

General Council Meeting
9-10 May, 2022

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

AGENDA ITEM 9: PROPOSED GENERAL COUNCIL DECISION ON PROCEDURES TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY AND IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER WTO AGREEMENTS – ARGENTINA; AUSTRALIA; CANADA; CHILE; COLOMBIA; COSTA RICA; THE EUROPEAN UNION; ICELAND; ISRAEL; JAPAN; REPUBLIC OF KOREA; LIECHTENSTEIN; MEXICO; NEW ZEALAND; NORTH MACEDONIA; NORWAY; PARAGUAY; THE PHILIPPINES; SINGAPORE; SWITZERLAND; THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN; PENGHU; KINMEN AND MATSU; UNITED KINGDOM; THE UNITED STATES; AND URUGUAY (JOB/GC/204/REV.9 – JOB/CTG/14/REV.9).

We welcome the changes made taking into account the feedback provided by various members including my delegation during the last couple of General Council meetings. At the capital level, we are examining the current version of the paper and hope that the paper can address all WTO pillars, as well as not equate notification compliance with transparency. We will be willing to engage with co-sponsors on whether instead of restricting it to Council for Trade in Goods if we can include also the services and TRIPS agreement into it, and allow the other relevant councils to look into the notifications mandate under GATS article 3.3, Mode 4 and article 66.2 of TRIPS Agreement.

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