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## TRIPS and Technology Transfer - Lessons from the Implementation of Article 66.2 in the Past 25 Years

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"Developed country Members shall provide incentives to enterprises and institutions in their territories for the purpose of promoting and encouraging technology transfer to least-developed country Members in order to enable them to create a sound and viable technological base."

Before 1995, technology transfer was one of the LDCs' three demands during the TRIPS negotiations.

In 1997, Bangladesh raised the implementation issue in the TRIPS Council.

In 2001, upon the request of the LDC Group, Members agreed to establish a reporting and review mechanism.

In 2003, the Council adopted a decision on the Art 66.2 implementation.

From 1998 to 2020, the Council received 337 reports from developed country Members.

From 2004 to 2020, 291 reports were submitted under the 2003 Decision and 17 annual reviews have been conducted.



*The LDCs' active engagement in the negotiations and the developed countries' positive responses to the LDCs' concerns are essential for the*



Two substantive issues: the lack of common understanding the concept of technology transfer and the concept of incentive

One procedural issue: the choice of format/template to present annual reports

*Are these any elements in these two concepts which are part of the shared understanding of Members?*

*Are these any actual and concrete incentives and technology transfer projects presented in the Art 66.2 reports which, in the view of the LDCs, go in the direction?*

*Would it be natural for the LDCs to identify areas of priority for technological development?*

*Do the developed countries and the LDCs have a common interest in a well-designed reporting format?*

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The discussion on both substantive and procedural issues will be guided by its Members.





Thank you!

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