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REPORT (2019) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

1. The Committee held its 77th, 78th and 79th regular meetings on 6-7 March, 20-21 June and 13-15 November 2019, respectively. The 77th meeting was chaired by the interim Chairperson Mr José Manuel Campos (Chile), and the 78th and 79th were chaired by Mr Sung-Hwa Jang (Korea). During these meetings¹, 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 statement²;
- b. with respect to specific trade concerns (STCs):
 - i. discussed 35 *new* specific trade concerns;
 - ii. discussed 150 *previously raised* specific trade concerns;
- c. took note of the 24th Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the TBT Agreement under Article 15.3³;
- d. held thematic sessions in March on good regulatory practice⁴ and conformity assessment procedures⁵; in June on transparency⁶; and in November on standards and conformity assessment procedures⁷;

2. At the meetings held in 2019, representatives of BIPM, the Codex Alimentarius Commission, IEC, ISO, OIML, UNECE and UNIDO updated the Committee on their activities relevant to the work of the TBT Committee, including on technical assistance.

¹ [G/TBT/M/77](#), [G/TBT/M/78](#) and G/TBT/M/79 (forthcoming).

² More information on notifications can be found at the TBT IMS: <http://tbtims.wto.org/>.

³ The Annual Review is contained in [G/TBT/42](#) and includes a list of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code of Good Practice since 1995.

⁴ The moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/256](#).

⁵ The moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/257](#).

⁶ The moderator's report is contained in [G/TBT/GEN/265](#).

⁷ The moderators' reports will be issued under the G/TBT/GEN/-series.