

INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON MSMES

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C. Analytical tools cluster

A representative from the OECD, Mr. Nadim Ahmad, will briefly present the OECD-WTO Trade in Value-Added (TiVA) database and discuss projects to mainstream key characteristics of firms (such as multinationals, MSMEs, exporters etc.) in the production of future TiVA models.

Members of the Group will then be given an opportunity to ask questions and will be invited to explore what the Group could do to improve collection of data on MSME's participation in international trade.

D. Conceptual cluster

Canada will present Canada's Policy on Limiting Regulatory Burden on Business: The Small Business Lens (see attachment 3). I also would like to bring your attention to the Think Small First principle referred to in attachment 4.

2 REVIEW OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

A. Outreach to other Members

Review of outreach to other Members and discussion of the way forward.

B. Outreach to other organizations

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3 REVIEW OF MSME-RELATED DISCUSSIONS IN WTO COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND PROGRAMMES

Members of the Group will be briefed on MSME-related discussions in the Working Group on Trade, Debt and Finance, and the TRIPS Council, as well as on latest developments relevant to MSMEs under initiatives such as the Aif for Trade (See attachment 5), the Enhanced Integrated Framework (see attachment 6) and the STDF (see attachment 2).

Members will then be invited to consider how the Group can participate in such discussions or support such initiatives.

4 OTHER BUSINESS