

**Committee on Trade and Environment
Special Session**

**EXISTING FORMS OF COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE
BETWEEN UNEP/MEAS AND THE WTO**

Note by the Secretariat

Paragraph 31 (ii)

1. This Note responds to a request made by the Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) Special Session¹ for a Secretariat background Note on existing forms of cooperation and information exchange between multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and the WTO. As a number of MEAs are administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNEP/WTO cooperation is also covered in this Note.

2. This Note is divided as follows:

- **Part I** addresses existing forms of cooperation.
- **Part II** addresses existing forms of information exchange.
- **Part III** addresses the observer status which the WTO and UNEP/MEAs have in each other's institutions and which leads to cooperation and information exchange.

3. In the Doha Ministerial Declaration, Ministers made a number of references to the importance of cooperation and information exchange. In the Preamble, they welcomed "the WTO's continued cooperation with UNEP and other inter-governmental environmental organizations. [They encouraged] efforts to promote cooperation between the WTO and relevant international environmental and developmental organizations, especially in the lead-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in September 2002." Moreover, in paragraph 31 (ii) they agreed to negotiations, without prejudging their outcome, on "procedures for regular information exchange between MEA Secretariats and the relevant WTO committees, and the criteria for the granting of observer status."²

I. EXISTING FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN UNEP/MEAS AND THE WTO

A. COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE WTO AND UNEP SECRETARIATS

4. On 29 November 1999, a cooperation arrangement between the WTO and UNEP was concluded and its elements detailed in the following press release:

¹ Summary Report on the First Meeting of the CTE Special Session (TN/TE/R/1, 19 April 2002).

² WT/MIN(01)/DEC/1, 20 November 2001.

Elements of Cooperation Between the WTO and UNEP

Press Release – Press/154 – 29 November 1999

A global arrangement between the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization and the United Nations as a whole was agreed between the two Secretariats in an exchange of letters between the Director-General of the WTO and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 29 September 1995. In accordance with the mandate given to the Secretariat of the WTO and the mandate given to the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), recognition is given to the importance of cooperation and collaboration between the two Secretariats with respect to their work on issues of mutual interest.

Recalling the commitment of Members to continue to improve efforts towards the objective of sustainable development, the WTO and UNEP Secretariats have elaborated the following elements of cooperation between their respective organizations. This cooperation will take place in the context of our respective mandates and within our respective resources.

Building on the global arrangement between the UN and the WTO, consultations have been held between the Director-General of the WTO and the Executive-Director of UNEP to further effective cooperation between the two Secretariats in areas of mutual interest and to help achieve the aims of the Rio Declaration. It is understood that cooperation between the WTO and UNEP Secretariats should encompass practical measures which could assist in the smooth and efficient functioning of both organizations in areas where interaction could be of mutual benefit. The goal is to improve the working relationship at all levels in the two Secretariats, including with respect to technical cooperation and research initiatives.

Cooperation between the WTO and UNEP Secretariats will thus include the provision and exchange of relevant non-confidential information, including access to trade-related environmental databases, and reciprocal representation at meetings of a non-confidential nature, in accordance with the decisions of the competent bodies of the respective organizations. With respect to participation and representation, it is noted that the WTO Secretariat is an observer of the Governing Council of UNEP, and UNEP is an observer of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment.

Building on past practice, the Secretariats of the two organizations will also continue, as appropriate, their cooperation and collaboration, in particular through informal staff meetings and information sessions, including where feasible with the participation of the Secretariats of Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

Capacity building for developing countries and countries with economies in transition is another form of cooperative activity between the two Secretariats which could usefully be continued and further strengthened, thus contributing to raising awareness on the linkages between trade, environment and sustainable development and the development of policies which integrate sustainable development considerations with trade policies. We agree to work for complementarity in technical cooperation with the aim of improving cooperation across the board and making better use of available resources.

B. MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY UNEP BACK-TO-BACK WITH THE CTE

5. To enhance developing and least-developed country engagement in trade and environment discussions at the international level, UNEP has organized a number of meetings back-to-back with the CTE, and funded the participation of a substantial number of capital-based environment officials. The following is a list of the meetings organized:

- "Workshop with the Secretariats of UNEP Administered Conventions and the Secretariat of WTO", Geneva, 28 June 1999;
- "Enhancing Synergies and Mutual Supportiveness of MEAs and the WTO", Geneva, 23 October 2000;
- "Fisheries Subsidies Workshop", Geneva, 12 February 2001;
- "Compliance, Enforcement and Dispute Settlement in MEAs and the WTO", Geneva, 26 June 2001;
- "Workshop on the Impacts of Trade-Related Policies on Fisheries and Measures for Sustainable Fisheries Management", Geneva, 15 March 2002;
- "Workshop on Capacity Building on Environment, Trade and Development", Geneva, 19-20 March 2002.

6. All the meetings cited above have generated a Chairman's Summary, with the exception of the June 1999 meeting. These are available on the UNEP website at www.unep.ch/etu. A synthesis paper based on the results of five meetings organized by UNEP on the MEA-WTO relationship (the three above, together with one at the 8th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-8) in April 2000, and a High-Level Meeting in Berlin in March 2001), has also been published and can be found on the same website.³

C. WTO TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT REGIONAL SEMINARS

7. Regional Seminars on Trade and Environment for developing countries and economies in transition have been organized by the WTO Secretariat since 1998. The objective of these seminars is to raise awareness on the linkages between trade, environment and sustainable development and to further enhance the dialogue between trade and environment policymakers in WTO Member and acceding governments. Issues of relevance to trade and environment and the rules of the WTO, as well as specific concerns in each region are addressed. In 1999, the WTO started the practice of inviting UNEP, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and MEAs to participate in these seminars in order to bring their perspectives to the regions.

Table 1: List of WTO Trade and Environment Regional Seminars in which UNEP, UNCTAD, and MEAs Participated

Date	Place	Region	MEA, UNEP and UNCTAD Participation
8-10 February 1999	Harare, Zimbabwe	English-speaking least-developed and developing African countries	UNEP

³ *Enhancing Synergies and Mutual Supportiveness of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and the World Trade Organization*, a synthesis report, January 2002, UNEP, Geneva.

Date	Place	Region	MEA, UNEP and UNCTAD Participation
11-13 April 2000	Cape Town, South Africa	English-speaking least-developed and developing African countries	UNCTAD
23-25 May 2000	La Valetta, Malta	Middle East countries and Malta	UNCTAD, UNEP, Basel Convention
11-13 July 2000	Libreville, Gabon	French-speaking least-developed and developing sub-Saharan African countries	UNEP, UNCTAD, Basel Convention
6-8 November 2000	Buenos Aires	Latin American countries	UNEP, UNCTAD
27-29 March 2001	Chiang Mai, Thailand	Asian countries	UNEP, UNCTAD
28-30 January 2002	Saint-Lucia	Caribbean countries	CITES, Basel Convention, Montreal Protocol, UNEP, UNCTAD
5-7 March 2002	Bogota	Latin American countries	UNCTAD
13-15 May 2002	Singapore	Asian countries	UNEP, UNCTAD

8. The WTO Secretariat has scheduled an additional four Regional Seminars for 2002, in which UNEP, UNCTAD, and several MEAs are expected to participate:

- Namibia, 8-11 July 2002, African countries;
- Djibouti, September 2002, African countries;
- Latvia, September 2002, Central and Eastern European countries; and
- Fiji, November 2002, Pacific economies.

D. UNEP-UNCTAD CAPACITY-BUILDING TASK FORCE ON TRADE, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (CBTF)

9. UNEP and UNCTAD have been cooperating in the field of trade, environment and development through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in July 1997. To combine the strengths of UNEP in building capacity on the environmental aspects of trade, and UNCTAD's capacity on the developmental side, a CBTF was created.⁴ The objective of the CBTF is to strengthen the capacities of countries, particularly developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to effectively address trade, environment, and development issues. The CBTF conducts thematic research, country studies, training, policy dialogue, and networking and information exchange. Since it was established, the WTO Secretariat has closely collaborated with this

⁴ See the UNEP/UNCTAD communication to the CTE on *UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development* (WT/CTE/W/138, 4 April 2000).

Task Force to bring its expertise on international trade to bear. It has also been involved in several of the recent post-Doha CBTF activities. A decision has been taken to institutionalise CBTF back-to-back workshops with the WTO Regional Seminars, starting with the one for Asian developing countries which was held in Singapore from 13-15 May 2002.

10. Below is a list of recent CBTF activities which have, or will involve, the WTO secretariat:⁵
- Launching workshop of the CBTF training modules on trade, environment and development, Havana, Cuba, 10-14 December 2001.
 - Brainstorming meeting for interested developing countries on the post-Doha discussions and negotiations and related capacity-building needs, organized by UNEP, UNCTAD and the Agency for International Trade Information and Co-operation (AITIC), Geneva, 25 February 2002.
 - Workshop on post-Doha negotiating issues on trade and environment in paragraph 31, held back-to-back with the WTO Regional Seminar on Trade and Environment for Asian countries, Singapore, 16 May 2002.
 - Workshop on post-Doha issues on trade and environment in paragraphs 31 and 32, to be held back-to-back with the WTO Regional Seminar on Trade and Environment for English-speaking African countries, Windhoek, Namibia, 10-11 July 2002.

II. EXISTING FORMS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN UNEP/MEAS AND THE WTO

A. INFORMATION SESSIONS

1. MEA Information Sessions in the CTE

11. The CTE has invited a number of MEA Secretariats to participate in a total of six Information Sessions from 1997 to date. MEA Secretariats presented background notes on their respective MEAs and responded to questions from Members on the trade-related aspects of their agreements. Such events have been organized approximately once a year. Since 1997, the following MEAs have participated in CTE Information Sessions:⁶

1. The Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes (Basel Convention)
2. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its Biosafety Protocol
3. The Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
4. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
5. The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
6. The Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF)
7. The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
8. The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Montreal Protocol)
9. The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
10. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
11. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
12. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
13. The United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UN Fish Stocks)

⁵ Information on all of the above-mentioned activities is accessible on the CBTF website at www.unep-unctad.org/cbtf.

⁶ While not MEAs *per se*, the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol have also participated.

Table 2: MEA Information Sessions in the CTE

Date	MEAs Participating	Documents Circulated by MEAs
22-24 September 1997 (WT/CTE/M/15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basel Convention • CBD • CITES • GEF • Montreal Protocol • Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol • UNCLOS • UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions • UNEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basel Convention (W/CTE/W/55) • CBD (WT/CTE/W/64) • CITES (WT/CTE/W/63) • GEF (WT/CTE/W/58) • Montreal Protocol (WT/CTE/W/57) • Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (WT/CTE/W/60) • UNCLOS (WT/CTE/W/62) • UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions (WT/CTE/W/59) • UNFCCC (WT/CTE/W/61)
23-24 July 1998 (WT/CTE/M/18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basel Convention • CBD • ECE POPs Protocol • ICCAT • IFF • ITTO • UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions • UNFCCC • UNEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basel Convention (WT/CTE/W/90) • CBD (WT/CTE/W/92) • ECE POPs Protocol (WT/CTE/W/88) • ICCAT (WT/CTE/W/87) • IFF (WT/CTE/W/84) • ITTO (WT/CTE/W/89) • UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions (WT/CTE/W/91) • UNFCCC (WT/CTE/W/74) • UNEP (WT/CTE/W/94)
29-30 June 1999 (PRESS/TE/029)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITES • IFF • ITTO • Montreal Protocol • UNFCCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCAMLR (WT/CTE/W/113 and Corr.1) • CBD (WT/CTE/W/116) • CITES (WT/CTE/W/119) • IFF (WT/CTE/W/122) • ITTO (WT/CTE/W/120) • Montreal Protocol (WT/CTE/W/115) • UNFCCC (WT/CTE/W/123)
5-6 July 2000 (WT/CTE/M/24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD • ICCAT • Montreal Protocol • UNFCCC • UNEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD (WT/CTE/W/149 and WT/CTE/W/136) • CCAMLR (WT/CTE/W/148) • ICCAT (WT/CTE/W/152) • Montreal Protocol (WT/CTE/W/142) • UNFCCC (WT/CTE/W/153) • UNEP (WT/CTE/W/155)

Date	MEAs Participating	Documents Circulated by MEAs
24-25 October 2000 (WT/CTE/M/25) ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basel Convention • CBD • CITES • IFF • UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions • UNFCCC • UNEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basel Convention (WT/CTE/W/163 and Corr.1) • CITES (WT/CTE/W/165) • IFF (WT/CTE/W/164) • ITTO (WT/CTE/W/169) • UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions (WT/CTE/W/166) • UNFCCC (WT/CTE/W/174) • UNEP (WT/CTE/W/179)
27-28 June 2001 (WT/CTE/M/27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basel Convention • Biosafety Protocol • CBD • CITES • Montreal Protocol • UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions • UNFCCC • UN Fish Stocks • UNEP 	<p>The following MEAs contributed to a background paper jointly prepared by the WTO and UNEP Secretariats on <i>Compliance and Dispute Settlement Provisions in the WTO and in MEAs – Note by the WTO and UNEP Secretariats</i> (WT/CTE/W/191):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basel Convention - Biosafety Protocol - CBD - CCAMLR - CITES - ICCAT - Montreal Protocol - UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions - UNFCCC - UN Fish Stocks

2. WTO Side Events in MEAs

12. Since 2002, the WTO Secretariat has been organizing technical assistance workshops ("side events") in parallel to some of main meetings of MEA. The objective of such events is to enhance understanding of WTO rules, and to create a forum for information exchange between the WTO Secretariat and MEAs. In 2002, the WTO held two such side events, one on the sidelines of the Second Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) (March 2002, New York) and the other on the sidelines of the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (April 2002, The Hague). The Doha Development Agenda was discussed at the meetings, with a focus on paragraphs 31 and 32 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration. In addition, the WTO rules on areas of specific interest to the MEAs in question were addressed. For instance, at the UNFF side event, WTO rules on certification and labelling were presented.

B. BACKGROUND NOTES ON MEAS

1. Background Notes Drafted by the WTO Secretariat in Cooperation with MEAs and UNEP

13. In 2001 the WTO prepared a Background Note on *Compliance and Dispute Settlement Provisions in the WTO and in MEAs* together with UNEP and a number of MEA Secretariats

⁷ Opening statements were made by the Director-General of the WTO, Mr. Mike Moore (WT/CTE/W/178) and the Executive Director of UNEP, Dr. Klaus Töpfer (WT/CTE/W/179) at this Information Session.

(WT/CTE/W/191, 6 June 2001). The Note served as background for an MEA Information Session held in the context of the CTE on the theme of compliance and dispute settlement.

14. Also in 2001, the WTO updated its *Matrix on Trade Measures Pursuant to Selected MEAs* (WT/CTE/W/160/Rev.1, 14 June 2001) in cooperation with the following MEAs: the Basel Convention; the Biosafety Protocol; the CBD; CCAMLR; CITES; ICCAT; the ITTO; the Montreal Protocol; POPs; UNEP Chemicals on the PIC and POPs Conventions; the UNFCCC; and UN Fish Stocks. The Matrix provides information on the trade measures contained in 14 environmental conventions and protocols.

2. Background Notes on MEAs circulated in the CTE

15. A large number of documents on MEAs have been circulated in the CTE by WTO and MEA Secretariats, a full list of which is contained in the Annex to this Note.

III. OBSERVER STATUS

A. MEA OBSERVERSHIP IN THE WTO

16. A number of international intergovernmental organizations enjoy observer status in the CTE.⁸ Included amongst them are UNEP and the following MEAs: the CBD, CITES, ICCAT, and the UNFCCC. At present, only one MEA request for observer status in the CTE is pending, that of the ITTO.

17. In terms of other WTO bodies, while UNEP has observer status in the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD), its request for such status in the General Council and the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) are pending. The CBD's requests for observer status in the Committee on Agriculture and the TRIPS Council are also pending.

18. Observer status in the WTO entitles international organizations to receive WTO documents. According to General Council Rules of Procedure, "Observer organizations shall receive copies of the main WTO documents series and of other documents series relating to the work of the subsidiary bodies which they attend as observers. They may receive such additional documents as may be specified by the terms of any formal arrangements for cooperation between them and the WTO".⁹

B. WTO OBSERVERSHIP IN UNEP AND MEAS

19. In addition to the WTO's observer status in the UNEP Governing Council,¹⁰ the WTO attends, on a regular basis, the main meetings of MEAs which contain trade-related measures. Most MEAs address the issue of the observership of international organizations in their statutes. MEAs allow international organizations to attend meetings as observers by simply expressing an interest in doing so. The statutes of certain MEAs, for instance, state the following:

⁸ WT/CTE/W/41/Rev.8, 19 September 2001.

⁹ Rule 9 of Annex 3 on *Observer Status for International Intergovernmental Organizations in the WTO* (WT/L/161, 25 July 1996).

¹⁰ See the 4th paragraph of WTO Press Release 154 (29 November 1999), on the *Elements of Cooperation between the WTO and UNEP*, which is reproduced in this Note.

Basel, Article 15.6:

The United Nations, its specialized agencies, as well as any State not Party to this Convention, may be represented as observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Any other body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to hazardous wastes or other wastes which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented as an observer at a meeting of the Conference of Parties, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object. The admission and participation of observers shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

CBD, Article 23.5:

The United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not Party to this Convention, may be represented as observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Any other body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented as an observer at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object. The admission and participation of observers shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

Stockholm Convention (POPs Agreement), Article 19.8:

The United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not Party to this Convention, may be represented at meetings of the Conference of the Parties as observers. Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties as an observer may be admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object. The admission and participation of observers shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

ANNEX

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS ON MEAS CIRCULATED IN THE CTE

1. The Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/163 and Corr.1	12 October 2000	The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the Basel Convention</i>
WT/CTE/W/130 and Corr.1	9 February 2000	Recent Developments in MEAs (Montreal Protocol and the Basel Convention) – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/90	20 July 1998	The Basel Convention: Recent Developments – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the Basel Convention</i>
WT/CTE/W/86	8 July 1998	Recent Developments in the Basel Convention, the PIC Convention, and the Convention on Biological Diversity – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/55	25 August 1997	Recent Trade-Related Developments in the Basel Convention – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the Basel Convention</i>
WT/CTE/W/12	10 October 1995	Recent Developments in the Montreal Protocol and the Basel Convention – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>

2. The Biosafety Protocol

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/190	1 May 2001	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/136	30 March 2000	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity: Text of the Protocol – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CBD</i>
WT/CTE/W/124	9 August 1999	Convention on Biological Diversity: Draft Protocol on Biosafety – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/117	28 June 1999	Convention on Biological Diversity – Draft Protocol on Biosafety: – Recent Developments – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>

3. The Convention on Biological Diversity

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/158	28 July 2000	Recent Developments in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/149	28 June 2000	Response of the Executive Secretary of the CBD to the Chair of the CTE – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CBD</i>
WT/CTE/W/116	28 June 1999	Response of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Request of the Chair of the CTE – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CBD</i>
WT/CTE/W/92	22 July 1998	The Convention on Biological Diversity – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CBD</i>
WT/CTE/W/86	8 July 1998	Recent Developments in the Basel Convention, the PIC Convention, and the Convention on Biological Diversity – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/64	29 September 1997	The Convention on Biological Diversity and its Relation to Trade – <i>Communication from the Executive Secretary of the CBD</i>
WT/CTE/W/44	20 March 1997	Recent Developments in the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Montreal Protocol – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/18	12 January 1996	Recent Developments in the Convention on Biological Diversity – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>

4. The Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Marine Living Resources

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/148	30 June 2000	The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CCAMLR</i>
WT/CTE/W/113 and Corr.1	28 May 1999	The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CCAMLR</i>

5. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/165	13 October 2000	The Relationship between the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the WTO – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CITES</i>
WT/CTE/W/151	29 June 2000	Recent Developments in MEAs (CITES and POPs Convention) – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/119	25 June 1999	Background note on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and WTO – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CITES</i>
WT/CTE/W/71	21 November 1997	Recent Developments in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/63	17 September 1997	The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the CITES</i>

6. The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/152	29 June 2000	Conservation Measures Taken by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the ICCAT</i>
WT/CTE/W/87	16 July 1998	Stock Management Measures taken by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas in relation to trade measures – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the ICCAT</i>

7. The Intergovernmental Forum on Forests

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/164	12 October 2000	Intergovernmental Policy Deliberations on Forests: Trade and Environment – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the IFF</i>
WT/CTE/W/140	20 June 2000	Recent Developments in the International Forum on Forests – Full Text of the Programme Element of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/122	29 June 1999	The Intergovernmental Policy Dialogue on Forests: the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of The United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the IFF</i>
WT/CTE/W/84	1 July 1998	Trade and Environment in relation to Forest Products and Services: an overview of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests and the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests deliberations – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the IFF</i>
WT/CTE/W/48	14 May 1997	Results of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>

8. The International Tropical Timber Organization

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/169	17 October 2000	The International Tropical Timber Agreement – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the ITTO</i>
WT/CTE/W/120	29 June 1999	Background Note on the International Tropical Timber Organization – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the ITTO</i>
WT/CTE/W/89	20 July 1998	Recent Trade-Related Developments in the International Tropical Timber Agreement – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the ITTO</i>

9. The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/142	19 June 2000	Trade-Related Developments in the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, UNEP</i>
WT/CTE/W/130 and Corr.1	9 February 2000	Recent Developments in MEAs (Montreal Protocol and the Basel Convention) – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/115	25 June 1999	<i>Communication from the Secretariat of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, UNEP</i>
WT/CTE/W/104	28 January 1999	Recent Developments in the Montreal Protocol – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/68	14 November 1997	The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer: Recent Developments – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/60	8 September 1997	Nature and Extent of Projects Supported by the Multilateral Fund – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol</i>
WT/CTE/W/57	28 August 1997	The Montreal Protocol and Trade Measures – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol</i>
WT/CTE/W/44	20 March 1997	Recent Developments in the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Montreal Protocol – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/19	23 January 1996	Recent Developments at the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/12	10 October 1995	Recent Developments in the Montreal Protocol and the Basel Convention – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>

10. The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Symbol	Date Issued	Topic
WT/CTE/W/193	19 June 2001	Recent Developments in MEAs – Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
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WT/CTE/W/151	29 June 2000	Recent Developments in MEAs (CITES and POPs Convention) – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/128	29 November 1999	Recent Developments in MEAs (PIC and POPs Conventions) – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/112	10 May 1999	Draft International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) – Recent Developments – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/91	20 July 1998	Background Paper on the Draft PIC Convention and the Ongoing Negotiations for a Global POPs Treaty – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of UNEP Chemicals on PIC and POPs Conventions</i>
WT/CTE/W/86	8 July 1998	Recent Developments in the Basel Convention, the PIC Convention, and the Convention on Biological Diversity – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
WT/CTE/W/59	3 September 1997	The Proposed Prior Informed Consent (PIC) and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Conventions – <i>Communication from UNEP Chemicals Secretariat</i>

11. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

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12. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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WT/CTE/W/153	29 June 2000	Developments in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the UNFCCC</i>
WT/CTE/W/123	8 July 1999	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the UNFCCC</i>
WT/CTE/W/74	3 March 1998	Recent Developments in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: The Kyoto Protocol – <i>Note by the Secretariat</i>
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13. Others

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WT/CTE/W/88	20 July 1998	The Protocol to the 1979 UN/ECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air on Pollution Persistent Organic Pollutants – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the UN/ECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution</i>
WT/CTE/W/58	2 September 1997	Nature and Extent of GEF Projects in Assisting in the Implementation of MEAs – <i>Communication from the Secretariat of the GEF</i>
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