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9. A further Member has submitted a proposal for the negotiation in the WTO of an amendment to the TRIPS Agreement to oblige Members to require patent applicants to disclose the source and, if known, the origin of genetic resources and traditional knowledge, both related and unrelated, as well as evidence of compliance with national requirements on prior informed consent.

10. Different views have been expressed about linkages between the TRIPS Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity. The TRIPS Agreement does not require patent applicants to disclose the source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge, both related and unrelated, as well as evidence of compliance with national requirements on prior informed consent.