonga (TON) <sup>5</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Trinidad & Tobago (TTO)	A			X						X	X		
Tunisia (TUN)	A X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Turkey (TUR)	A X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Uganda (UGA)	A			N	N	N				N			
Ukraine (UKR)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X	X
United Arab Emirates (ARE)	N	A											
United States (USA)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Uruguay (URY)	A X		X										
Viet Nam (VNM) <sup>6</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Zambia (ZMB)	A N			N	N		N	N	N	N	N		
Zimbabwe (ZWE)	A										N	N	
<b>Number of Notifying Members/ Total Number of Members<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>59/97</b>	<b>36/113</b>	<b>39/116</b>	<b>56/118</b>	<b>51/120</b>	<b>47/125</b>	<b>59/128</b>	<b>49/129</b>	<b>41/131</b>	<b>43/123</b>	<b>36/124</b>	<b>35/126</b>	<b>21/126</b>

<sup>5</sup> Tonga became a Member of the WTO on 27 July 2007.

<sup>6</sup> Viet Nam became a Member of the WTO on 11 January 2007.

<sup>7</sup> The numerator and denominator used for the years 1995-2003 reflect the fact that, for each notification obligation, the European Communities submitted a single notification that covered all of its then 15 member States. As Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia became European Communities' member States on 1 May 2004, they were counted separately in this table and not as part of the European Communities, for the period 1995-2003. The numerator and the denominator used for the years 2004 and 2006 count the European Communities and its then 25 member States as one; while the numerator and the denominator used for the year 2008 count the European Communities and its 27 member States as one. The total number of Members of the World Trade Organization is currently 153.

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

### Revision

Upon the accession of Cap Verde, on **23 July 2008**, the number of Members of the World Trade Organization will have reached **153**. The following is the list of Members, together with the effective dates of their membership:

<u>Government</u>	<u>Entry into Force/ Membership</u>
Albania .....	8 September 2000
Angola .....	23 November 1996
Antigua and Barbuda .....	1 January 1995
Argentina .....	1 January 1995
Armenia .....	5 February 2003
Australia .....	1 January 1995
Austria .....	1 January 1995
Bahrain , Kingdom of .....	1 January 1995
Bangladesh .....	1 January 1995
Barbados .....	1 January 1995
Belgium .....	1 January 1995
Belize .....	1 January 1995
Benin .....	22 February 1996
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela .....	1 January 1995
Bolivia .....	12 September 1995
Botswana .....	31 May 1995
Brazil .....	1 January 1995
Brunei Darussalam .....	1 January 1995
Bulgaria .....	1 December 1996
Burkina Faso .....	3 June 1995
Burundi .....	23 July 1995
Cambodia .....	13 October 2004
Cameroon .....	13 December 1995
Canada .....	1 January 1995
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Central African Republic .....	31 May 1995
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Democratic Republic of the Congo .....	1 January 1997
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Djibouti.....	31 May 1995
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France .....	1 January 1995
Gabon .....	1 January 1995
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Germany .....	1 January 1995
Ghana .....	1 January 1995
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Italy .....	1 January 1995
Jamaica.....	9 March 1995
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Kenya .....	1 January 1995
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Kuwait .....	1 January 1995
Kyrgyz Republic .....	20 December 1998
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Liechtenstein .....	1 September 1995
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Madagascar .....	17 November 1995
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Mauritania .....	31 May 1995
Mauritius .....	1 January 1995
Mexico .....	1 January 1995
Moldova .....	26 July 2001
Mongolia .....	29 January 1997
Morocco .....	1 January 1995
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Myanmar .....	1 January 1995
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New Zealand .....	1 January 1995
Nicaragua .....	3 September 1995
Niger .....	13 December 1996
Nigeria .....	1 January 1995
Norway .....	1 January 1995
Oman .....	9 November 2000
Pakistan .....	1 January 1995
Panama .....	6 September 1997
Papua New Guinea.....	9 June 1996
Paraguay .....	1 January 1995
Peru .....	1 January 1995
Philippines.....	1 January 1995
Poland .....	1 July 1995
Portugal .....	1 January 1995
Qatar .....	13 January 1996
Romania .....	1 January 1995
Rwanda.....	22 May 1996
Saint Kitts and Nevis .....	21 February 1996
Saint Lucia.....	1 January 1995
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines .....	1 January 1995
Saudi Arabia.....	11 December 2005
Senegal .....	1 January 1995
Sierra Leone .....	23 July 1995
Singapore.....	1 January 1995
Slovak Republic .....	1 January 1995
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Sweden .....	1 January 1995
Switzerland.....	1 July 1995
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Tanzania .....	1 January 1995
Thailand.....	1 January 1995
Togo .....	31 May 1995
Tonga .....	27 July 2007
Trinidad and Tobago.....	1 March 1995
Tunisia .....	29 March 1995
Turkey .....	26 March 1995
Uganda .....	1 January 1995
Ukraine .....	16 May 2008
United Arab Emirates .....	10 April 1996
United Kingdom.....	1 January 1995
United States of America.....	1 January 1995
Uruguay .....	1 January 1995
Viet Nam .....	11 January 2007
Zambia .....	1 January 1995
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## **WORKING PARTY ON STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES**

### **Workshop**

**Monday, 18 October 2010**  
**10 a.m., Room D**

### **Presentations**

**10 a.m. – 11 a.m:**

Presentation by the Secretariat on the notification obligation to the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises.

*Jo McKeagg*

*WTO Secretariat*

**11 a.m. – 11.45 a.m:**

Presentation and Q&A on Australia's experience in STE notifications.

*Ken Gordon*

*First Secretary*

**11.45 a.m. – midday:**

Coffee break

**12 p.m. – 12.45 p.m:**

Presentation and Q&A on Chile's experience in STE notifications.

*Christian Fresard*

*Counsellor*

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### **Technical assistance: Room 1111**

**2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m:**

One-on-one technical assistance with the Chair and the Secretariat. Please contact Hilary Budd to make an appointment: [hilary.budd@wto.org](mailto:hilary.budd@wto.org).

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