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Subject: WTO FUNDED TRAINING PROGRAMMES (NTP/FIMiP)

Reference is made to the trainee programmes (NTP/FIMiP) referred to in the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2024-2025 (WT/COMTD/W/273). These programmes are primarily aimed at providing support for the economic and social development of developing countries, LDCs, low-income countries and comparable poor, small and vulnerable economies in areas related to trade policy.

Specific information on eligibility conditions and the selection criteria for the **Netherlands Trainee Programme (NTP)** and the **French-Irish Mission Programme (FIMiP)** is contained in an Annex to this letter, which you are kindly invited to carefully review, before candidates are invited to submit applications. Please note that only fully completed files will be considered, including all requested information and letters of support. Beneficiary Members and Observers can submit a maximum of three applications for the two programmes.

As the WTO is committed to promoting a paperless environment, only electronic candidature forms should be submitted for consideration. Applicants for both programmes should complete the e-candidature form by **31 August 2024** using the following link: <u>WTO Funded Training Programmes</u> Form 2025 - Formstack. Although applicants can apply for either one or both programmes by indicating their preferences, we cannot guarantee that we will always adhere to these preferences.

You are kindly invited to forward this link and all information on the programmes to the relevant ministry/department for submission of applications. Please note that for the FIMiP, a letter of support from each respective Permanent Mission is mandatory as the successful candidates will be based in their respective Missions.

The selected participants are expected to start their programmes in Geneva, in March 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the above programmes, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Queen King'ori, Traineeships Coordinator, at the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, (Tel: +41 22 739 64 56; Email: <u>trainingprogrammes@wto.org</u>).

Yours sincerely,

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