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## REPORT (2024) OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES

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### 1 ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING PARTY

1. The Working Party on State Trading Enterprises (the Working Party) 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 (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.
2. The mandate of the Working Party is set out in paragraph 5 of the Understanding. Pursuant to this mandate, the Working Party completed an illustrative list of state trading relationships and activities, adopted by the Council for Trade in Goods on 15 October 1999 ([G/STR/4](#)). Having also completed the mandated revision of the questionnaire on state trading, the Working Party now reviews notifications in light of the revised questionnaire adopted on 14 November 2003 ([G/STR/3/Rev.1](#)), as well as counter-notifications.
3. This report is submitted under paragraph 5 of the Understanding, which provides that the Working Group shall report annually to the Council for Trade in Goods. The report sets out the activities of the Working Party during the review period, which runs from 21 October 2023 through 4 November 2024. During this period, the Working Party held two formal meetings, on 19 April 2024 and 4 November 2024. The minutes of the former were circulated as document [G/STR/M/44](#), and minutes of the latter will be circulated as [G/STR/M/45](#).
4. The meeting of 19 April 2024 was chaired by H.E. Dr. Adamu Mohammed Abdulhamid, Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods, in the absence of the then Chairperson of the Working Party, Ms Laura Ulda CALLIGARO (Italy), who was no longer in Geneva. On 28 May 2024, the Council for Trade in Goods elected Ms Jooyoung LEE (Republic of Korea) as Chairperson of the Working Party.

### 2 NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW OF MEMBERS' STATE TRADING ACTIVITIES

5. Article XVII:4 of the 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, with updating notifications in the intervening years. Since 2004, new and full notifications have been due every two years and updating notifications have been eliminated.
6. During the period under review, the Working Party reviewed new and full notifications from: Albania; Argentina; Australia; Kingdom of Bahrain; Brazil; Canada; China; Costa Rica; Eswatini; European Union; Georgia; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; Kazakhstan; Republic of Korea; Lesotho; Liechtenstein; Macao, China; Montenegro; New Zealand; Nicaragua; North Macedonia; Seychelles; Singapore; South Africa; Switzerland; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Ukraine; United Kingdom; United States; and Uruguay. The Working Party also returned to the previously reviewed notifications of China, India, Mauritius, the Philippines, and South Africa.
7. The Working Party also took up the following agenda item: continued non-notification of state trading enterprises by the Russian Federation (item requested by the United States).

### **3 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATION**

8. As of 4 November 2024, the Working Party has received 36 new and full notifications for the 2022-2023 notification period. Between 21 October 2023 and 4 November 2024, the Working Party has also received 10 new and full notifications for earlier notification periods.

9. The following Members have not submitted any notification for the 2022-2023 notification period: Afghanistan; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Armenia; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belize; Benin; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Botswana; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Colombia; Congo; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Fiji; Gabon; the Gambia; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; India; Indonesia; Jamaica; Jordan; Kenya; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Liberia; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Suriname; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Türkiye; Uganda; United Arab Emirates; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; and Zimbabwe.

10. An overview of the status of state trading notifications since 1995 will be circulated as document [G/STR/38](#).

### **4 DATES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS IN 2025**

11. As part of the steps agreed on by Members in 2023 to improve the functioning of the Working Party, Members set the dates of both regular meetings of 2025 during the autumn meeting of 2024.

### **5 ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT**

12. The Working Party adopted its Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods for the year 2024.

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