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Statement by India – Delivered by Ambassador & PR to the WTO

AGENDA ITEM 14: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COVID-19 AND BEYOND – STATEMENT BY BRAZIL (WT/GC/W/845)

Thank you Chair.

2. India would like to thank Brazil for the submission. The paper presents many causes and plausible arguments, especially in the context of the pandemic. It is hard to overlook the fact that the vulnerabilities of developing including LDCs vis-a-vis access to technology and technical know-how has limited the capacity of the world to combat the pandemic with the pace that we could have. Unfortunately, this proposal is coming two years late but still it is a worthy proposal for consideration of the larger Membership Chair.

3. The paper also highlights the need to utilize the gamut of policy options available to Members in circumstances like the current pandemic, including among others waiving obligations of the TRIPS agreement to be able to find not only the current pandemic, but also other health crisis and future pandemics. This has been the reason for the co-sponsors of the Waiver proposal to have demanded the waiver proposal, IP element and technology transfer to be an integral part of a comprehensive WTO response outcome. We remain committed to continue our efforts to achieve a meaningful outcome on this issue.

4. We thank Brazil for bringing attention to the important issue of technology transfer which is of considerable interest to the developing world. It is high time that this organization pay serious attention to the trade and technology transfer issues which cuts across multiple domains to support pragmatic solutions to the technological challenges facing the developing world today. Chair my delegation looks forward to working with the wider membership to contribute to this endeavor.

Thank you Chair.

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