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MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON TRADE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS

Communication from New Zealand

The New Zealand delegation welcomes adoption by a number of Members of the World Trade Organization of the Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products. This Agreement to eliminate tariffs in a range of products by the year 2000 is an important contribution to the reduction of barriers to trade in the information technology sector. New Zealand hopes that the provisions in the Declaration on non-tariff measures will be used to expand the coverage of the Agreement in future.

New Zealand is not in a position to accept the Declaration at this stage because of the formation of a new Government. Nevertheless, the possibility of accepting it will be given early consideration.