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Transparency

- The proposal submitted by the United States (<u>G/TBT/W/535</u>) is for members to provide up-to-date website information identifying the location of adopted final texts for technical regulations, as well as applicable conformity assessment procedures, and to task the WTO secretariat to maintain this information as a publicly-available list.
- The proposal submitted by Switzerland (<u>G/TBT/W/536</u>) is to improve the transparency on the handling of comments on notified draft measures by recommending the publishing of comments and replies online, on a voluntary basis.
- The proposal submitted by Australia (<u>G/TBT/W/537</u>) is to improve the notification process by using keywords in notifications, adding new fields in the notification document to indicate final measures and date of entry-into-force, and improving the effective use of <u>ePing</u>, the notifications alert system.

Labelling

• The proposal submitted by the European Union (<u>G/TBT/W/534</u>) is for the TBT committee to discuss how to facilitate compliance with mandatory marking and labelling requirements on imported products and to develop recommendations or quidance to support members in this respect.

Risk assessment, Quality Infrastructure and certification

- The proposal submitted by Chinese Taipei (<u>G/TBT/W/530</u>) is for members to take a holistic approach to risk assessment in committee discussions, including the use of risk assessment in respect of conformity assessment procedures, standards, and technical regulations.
- The proposal submitted by the United States (<u>G/TBT/W/531</u>) recommends various elements for thematic discussion among members as part of developing practical guidelines to support regulators' use of trade facilitative conformity assessment procedures, including national quality infrastructure (NQI), and use of international and regional systems.
- The proposal submitted by Brazil (<u>G/TBT/W/533</u>) encourages members to resume debate on the Indicative List of Approaches and suggested that thematic sessions be held to discuss practical examples of acceptance of conformity assessment results

How to use standards in regulation

• The proposal submitted by Canada (<u>G/TBT/W/529</u>) is for holding a workshop on the issue of incorporating standards by reference in regulation, and to discuss best practices and potential ideas for international quidelines on policy considerations when referencing standards.

Gender

• The proposal submitted by Canada (<u>G/TBT/W/532</u>) is for holding a session on the role of gender in the development of standards and technical regulations, to encourage an exchange of experiences by governments and standards development organizations, and to discuss ongoing work in this area.

How to improve technical assistance

• The joint proposal submitted by the Philippines, Mauritius and Uganda (<u>G/TBT/W/538/Rev.1</u>) is to check the feasibility of expanding the current Standards and Trade Development Facility (<u>STDF</u>) dealing with the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS agreement) to include TBT matters, or to set up a dedicated TBT development facility.

Making the technical barriers to trade committee more efficient

- The proposal submitted by Brazil (<u>G/TBT/W/533</u>, Section 2) is for members to consider the creation of a voluntary procedure for ad hoc consultations to promote resolution of trade concerns
- The proposal submitted by United States (<u>G/TBT/W/539</u>) is to discuss appropriate participation of, and best practices for, observers to the TBT committee