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WORKSHOP ON THE PREPARATION FOR THE 5TH WORKING PARTY MEETING

25 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH 2025, ADDIS ABABA

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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| Tuesday, 25 February | | |
| 9.00 – 10.50 | <p>State of play and preparation for the 5th WP meeting – Overview; structure of the WP cycle – WP meeting and side meetings; WP meeting - agenda, delegation composition, statements, Q&A process, etc</p> <p>Guidance on preparation of the opening statement and presentation</p> | <p>Presenters: Maika Oshikawa / Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies)</p> |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee break | |
| 11.10 – 13.00 | <p>Review of the circulated documentation and preparation for Q&A with WTO Members at the WP meeting</p> <p>Documentation for the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); • Communication on the ForEx Reform (WT/ACC/ETH/26) <p>ECONOMIC POLICIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monetary and fiscal policy - Foreign exchange and payments - Investment regime (+ <i>30-minute virtual presentation on IFD</i>) | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / TBC (TSID, virtually)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession, including</p> <p>MoTRI National Bank of Ethiopia, Ministry of Finance, Ethiopia Investment Commission</p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 – 15.50 | <p>Documentation for the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); • Questionnaire on STEs (WT/ACC/ETH/16/Rev.1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State ownership and privatization (+ <i>30-minute virtual presentation on STEs</i>) - Pricing policy - Competition policy | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / TBC (Rules, virtually)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession, including</p> <p>MoTRI Ethiopia Investment Holdings Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration</p> |
| 15.50 – 16.10 | Coffee break | |
| 16.10 – 18.00 | <p>Documentation for the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25) <p>FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING AND ENFORCING POLICIES</p> | <p>Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou (TBC)</p> <p>MoTRI Ministry of Justice</p> |

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| Wednesday, 26 February | | |
| 9.00 – 10.50 | <p>Review of the circulated documentation and preparation for Q&A with WTO Members at the WP meeting</p> <p>Documentation for the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25) <p>POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trading rights - Trade facilitation | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / TBC (Rules, virtually)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies), including</p> <p>MoTRI, Customs, NBE, Transport, Ministry of Finance</p> |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee break | |
| 11.10 – 13.00 | <p>Documentation for the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25) • Goods offer (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/2/Rev.2); • Questionnaire on Import Licensing (WT/ACC/ETH/19/Rev.1) <p>IMPORT REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ordinary customs duties (+ <i>20-minute virtual presentation on ITA/ITA-II</i>) - Other duties and charges - Tariff quotas, tariff exemptions - Fees and charges for services rendered - Quantitative import restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems; Import licensing procedures (+ <i>30-minute virtual presentation on Import Licensing</i>) | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / TBC (MAD, virtually)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession, including</p> <p>MoTRI, Customs, NBE, Transport, Customs, Ministry of Finance</p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 – 15.50 | <p>Documentation for the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25) <p>IMPORT REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customs valuation (+ <i>30-minute virtual presentation on Customs Valuation</i>) - Rules of origin; PSI; other customs formalities - Application of internal taxes on imports - Anti-dumping, countervailing duties, safeguard regimes <p>EXPORT REGULATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customs tariffs, fees and charges for services rendered, application of internal taxes to exports - Quantitative export restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems - Export subsidies | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / TBC (MAD, virtually)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession, including</p> <p>MoTRI Customs Ministry of Revenue Ministry of Finance</p> |
| 15.50 – 16.10 | Coffee break | |
| 16.10 – 18.00 | <p>Documentation for the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); • Draft subsidies notification (WT/ACC/ETH/15/Rev.1) <p>INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industrial policy, including subsidies; TRIMs; - Free zones, special economic zones; Government procurement; Transit | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou</p> <p>MoTRI Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Finance, Mining, Public Procurement Service, Customs</p> |

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| Thursday, 27 February | | |
| 9.00 – 10.50 | <p>Review of the circulated documentation and preparation for Q&A with WTO Members at the WP meeting</p> <p>Documentation for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); <p>INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical barriers to trade, standards and certification (+ <i>20-minute virtual presentation on TBT</i>) - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (+ <i>20-minute virtual presentation on SPS</i>) | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / AG/MAD (virtually, TBC)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies), including</p> <p>MoTRI Ethiopian Standards Institute Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority, TBA</p> |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee break | |
| 11.10 – 13.00 | <p>Documentation for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); • Agriculture support tables (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/Rev.3) <p>INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural policies (+ <i>40-minute virtual presentation on Agriculture</i>) | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / Diwakar Dixit (virtually, TBC)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies), including</p> <p>MoTRI Ministry of Agriculture, TBA</p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 – 15.50 | <p>Documentation for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25) <p>TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME GENERAL (+ <i>30-minute virtual presentation on TRIPS</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application of national and most favoured nation treatment to foreign nationals; Fees and taxes <p>SUBSTANTIVE STANDARDS OF PROTECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copyright and related rights; Trademarks, including service marks; Geographical Indications, including appellations of origin; Industrial designs; Patents; Plant variety protection; Layout designs of integrated circuits; Requirements on undisclosed information, including trade secrets and test data <p>MEASURES TO CONTROL ABUSE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS</p> <p>ENFORCEMENT</p> | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / IPD (virtually, TBC)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies), including</p> <p>MoTRI Ministry of Finance Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority Ministry of Justice</p> |
| 15.50 – 16.10 | Coffee break | |
| 16.10 – 18.00 | <p>Documentation for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25) <p>TRANSPARENCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication of information on trade; Notifications <p>TRADE AGREEMENTS</p> <p>Any other outstanding issues</p> | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession, including</p> <p>TBA</p> |

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| Friday, 28 February | | |
| 9.00 – 10.50 | <p>Review of the circulated documentation and preparation for Q&A with WTO Members at the WP meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); • Services offer (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/3/Rev.1) <p>POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES (+ <i>30-minute virtual presentation on SDR</i>)</p> | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / TSID (virtually, TBC)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession, including</p> <p>TBA</p> |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee break | |
| 11.10 – 13.00 | <p>Review of the circulated documentation and preparation for bilateral market access negotiations - Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); • Services offer (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/3/Rev.1) | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession, including</p> <p>TBA</p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | <p>Review of the circulated documentation and preparation for bilateral market access negotiations - Goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft WP Report (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/4); • Questions and replies (WT/ACC/ETH/25); • Goods offer (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/2/Rev.2) | <p>Presenters: Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou / ERSD (virtually, TBC)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies), including</p> <p>TBA</p> |
| 15.50 – 16.10 | Coffee break | |
| 16.10 – 18.00 | <p>Review of the state of play on legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Action Plan (WT/ACC/SPEC/ETH/6/Rev.3); • Notices of legislation (WT/ACC/ETH/22, 24); • Consultation documents (WT/ACC/ETH/23, 27) | <p>Presenters: Maika Oshikawa / Anna Varyanik / Angela Minyi Hou (TBC)</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies)</p> |
| Saturday, 1 March | | |
| 9.00 – 10.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock Working Party meeting | <p>Presenters: Maika Oshikawa / Anna Varyanik</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies)</p> |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee break | |
| 11.10 – 13.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock Working Party meeting (cont'd) • Review of the mock Working Party meeting | <p>Presenters: Maika Oshikawa / Anna Varyanik</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies)</p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 – 15.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA/CB coordination meeting | <p>Presenters: Maika Oshikawa / Anna Varyanik</p> <p>Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies)</p> |

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| 15.50 – 16.10 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 16.10 – 17.00 | Wrap-up session and Next steps | Presenters: Maika Oshikawa / Anna Varyanik Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies) |