

**General Council Meeting
9-10 May, 2022**

Statement by India – Delivered by Ambassador & PR to the WTO

AGENDA ITEM 5: TRIPS COUNCIL MATTERS

A. STATUS REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATIONS BY THE TRIPS COUNCIL ON THE REVISED PROPOSAL FOR THE WAIVER FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT OF COVID-19 (IP/C/W/669/Rev.1) – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRIPS

Thank you Chair and good morning colleagues.

2. India would also like to thank Keith Rockwell for his long service in WTO and taking up the issues of developing countries while speaking to the outside world. We also thank Chair of TRIPS Council for his status report and we would also like to thank DG and her team for their efforts in this matter.

3. Chair, we note the communication shared by the TRIPS Council Chair on 3rd of May, 2022. For us, an outcome on this proposal needs to be immediately doable, practical, and one that ensures security of supply and equitable and affordable access. Chair, it is my hope that going forward in these discussions Members will engage in good faith to achieve an effective outcome before Ministerial Conference on this critical issue based on the text-based negotiations in the TRIPS Council.

4. To this end, Chair, India remains committed to working constructively with other WTO members for a consensus based meaningful outcome. Thank you, Chair.

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