

## COMMENTS ON TRIPS AT 20 AT THE WTO FORUM 1 OCTOBER – ADRIAN MACEY

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the time the big fear was that if this were allowed, developing countries would find themselves under pressure from trade sanctions to increase IP standards. Ironically, withdrawal of concessions in IPRs on cases involving goods concessions has become a tool for the weak against the strong – quite the reverse of those earlier fears. Developing is that there has been several mentions in relation to p

I felt some questions did not get a very satisfactory answers. Amongst civil society, there are perceptions that WTO (TRIPS a prime target) is too powerful and often inimical to public policy goals. Pharmaceuticals and health is one of course but so are environmental issues. These concerns were voiced several times during the Forum sessions yesterday and I sensed some on the part of the Director General when responding. I agree with his observation that the claim that WTO to overrides

The Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a contemporary example. It is quite controversial in New Zealand, with pharmaceuticals right at



