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work programme for harmonization, such work shall be conducted on a product sector basis, as represented by various chapters or sections of the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature.

(i) *Wholly Obtained and Minimal Operations or Processes*

The Technical Committee shall develop harmonized definitions of:

- the goods that are to be considered as being wholly obtained in one country. This work shall be as detailed as possible;
- minimal operations or processes that do not by themselves confer origin to a good.

The results of this work shall be submitted to the Committee within three months of receipt of the request fr.6 (o)-2.304 Tw 0.34 (th)-1 (a)20. (e)-itte3 w rHi

In July 2003, the General Council considered a further progress report and extended the deadline for 94 core policy issues to July 2004 and for overall completion to December 2004.⁵ In July 2004, the General Council again considered a progress report by the Committee Chairman, noting division on the issue of whether the future harmonized rules of origin should be used for the Anti-Dumping Agreement; the General Council agreed on a further one-year extension.⁶ The Committee Chair's progress report in July 2005 noted that views remained divided on the application of harmonized rules of origin to trade remedies. The General Council agreed to a further one-year extension to the end of 2006.⁷ In July 2006, the General Council agreed to a further extension to the end of 2007.⁸

4. At the General Council's meeting on 27 July 2007, the Chairman noted that delegations in the Committee felt that the difficulties they had encountered on the "implications" issue and in the machinery sector were such that political guidance from the General Council was now warranted on how to take these issues forward. The General Council agreed that work on these issues y8 (u)-1 (ided)2.3 ()13.

sessions as part of an "educational exercise" to better understand the impact that existing non-preferential rules of origin have on international trade and businesses.¹⁷

9. In 2020, the Committee marked the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the WTO and the adoption of the WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin with an event which brought together Members, the Secretariat, former Chairpersons of the Committee, and private sector representatives. The programme, presentations, video recording, and a summary of the event can be accessed through the Rules of Origin page of the WTO website.¹⁸

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¹⁷ [G/RO/M/63](#), item 2. See also [G/RO/W/162](#) and [G/RO/W/167](#).

¹⁸ https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/roi_e/25throi2020_e.htm.