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**DRAFT DECISION ON SELECTED TRANSPARENCY RELATED ISSUES PERTAINING
TO THE AGREEMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VI OF THE GATT 1994
AND ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The following communication, dated 18 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Russian Federation.

Ministers,

Building upon the intensive negotiating process launched in accordance with paragraph 28 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration of 14 November 2001,

Recognizing that enhancing transparency in and understanding of existing anti-dumping and countervailing duty policies and practices of Members is of benefit to all Members and noting the role of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices and the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures as the fora for Members to review the respective procedures and policies of the Members,

Acknowledging the importance of further clarification of selected transparency related procedures of anti-dumping and countervailing duty proceedings and maintaining their predictability for parties to such proceedings and for the authorities, as well as preserving the basic concepts, principles and objectives of the Agreements on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (ADA) and on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM),

Decide:

To further proceed with discussions on procedures for the review of Members' anti-dumping and countervailing policies and practices,

To refer to the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices and the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, respectively, discussions on clarification of implementation of the following transparency related procedures pertaining to the ADA and ASCM:

- (i) disclosure of essential facts under consideration,
- (ii) public notices and explanation of determinations,
- (iii) publication of legal instruments regarding refund procedures,
- (iv) access of interested parties to non-confidential information,
- (v) provision of non-confidential summaries of confidential information¹,

and reporting the outcomes to the General Council, for its consideration of these matters within 12 months from the date of this decision.²

¹ This includes the following issues: types of information according to whether it can be treated as confidential, fulfillment of the "good cause" requirement and format of non-confidential summaries of information submitted in confidence.

² Any decision (or part thereof), which is relevant to both anti-dumping and countervailing measures, shall be applied to both instruments.