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**THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HIGH-LEVEL PANEL REPORT
ON ACCESS TO MEDICINES**

COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL, CHINA, INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA

The following communication, dated 27 October 2016, is circulated at the request of Brazil, China, India and South Africa.

1. In November 2015, the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Ban Ki-moon, convened a High-Level Panel (HLP) on Access to Medicines with an objective "*to review and assess proposals and recommend solutions for remedying the policy incoherence between the justifiable rights of inventors, international human rights law, trade rules and public health in the context of health technologies*". On 14 September 2016, the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines released its Final Report.¹

2. In light of the HLP's Final Report, Brazil, China, India and South Africa request the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to place a dedicated agenda item for consideration at the 8-9 November 2016 session of the TRIPS Council entitled "the United Nations Secretary-General's High Level Panel Report on Access to Medicines".

3. The co-sponsors of this communication encourage Members to share their views on the report of the HLP at the 8-9 November 2016 session of the TRIPS Council.

¹ The Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines is enclosed as an attachment to this document for information (available in English only).