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REPORT (2023) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

(ADOPTED 20 NOVEMBER 2023)

1. This report is submitted under Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft (hereinafter the "Agreement") and Article IV.8 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization. It sets out the activities of the Committee since the last meeting (held on 3 November 2022).

2. There are 33 Signatories to the Agreement: Albania; Canada; Egypt; the European Union¹ (the following 19 EU Member States are also Signatories to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft in their own right: Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Denmark; Estonia; France; Germany; Greece; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; the Netherlands; Portugal; Romania; Spain and Sweden); Georgia; Japan; Macao, China; Montenegro; North Macedonia; Norway; Switzerland; Chinese Taipei; the United Kingdom and the United States. WTO Members with observer status in the Committee are: Argentina; Australia; Bangladesh; Brazil; Cameroon; China; Colombia; Gabon; Ghana; India; Indonesia; Israel; Korea, Republic of; Mauritius; Nigeria; Oman; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Türkiye and Ukraine. The IMF and UNCTAD are also observers.

3. Since its last Annual Report to the General Council (<u>WT/L/1158</u> – <u>TCA/20</u>), the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held informal meetings on 23 March 2023 and 2 June 2023, and one regular meeting on 17 November 2023.

4. At the 17 November 2023 regular meeting, the Committee discussed the following matters²:

A. Application from Brazil for Its Accession to the Agreement

5. The Committee took note of Brazil's explanation, Signatories' statements, as well as the Chair's statement, and agreed, in line with the procedures set forth in document $\underline{TCA/17}$, to the terms of accession as proposed by Brazil in document $\underline{TCA/19/Add.1/Rev.1}$ and to the procedure proposed by the Chair for granting consent to Brazil's deposit of the instrument of accession.

B. Transposition Exercise of the Product Coverage Annex

6. The Chair reminded the Committee of the various documents tabled on this matter as of 17 November, and described the way forward.

C. Implementation of the Agreement - Transparency and Possible Complementary Means

7. The Chair explained that the work on the transposition of the Product Annex should proceed first before the Committee can address the matter of the implementation of the Agreement.

D. Functioning of the Committee

¹ Currently comprising 27 Member States: Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; the Netherlands; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain and Sweden.

² Minutes of this meeting will be issued as document TCA/M/41.

8. The Chair explained that the starting point of this issue was the Outcome Document of the 12th Ministerial Conference, and reminded the Committee that this Committee needed to keep the General Council informed of its activities on a regular basis. No Signatory had comments on this issue, and the Committee took note of that fact.

E. Date of the Next Regular Meeting

9. The Chair suggested that the Committee meet end of October or early November in 2024, with the exact date to be confirmed later.

10. The Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft did not meet during the period under review and nor did the Sub-Committee of the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft.