MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization ("WTO") and the Asian Development Bank ("ADB") (referred to collectively as "the Parties").

Recalling the preamble of the Doha Ministerial Declaration, which seeks to place the needs and interests of developing countries and the least developed amongst them at the heart of the work programme of the World Trade Organization:

Given the importance of trade and integration to promoting economic and social development of ADB's developing member countries and in accordance with ADB's priorities and strategies:

Noting the evolving needs of countries in the Asian and Pacific region ("the region") for trade-related technical assistance and capacity building, including for their enhanced participation in the implementation of the Doha Development Agenda:

Determined to provide, through their joint efforts and within the limitations of their respective resources, mandates and policies, technical assistance and capacity building services to the countries in the region, in a cost-effective and efficient manner:

Have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

1.1 The WTO, represented by the Technical Cooperation Division, and ADB agree to cooperate on joint technical assistance programmes for participants from the ADB's developing member countries. A list of potential areas of cooperation is contained in Annex I to this Memorandum of Understanding.

1.2 The Parties will endeavour to cooperate in selecting participants for the various specific joint technical assistance activities that may be implemented hereunder. Such participants shall be from any of ADB's developing member countries.

1.3 The specific areas of technical assistance will be defined by the priority needs of the countries in the region in accordance with the Doha Development Agenda as consistent with ADB's strategic objectives and the principles set out in the Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank. The Parties will endeavour to agree on a proposed annual work programme in close collaboration ADB's developing member countries. Any specific joint technical assistance activities that the Parties may undertake hereunder shall be approved by each party on a case-by-case basis, and shall be implemented through supplementary agreements.
ARTICLE VI

The arrangements described in this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties. Any amendment of this memorandum shall be without prejudice to any rights or obligations accruing or incurred hereunder prior to the effective date of such amendment.

This Memorandum of Understanding is done in duplicate and the arrangements described herein shall come into effect on the day of its signature by Parties.

FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Date: 9 May 2002

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Date: 9 May 2002