Follow up on Leaders' directives

3 In announcing the broad outlines of an agreement in Honolulu in November 2011, TPP Leaders called for negotiations to be concluded in the coming year. In their meetings in Honolulu Ministers and Leaders had signalled their wish for an even more ambitious timetable, aiming to have an agreement substantially completed by July, the expected date of a 2012 meeting of TPP Trade Ministers in the margins of the APEC MRT meeting. The MRT timing has since been brought forward to early June.

Roadmap 2012

5 The 2012 schedule of dates for five full negotiating rounds proposed in Lima (our Formal Message of 7/11/2011, para. 14) was confirmed although specific venues beyond Round 11 are yet to be decided. (Posts should not share this information on these dates with other governments or stakeholders without checking with TID):

Round 11 1-9 March: Australia (Melbourne)
Round 12 9-16 May: United States
Round 13 2-10 July:
Round 14 24 Sept-3 Oct: Venue tbc
Round 15 3-12 December: Venue tbc

6 New Zealand indicated openness to hosting a round, pending further discussion with Ministers and venue availability.

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New members

- s.6(a)

Chief Negotiators' paper:

- s.6(a); s.6(b)(ii)

Review of status of market access negotiations

- s.6(b)(a); s.6(b)(ii)

Discussion of domestic ratification/EIF, institutional issues and "Living Agreement"

- s.6(a); s.6(b)(ii)
Stakeholder/media engagement

16 There was no stakeholder or media engagement organised within the programme but a small group protested outside the venue for around two hours on the first day, attracting some local media attention. The group was focused on intellectual property issues and left after presenting a letter to the US delegation’s Chief Negotiator. Other media coverage was very limited.

Comment

17 The intersessional made progress in several areas, but more importantly it set the scene for the first half of 2012. There was a real sense that the negotiation is entering a new phase in response to Leaders’ expectations, and while this phase will be higher risk and involve harder conversations, delegations appear determined to commit significant resources and effort to the challenge of realising the goal. All nine countries received clear messages from others about what they need to bring to the table in order to generate movement in areas where progress is needed.
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Summary:

Round 11 of TPP saw steady progress towards Leaders' objectives to conclude an agreement as rapidly
as possible, with emphasis on doing so in 2012.

Action
For information

Report

Round 11 of Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations took place in Melbourne, Australia, 1-9 March 2012 attended by delegations from the nine member countries.

Overall progress towards meeting TPP Leaders’ objectives

2. The round provided the first opportunity for all chapter negotiating groups to convene simultaneously since TPP Leaders met in the margins of APEC (November 2011) and expressed their objective of concluding an agreement “as rapidly as possible”. Following Round 10 discussions in Kuala Lumpur (December 2011, our FM of 11 January 2012 refers) about operationalising this objective, which led to the development of chapter roadmaps.

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- $6(\beta)(\gamma)$

Working group reports back

6. A summary of working groups’ progress is attached which provides detail on progress with each chapter under negotiation.

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- $6(\zeta)(\iota)$
Membership discussions

16 Prospective new members featured in the Chief Negotiators’ process, and were the subject of questions at the stakeholder and media briefings. Details will be covered in a separate formal message.

Stakeholder engagement

17 Three stakeholder events were organized within the Round 11 programme, starting with a day-long stakeholder forum on 4 March. Two rooms ran stakeholder presentations (including from New Zealanders) on a range of TPP issues including labour rights, healthy diets, financial services, fisheries, investment, intellectual property, pharmaceuticals, State Enterprises, and the internet.

18 At a more informal evening reception attended by stakeholders and negotiators on 6 March, Australian Minister for Trade and Competitiveness Hon Dr Craig Emerson spoke to highlight the importance of trade liberalisation as a key to economic growth, and TPP’s potential as a pathway to regional economic integration. Chief Negotiators briefed stakeholders on 7 March, when they also responded to a range of questions including progress with aspects of the negotiation and consideration of prospective new members. Throughout Round 11 some groups made small-scale protests around the venue on a range of TPP-related issues including sovereignty and IP. Stakeholder side-events and bilateral meetings with negotiators, including from the New Zealand delegation, were also organized in the margins of the Round.

Media briefing

19 Chief Negotiators held a briefing on 9 March for around 30 representatives of international media organisations, including a sizeable contingent from Japan. New Zealand media was not present. Questions concentrated on negotiating progress, membership, some specifics on Investor-State Dispute Settlement, State enterprises, health-related intellectual property issues (all of which regularly attract high levels of public interest) and one from a Hong Kong TV channel on whether China would be invited to join TPP. Chiefs’ media points are attached for information.

Intersessionals, Round 12 (May 2012) and beyond

20 Eight chapter working groups have scheduled intersessional meetings in April as a means to support maximum progress by mid-year and to supplement other intersessional activity to be undertaken by all groups.

21 The US will host Round 12 with further details yet to be confirmed publicly. Privately, delegations have been notified that negotiations will take place in Dallas from 8-16 May (with facilities
available until 18 May if any groups need to be scheduled beyond the end of the formal round). We have now received draft scheduling advice from the US and expect this to be finalized shortly.

Beyond Round 13 from 2-10 July, which the US will also host, the hosting of subsequent rounds has yet to be finalized.

Negotiating Mandates

 Officials plan to submit a paper for Cabinet consideration at the end of April that will seek guidance on these areas and confirm mandates.

We also need to prepare for the transition to an end-game process.

...and provide guidance for this process, officials are liaising with Minister Groser’s Office and DPMC on possible arrangements for a second Ministerial hub discussion in late May/early June.

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Legal and Institutional Issues

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Cooperation and Capacity Building

New Zealand Delegation
Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations
16 March 2012
SUMMARY

- s 6(c); s 6(b)(c);

FOR ACTION

TPP9 and membership aspirant posts: to note key messages for use in response to membership enquiries ( paras 20 and 25).

REPORT

Parties to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations met on 1-9 March 2012 in Melbourne for Round 11. As part of their broader agenda Chief Negotiators discussed membership issues;

A separate formal message provides a general update of proceedings.

Page 3 is withheld in full under the same grounds of s 6(a).
All TPP Parties welcomed announcements of interest by Canada, Japan and Mexico to join TPP.

All Parties share the goal of expanding TPP to other economies across the Asia-Pacific region – to progress the vision of APEC Leaders and the objective of a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP).

Since November 2011 consultations had begun with all three, as happened with previous joiners – to discuss their readiness to join.

Each party would be considered on its individual merits.

A consensus decision is needed – timing tbc as consultations continue bilaterally, consistent with each Party’s domestic processes.

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Next steps for New Zealand

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We are aware of posts with TPP and aspirant accreditations fielding regular enquiries about progress with the negotiation and the membership process. At this time we ask you to draw on the key messages above (para 20) to respond to membership questions.

For specific enquiries about New Zealand’s approach to the aspirants, we are taking a consistent approach with all three. We welcome their interest, and are keen to ensure that any expansion of membership does not result in a dilution of the high-quality objectives expressed in TPP Leaders’ announcements in the margins of APEC 2011, particularly around comprehensive market access through the elimination of tariffs and other non-tariff barriers to trade in goods and services, or a slowing of the pace of the current negotiations. This approach also reflects the views of New Zealand stakeholders as expressed in our recent public submissions process about the aspirants as potential members of TPP. You should continue to direct enquirers to the TPP Talk webpage at www.mfat.govt.nz/tpp-talk, where key documents are available publicly to support these points, including the Leaders’ announcements and copies of all bar one of the membership submissions received from stakeholders.

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SUMMARY

The first Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) chapter text, on Small and Medium Enterprises, was closed during Round 12 of negotiations in Dallas. Several other chapter negotiating groups narrowed their differences significantly ahead of intersessional homework and the next round in San Diego, to be held 2-10 July.
FOR INFORMATION

REPORT

Participants in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations met in Dallas, Texas for Round 12, 8-16 May 2012. Some negotiating groups continued their work until 18 May. Progress across the negotiation was characterised as "better than expected" in Chief Negotiators' statement to media at the end of the round. That progress included completion of the first chapter text on Small and Medium Enterprises, one of the "Horizontal Issues" which will be a 21st century feature of the eventual agreement.

Chief Negotiators' discussions
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membership issues

stakeholder and media engagement
As at earlier rounds, stakeholders from across the spectrum of interests were able to participate in a programme designed to provide opportunities to engage with negotiators and other stakeholders. USTR Ambassador Ron Kirk made brief remarks at a well-attended reception hosted by the US Business Coalition for the TPP, noting the potential for the “most dynamic and robust and advanced trade-liberalising job-creating agreement” to emerge from the negotiations. In a departure from previous practice, a direct engagement forum accommodated fifty stakeholder booths which facilitated the exchange of views. The format had attracted some negative comment before the round but in fact allowed for the kind of two-way dialogue which was missing from the former lecture-style presentations. With a little tweaking based on feedback from Dallas, the US is expected to repeat the new format at the next round. Chief Negotiators held a roundtable question and answer session with stakeholders, and also addressed a small media corps on 16 May. New Zealand negotiators also conducted an extensive range of meetings with international stakeholders representing wide interests in the margins of the round. There were some small-scale infrequent protests during the round, including during the stakeholder reception, but these did not disrupt proceedings unduly.

Objectives for TPP Trade Ministers meeting, Kazan

Chief Negotiators held a preliminary discussion about the objectives for the TPP Trade Ministers’ meeting in the margins of the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) discussion in Kazan. The TPP meeting is currently scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 5 June after the MRT concludes earlier the same day, with TPP Chief Negotiators due to hold a preparatory meeting on 4 June.

Should Trade Ministers issue a public statement, it is likely to focus on progress in the negotiations and note that the participants are aiming to conclude negotiations as soon as possible.

COMMENT

While it was encouraging to have a clear sense of forward movement after Round 11 in Melbourne, this round also had its frustrations.
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Competition (including State Enterprises)

Chapter working groups: Summary of Progress

Trans-Pacific Partnership

Round 12 Dallas, 8-16 May 2011

Cross-Border Trade in Services (CBTS)
Cooperation & Capacity Building (CGB)

s6(a)
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Trans-Pacific Partnership
Round 12 Dallas, 8-16 May 2012

Chapter working groups: Summary of Progress

Customs

E-Commerce

Environment

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Trans-Pacific Partnership
Round 12 Dallas, 8-16 May 2012

Chapter working groups: Summary of Progress

Financial Services

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Goods Market Access

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Round 12 Dallas, 8-16 May 2012

Chapter working groups: Summary of Progress

Intellectual Property (IP)

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Investment

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Trans-Pacific Partnership
Round 12 Dallas, 8-16 May 2012

Chapter working groups: Summary of Progress

Telecommunications

6(a) ; 6(b)

Temporary Entry

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Trade Remedies

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Round 12 Dallas, 8-16 May 2012

Chapter working groups: Summary of Progress

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Subject: Trans-Pacific Partnership: Ministerial Meeting in Kazan, Russia 5 June 2012  
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REPORT

Following the conclusion of the APEC MRT on 5 June in Kazan, Russia, Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries participated in a meeting at Ministerial level.

2. The purpose of the meeting was...
10. Carmel has been established for communications with Walker as Chief Negotiator from Washington and with Mexico. We will provide further information to both Posts separately.
meantime we ask all TPP ports, in engaging with contacts beyond respective Chief Negotiators, to adhere closely to the agreed set of media points set out in the attached document and the press release issued following the meeting, also attached.

Trade's office will continue to handle all media enquiries.

COMMENT

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SUMMARY
Solid progress at Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Round 13 in San Diego, with detailed intersessional homework developed for chapter negotiating groups to enable them to make further advances in substantially concluding text before or at Round 14.

Ministers are expected to meet in the margins of the APEC meeting in Russia in early September, just before Round 14 in Leesburg near Washington DC. A decision on a TPP Leaders’ meeting, also in the margins of APEC, has yet to be made.

REPORT
The 13th round of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations took place in San Diego, USA from 2-10 July 2012.

**Negotiating dynamic and progress**

2. Characterising the negotiations at the closing media conference, Assistant USTR (Weisel) as Chair noted "important progress" at Round 13 (see USTR press release, attached).

Contributing to this progress:

Chief Negotiators’ Discussions

5. Chief Negotiators met over eight days

6. A significant proportion of Chief Negotiators’ time was spent working with chapter negotiating groups during mid-session status updates or end-of-session reports back.
For several rounds chapter negotiating groups have sought guidance from Chief Negotiators.

Next steps: Round 14 and Intersessional Work

Round 14 of negotiations has been announced publicly for 6-15 September in Leesburg, Virginia (close to Dulles airport outside Washington, DC). This overlaps with APEC meetings in the first week of September in Russia so some Chief Negotiators are only likely to attend the round from 10-15 September.

Chief Negotiators instructed each chapter negotiating group to leave San Diego with a detailed intersessional workplan, designed to deal with as many issues as possible before or at Round 14. The homework and timelines will be collated and circulated, with the US as Round 14 hosts undertaking to follow up on missed deadlines as necessary.

Political Meetings at Vladivostok

Another TRP Trade Ministers meeting is expected to take place in the margins of the APEC meetings in Vladivostok, with ASTF Ambassador Ron Kirk currently scheduled to attend and chair the meeting.

New members

12
Stakeholder and media engagement

13 Nearly 300 registered stakeholders participated at various times in a programme which included a direct engagement forum (stakeholder marketplace), stakeholder presentations, a briefing session with Chief Negotiators and an informal function hosted by the Fair Trade Community comprising various US trade unions and NGOs. Events were well-attended by negotiators and stakeholders, including several New Zealanders, and provided another opportunity for discussion of issues across the spectrum of interests in the negotiations. A couple of organised protests took place outside the venue during the round but did not impact on negotiators' work.

14 The closing media conference attracted about a dozen reporters from the US and Japan, with questions on progress, membership and the prospects for Japan. On the last topic, the Vietnamese Chief Negotiator (Khanh) indicated that a Japanese decision before the end of August could potentially enable them to take a seat at the table at the same time as Mexico and Canada.

COMMENT

- 6(a), 6(b)(i)

ENDS
TPP Ministers met in the margins of the APEC Ministerial Meeting in Vladivostok on 6 September.

The draft Ministers report to Leaders and the Leaders’ Statement were approved after a short discussion.

Finally, Mr Groser announced that the December round would be held in Auckland, but asked that members not reveal that publicly until after Vladivostok as we were in the process of finalising the contract with conference organisers.

As foreshadowed, at the conclusion of the meeting new members Mexico and Canada were invited to join TPP members for a brief discussion and photograph for the media. Both new members were warmly welcomed to the negotiation, with particularly special mention to Mexican Secretary Bruno Ferrari, who is regarded by many to have shifted the trade landscape in Mexico during his tenure, and who would leave office at the end of November. Mr Groser offered Mexico a very warm welcome to the negotiation and congratulated Mr Ferrari on his efforts, which represented a critically important achievement for Mexico.
10. Copies of the Ministers report to Leaders and the intended TPP Leaders statement are attached for information. It is intended that both these documents will be released soon after the conclusion of the APEC Leaders meeting.

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SUMMARY

TPP Ministers signed off on the draft Ministers Report to Leaders and the draft Leaders Statement.
The guidelines for the integration of Mexico and Canada into the negotiation were also agreed. There was
agreement too that an intercessional should be hosted by Mexico, in Mexico, before December.

It was agreed that negotiating teams should seek to clear away as many chapters as possible at Leesburg to enable
negotiators to start to focus in on the tough issues ahead.

Mexico and Canada were welcomed to the table. A photo opportunity followed. USTR has drafted a press release
that it will put on the USTR website along with a photograph of the TPP 11. We are considering doing the same or
similar.

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SUMMARY
Round 14 of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations saw useful progress, with several chapters moving closer to conclusion. Discussions took place on a number of the more difficult issues.

ACTION
TPP Posts: see para 9 – you may like to consider creating a link from your post website to MOT’s statement welcoming the announcement that NZ will host R15.

REPORT
Round 14 of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations took place in Leesburg, Virginia USA from 6-15 September 2012. The round began just after TPP Trade Ministers met in the margins of APEC in Vladivostok, which provided delegates with freshly minted political guidance to inform their work in Leesburg (see our FM of 10/09/2012). Round 14 was also notable as the final one involving nine participant countries, with Mexico and Canada expected to join negotiations at Round 15.

Negotiating dynamic and progress

2. All chapter negotiating groups met except:

   - $6(a)$
   - $6(b)$

4. Many chapter negotiating groups made useful progress across the range of issues, with several employing text packages, bilateral and/or small group work to good effect in advancing or reaching compromises. All groups were instructed by Chief Negotiators to prepare clear intersessional plans to maintain momentum with a focus on non-contentious text issues which have had a good airing in previous rounds. $6(c)$

New members

5. Following the TPP9 Trade Ministers’ meeting in Vladivostok, Chief Negotiators discussed the detail of handling the final steps of admission to TPP and welcoming each new member into the process. New Zealand, as ad hoc depository, will send these guidelines with a covering letter providing operational details for the negotiations.

6. In preparation, those groups working on non-market access chapters $6(d)$
the $6(c)$ For market access schedules;

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7 Ministers had also discussed $6(c)$ Negotiators were asked to develop this idea and agreed that $6(c)$ placed to attend an intersessional meeting $6(c)$ before the full round at the end of 2012.

8 $6(c)$

Next steps: Round 15

9 New Zealand was announced as host of Round 15 during the Chief Negotiators’ media briefing at the close of the Leesburg round. The round will take place 3-12 December in Auckland. Logistical preparations are under way and further information will be provided in due course. Minister Groser has since released a statement (attached) welcoming the announcement. TPP posts may like to consider creating a link to the statement from their post websites, hyperlink is: http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-zealand-host-next-round-tpp-negotiations.

Stakeholder and media engagement

10 Given the proximity to Washington DC the host’s stakeholder programme attracted the highest level of interest at the three US rounds this year: more than 220 registered organisations representing business, academia, professional services, NGOs, trade unions and others (including Fonterra, the New Zealand Nurses Organisation and lobbyists AdvocacyWorks), with over 450 individuals registered. The direct engagement forum comprised 93 tables in the ‘marketplace’, complemented by sixty stakeholder presentations and a briefing session with Chief Negotiators attended by well over 100 stakeholders.

11 The media briefing attracted more than twenty journalists from US trade and Japanese press organisations. Questions traversed familiar ground, concentrating on progress made across the chapters and timing for conclusion. Chief Negotiators confirmed the ‘Single Undertaking’ principle underpinning the negotiations and that substance would continue to drive the process while delegations worked to conclude an agreement as quickly as possible. There was little about the entry of Mexico and Canada to negotiations, and only one or two queries about Japanese interest on which it was confirmed that current TPP participants awaited Japan’s own decision on joining. The USTR statement summarising the round is attached for information, and includes reference to the announcement of New Zealand hosting TPP Round 15 in Auckland in December.

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HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Customs: attention 69(a)
MPI: attention 69(a)
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Health Ministry: attention Lucas

Summary

This message contains a summary record of the meeting of TPP Leaders held in Phnom Penh on 20
November in the margins of the East Asia Summit. The seven TPP countries, members of the EAS,
(Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Viet Nam and the US) participated in the
meeting

Zealand Minister Groom and Walker accompanied Prime Minister Key.

The meeting was notable for the unanimous view of Leaders to aim for completion of negotiations by
the end of 2013 and agreement to state that publicly.

Action

For information

Washington:

Report
Meeting of TPP Leaders from Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Viet Nam, and United States
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
20 November 2012

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Subject: RE: Formal Message: Trans-Pacific Partnership Round 15 Auckland, 3-12 December 2012
Attachments: TPP15 conclusion TPGT Talk.docx; TPP Round 15 Auckland USTR statement post round.docx

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**Subject:** Formal Message: Trans-Pacific Partnership: Round 15 Auckland, 3-12 December 2012

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MBIE: attention
NZTE: attention
Reserve Bank: attention
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Environment: attention
Health: attention Lucas, Caldwell, Girvan

**SUMMARY**

Good progress at TPP Round 15 in Auckland,

Negotiators clearly seized of the need to more directly drive the process forward.

Detailed intersessional work programmes agreed for chapter working groups with Chief Negotiators individually taking responsibility for monitoring implementation and a collective reporting tool to be used at Round 16 to evaluate performance. Round 16 will also see Chief Negotiators

**ACTION**

TPP posts, plus Tokyo, may wish to consider creating a link on their respective websites to the “TPP Talks” column summarising Round 15 (para 24).

**REPORT**

New Zealand hosted Round 15 of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations in Auckland over 3-12 December 2012. More than 500 delegates from the eleven TPP participant countries, including Canada and Mexico for the first time, met in chapter working groups across the negotiations which were discussed at an intersessional meeting.

Objectives for Round 15 and negotiating context
Drawing on the outcome of the Leaders' meeting in the margins of the East Asia Summit in Phnom Penh on 20 November 2012, New Zealand's approach as hosts of Round 15 focused on two objectives: resolution of technical issues and clearer framing of the remaining issues to set a platform for completion in 2013, and the smooth integration of Canada and Mexico into the negotiating process at their first full round.

Chapter working groups came into Round 15 New Zealand (Walker) as host, on behalf of all Chief Negotiators, spoke with every working group at the start of its sessions to instil clear expectations for Round 15 which contributed to a more consistent sense of purpose throughout the negotiations.

**Chief Negotiators' discussions**

Walker conducted a series of bilaterals with fellow Chief Negotiators early in the round. Colleagues were supportive of New Zealand's approach to Round 15.

New Zealand maintained the focus on the objective throughout, complementing discussions at the table with a working group reporting structure that supported pathways to conclusion rather than an open-ended expression of remaining issues. Chief Negotiators, also engaged in bilateral activity in the margins throughout the round in order to identify pathways to resolution of outstanding issues.

**Progress with negotiations**
The longer, more complex or sensitive chapters were able to make steady progress working through non-contentious technical issues, resulting in cleaner texts and clearer identification of the substantive differences which will require resolution at a later date. These working groups made good use of various modalities including small group and bilateral engagement to advance compromises. There was also a welcome flexibility of approach evident at Round 15 which helped to drive momentum. Have the furthest distance to travel towards conclusion due to the range and complexity of issues involved, and Chief Negotiators are giving active consideration to how these groups can be assisted to make necessary progress at future rounds.

Goods Market Access negotiations.

When the proposal was brought before Chief Negotiators,
12 Discussion in the working groups focused on further resolving issues in the chapter text. In addition to a discussion on text and technical issues, each agreed dates for further revised offers in advance of Round 16.

New participants and the rules of engagement

13 Working groups, led by New Zealand as Round 15 host/chair,

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Next steps: Round 16

17 As is customary, the next round of negotiations was announced at the end of Round 15 as taking place in Singapore over 4-13 March 2013. Practical arrangements for the round were discussed briefly by Chief Negotiators. It was acknowledged that venue and scheduling constraints might
necessitate some working groups running slightly outside these parameters, more likely ahead of the formal round to facilitate interaction with Chief Negotiators as each group finishes its work. To meet the objective of concluding negotiations in 2013, any outstanding proposals should be on the table by this round.

Stakeholder engagement

18 The stakeholder programme held on Friday 7 December at the negotiating venue was attended by 218 of the more than 300 stakeholders who registered, and drew a solid representation of negotiators from all delegations. 104 stakeholders came from New Zealand, with the remainder from TPP participant countries. 73 stakeholders gave presentations on a range of issues including agricultural and tobacco products, intellectual property, health, environment, labour, and Māori perspectives. Chief Negotiators also met with stakeholders to answer their questions on the TPP in a 90-minute briefing session. Stakeholders took the opportunity to have meetings with and hold functions for delegates in the margins throughout Round 15.

19 In addition to the stakeholder programme, New Zealand negotiators met numerous domestic and international stakeholders in the margins, with a focus on the spectrum of intellectual property, investment, labour, environment, agriculture and goods market access interests.

Protests

20 As anticipated, protests were held during the round, beginning on 3 December when about 30 protestors gathered peacefully outside the negotiating venue. A very low-key protest presence in proximity to the venue was evident throughout the round but did not cause disturbance to delegates or the public.

21 The main protest event was held on Saturday 8 December, a day of action called by the anti-TPP group “It’s Our Future” with a rally and presentation of a petition on behalf of Avaaz (an online activist community, which has been running an online “Stop the TPP Corporate Death Star” petition since at least September this year). The petition, addressed to Minister Groser, included 750,000 signatures from around the world (i.e. not limited to TPP countries).

22 A group of around 150 people, including, the Mana Party, opponents of state-owned asset sales, anti-TTP advocates and others, marched from Aotea Square to the negotiating venue. We had offered the opportunity to present the petition inside the venue but would prefer to present the petition outside. Chief Negotiators were in negotiations at the time, so the petition was received by New Zealand’s Deputy Chief Negotiator and Stakeholder Engagement Liaison Officer outside the venue as requested. About 15 minutes later the scene turned violent as protestors tried to storm entry to the adjacent hotel and lit a fire in the street. Police called for reinforcements and nearby streets were closed while protestors were dispersed by the police. Two police officers were injured and two people were arrested. There was no disruption to the negotiations.

Media

23 The round attracted more domestic media attention than usual due to New Zealand’s role as hosts, with a steady stream of material published across all formats throughout the round representing a range of views on TPP and also reporting on the protests.
Media were able to attend the stakeholder presentations on 7 December to take notes (but not film or record) and could also participate in a media briefing with Chief Negotiators at the end of the round on 12 December. The briefing was attended by approximately twenty journalists. New Zealand media included Radio New Zealand, TVNZ, TV3, Fairfax and the Rural News. International media included representatives from Inside US Trade, about six Japanese outlets, Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, ABC (Australia), Canadian outlet ‘Geneva Watch’ and others. Questions covered chapter-specific issues such as market access, intellectual property and pharmaceuticals (but no direct mention of Pharmac), ambition and pace of negotiations towards conclusion with the 2013 date fresh in everyone’s minds, and the process and timing if Japan formally expressed interest in joining TPP. New Zealand’s opening statement as hosts has been captured in a “TPP Talk” column, attached for reference and at http://mfat.govt.nz/Trade-and-Economic-Relations/2-Trade-Relationships-and-Agreements/Trans-Pacific/1-TPP-Talk/0-TPP-talk-12-Dec-2012.htm. Posts may wish to create a link to the column on their respective websites. The USTR statement issued post-round is also attached for information only.

ENDS
Negotiations shifted into a higher gear at Round 16 as efforts intensified across a number of areas to help ensure negotiators remain on track to deliver on the Leaders’ objective of concluding TPP this year.
Ministers are expected to meet in the margins of the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting in Surabaya, Indonesia (20-21 April).

Round 17 will be held in Lima over 15-24 May 2013, with further rounds tentatively scheduled for July and late August/early September.

ACTION

For information

REPORT

Singapore hosted Round 16 of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations over 3-14 March. More than 600 delegates from the eleven TPP participant countries met across 20 negotiating working groups.

2. Good progress was made to move the process forward and ensure negotiations remain on track to deliver to the 2013 timeframe objective set by Leaders.

Chapter text
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Ministerial engagement in 2013

18 Chief Negotiators also discussed the 2013 negotiating calendar. It was confirmed that Peru would host Round 17 in Lima and that further rounds would be held in July and late August/early September (which is intended to be the last round before the APEC Leaders meeting in October).

Stakeholder engagement and media

19 Negotiators engaged with more than 300 TPP stakeholders during a ‘Stakeholders Day’ event. Several New Zealand stakeholders (Fonterra, a 9%er, a, New Zealand Medical Students’ Association and Green & McCahill Holdings Ltd) attended.

20 A joint press conference was held at the conclusion of the round. As we have reported earlier, this attracted a strong media presence, including a large number of Japanese media outlets given PM Abe’s scheduled announcement a few days later. The overriding number of questions were about Japan covering: the conditions Japan will need to sign up to in order to join, how long it will take for Japan to join (if this was the consensus view), if Japan joined whether there was a chance for Japan to reopen text and TPP members’ views on Japan’s need for exclusions for its agricultural products. Other media questions focused on: timelines for 2013; progress on the IP, environment, competition and labour chapters, as well as, how TPP members plan to address SOEs, pharmaceuticals and ROO in the negotiations.
Singapore's media release is attached. The US's post-round press release (http://www.ustr.gov/tpp) makes it clear that coming out of the Singapore round TPP remains on track to deliver on the Leaders' 2013 timetable.

COMMENT

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Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 10:23 a.m.
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MEDIA
Subject: FORMAL MESSAGE: TPP Ministerial, Surabaya, Indonesia 19 April 2013
Attachments: PR: Tim Groser - TPP members welcome Japan as new member in TPP
negotiations; Attendance list.docx; Document1.docx

HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

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Summary
TPP Ministers met in Surabaya, Indonesia on 19 April in the margins of the APEC Trade Ministers’ Meeting. The
meeting was an opportunity for Ministers to review progress in the negotiations towards the Leaders’ objective of
concluding an agreement this year, and to consider Japan’s interest in joining the negotiation. A copy of the agenda
and a list of attendees is attached, together with the Joint Statement issued by Ministers at the conclusion of the
meeting.

Action
For information
Report
Progress in the negotiation

On the substance of the negotiation,

There was ready endorsement of the overall Plan of Action and of the need to devote sufficient resources to
ensure the process remained on track to deliver to the Leaders’ objective for 2013.
TPP Ministers met briefly with Japanese METI Minister Motegi before appearing jointly with him in a media briefing to announce that TPP participants were moving to finalise the process for Japan to enter the negotiation. That process was finalised during the evening by New Zealand, as ad-hoc depository, with Minister Groser announcing at midnight Surabaya time on behalf of TPP participants that Japan had been admitted to the negotiation (subject to the US 90-day Congressional notification period).
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Summary:

\( 6(a) \)
Lima hosted Round 17 of TPP negotiations from 15-24 March. Over 700 delegates met across 19 negotiating days.

Round 18 will take place in Malaysia.
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public is that the round has been confirmed for 15-25 July in Malaysia.

All that is

Stakeholder engagement and media

21 Negotiators engaged with more than 300 stakeholders during a 'Stakeholders Forum' on 19 July. Fonterra was the only New Zealand-registered stakeholder in Lima.

22 A joint press conference was held at the conclusion of the Round. As reported separately, this attracted a strong media presence, including a number of Japanese media outlets given Japan's anticipated participation in July. Media questions on Japan ranged from: the number of days Japan will be able to participate in the July Round, whether Japan's agricultural sensitivities will delay the conclusion of the negotiations, and what impact Japan's participation will have on TPP timelines. Peru drew on its press statement and the 2013 Leaders' objective in responding to these questions. Any media questioning on Japan and the July timing could draw on this paragraph as well (see attached press release).

23 Other media questions directed to Peru (as Chair), the US, Viet Nam, Mexico and Australia covered: ROO (the US's short-stay, non-preference proposal for textiles and apparel and Viet Nam and Mexico's response, and discussions on cumulation); progress made on Intellectual Property (particularly pharmaceuticals and patent terms and copyright); ISDS; and SPs.

Summary
At Round 18 the level of negotiation activity intensified as outstanding technical and mid-tier issues were cleared away and resolved across a broad range of the negotiation.
As TPP depository we completed the final procedural steps on 23 July to formally confirm Japanese membership, allowing their participation in negotiating sessions from that afternoon.

An intensive period of intersessional activity will take place over the next three weeks before the next round. Round 19 will take place in Brunei over 22-30 August. We also expect that TPP Trade Ministers will meet separately on 22-23 August to identify potential roadmaps to progress the most difficult issues in the negotiation before TPP Leaders meet at APEC in early October.

**Action**
For information

**Report**
Malaysia hosted Round 18 of TPP negotiations from 14-25 July. More than 690 delegates met in 13 separate working groups (covering 14 negotiating areas).

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Pages 3 and 4 withheld under sections \( s_6(a), s_6(b)(l), s_9(2)(l) \)
Next Steps

15 Brunei confirmed it would host Round 19 from 22-30 August, which is intended to be the last round before the APEC Leaders’ meeting.

16 The timing for Round 19 coincides with the ASEAN Economic Ministers East Asia Summit and the Regional Closer Economic Partnership ministerial meetings, and is a location that helps facilitate a meeting of TPP Ministers – scheduled for 22-23 August. This meeting has not yet been announced.”

Japan

18 In our capacity as TPP depository, we completed the final steps to allow Japán’s formal entry into the negotiation on the day.
23 Negotiators engaged with more than 200 stakeholders during a Stakeholders Forum on 20 July, which was also attended by the High Commission.

24 A joint press conference was held at the conclusion of the Round. As expected, this attracted a very strong Japanese media presence - approximately 122 of the 192 registered media.

25 The media questions (mostly from Japanese media) focused on: Japan’s formal participation and its negotiating priorities. When asked whether any “exemption from tariff cuts were possible in TPP”, Malaysia (Aqasri) reiterated that “negotiators are working towards achieving the objectives set by TPP Leaders in Honolulu - on market access there will be comprehensive liberalisation”. In response to the same question, Japan (Tsuruoka) replied that “Japanese positions are well-known; these issues will be discussed in the context of the negotiations and not disclosed in public”. In response to a question on whether “there was a consensus to resolve the outstanding issues within the 2013 timeframe” we
(Walker) reiterated that "Leaders and ministers have told us that they want TPP to be concluded as rapidly as possible, they have instructed negotiators to conclude the agreement in the course of this year. That is what we are seeking to do; leaders will expect to hear from us about that at APEC in October".

26 Other media questions directed to Malaysia (as Chair), Singapore, the US and Viet Nam covered: transparency and stakeholder engagement, and progress in the market access negotiations. As at previous rounds, questions were also asked about ROO (the US’s short-supply list proposal for textiles and apparel and Viet Nam’s response) and developments in the intellectual property chapter (particularly pharmaceuticals and patent terms and copyright).

27 Any further media questioning on Round 18 and the next steps can draw on Malaysia’s press release (attached). The USTR press release [http://www.ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/trans-pacific-partnership/round-18-malaysia] reiterates that negotiators are keeping their eyes fixed on the goal set by TPP Leaders to conclude a high-standard, comprehensive agreement this year.

ENDS
TND
Monday, 14 October 2013 6:08 p.m.
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TPP Leaders' Meeting, Bali, 8 October
TPP Leaders' Statement 8 October.docx; TPP Ministers' Report to Leaders 8
October.docx

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Health: attention Lucas, Caldwell, Giovan
MBIE (Economic Development): attention S 94(b)
MBIE (Labour): attention S 44(2)(a)
MPI: attention S 94(2)(a)
NZTE: attention S 94(2)(a)
Reserve Bank: S 94(a)
Treasury: attention S 94(2)(c)

Summary
TPP Leaders
S 94(a), S 94(b), S 6(8)(a)

Action
TPP Leaders met on the margins of the Bali APEC Leaders' Meeting to review progress in the negotiations and to mandate the forward process. The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Key.
PM Key thanked Ministers for their work.

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31. PM Key then looked to sum up.

35. The meeting concluded with consensus on these points.

36. Any media enquiries on the meeting and the next steps can draw on the TPP Leaders’ Statement and the Ministers’ Report to Leaders (attached) and at: www.mfat.govt.nz/Trade-and-Economic-Relations/2-Trade-Relationships-and-Agreements/Trans-Pacific/1-TPP-Talks/TPP-talk-10-Oct-2013.php. ENDS
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Subject: TPP: SALT LAKE CITY MEETINGS

Summary

Salt Lake City was the most intensive TPP meeting to date, narrowing the remaining outstanding issues in each chapter and held frank exchanges on Many mid-tier issues were resolved, and some critical progress was made in developing eventual landing zones that will respect key New Zealand sensitivities.

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For information, grateful if Posts could alert us to any planned December calls on negotiating teams and/or senior government TPP decision makers.

Report

4 In the last meeting of negotiators before the Singapore Ministerial (7-10 December), Chief Negotiators (CNs) and technical level experts met over 19-24 November (continued to 26 November) in Salt Lake City (SLC) to close as many text issues as possible.

5 Substantial progress was made across much of the agenda. In many chapters the remaining differences are down to a small handful of issues, a small subset of which are likely to be raised in Singapore. Particular highlights in SLC included:

- S 6 (A), S 6 (B)
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Significant progress towards concluding TPP negotiations was made by Ministers and negotiators this week in Singapore (7-10 December).

The joint press statement and Minister Groser’s press release are attached.

Landing zones:
- $S(4)$
- $S(5)$
- $S(9)$
7. Negotiators have now been tasked with actioning this guidance before late January when Ministers have agreed to meet again.

Goods market access: transparency

- s 6 (a)
- s 6 (b) (i)'
- s 9 (2) (j)
Thursday, 27 February 2014 1:55 a.m.

An intensive four-day Ministerial on TPP concluded in Singapore yesterday with a Joint Press Conference, where Minister Groser delivered the attached statement on behalf of the membership (in New Zealand’s capacity as TPP depository). The statement and subsequent Q&A captured overall progress well:
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work needs to be done at the technical/Chief Negotiator level on some of the most complex

s b (a) ; s b (b) (c) ; s q (e) (c)

In terms of next steps, bilaterals will now continue as relevant, alongside further collective engagement at the officials level. Chief Negotiators have been asked by Ministers to look to possible meetings in the first half of April with the objective of resolving all remaining issues other than a handful that may require further Ministerial discussion at a concluding Ministerial:

s b (a) ; s b (b) (c) ; s q (e) (c)
From: TND  
To: Sunday, 21 December 2014 8:40 p.m.  
Cc: TPP POSTS and DIVISIONS  
Subject: TND; CEO; DS TEG; DS AAG; DS APE; DS MLG; MEDIA; FM.P/S Trade; FM.P/S MFA;  
FM.DPMC (FPA); FM.MBIE Formal Messages (Seemail); FM,Health Ministry (Seemail);  
FM.MPI (Seemail); FM.Customs Service (Seemail); FM.Environment Ministry (Seemail);  
FM.Treasury (Seemail); FM.NAB (Seemail)  
FORMAL MESSAGE: TPP LEADERS’ MEETING: BEIJING, 10 NOVEMBER 2014  

Handling instructions  
Customs (Mullinder)  
MBIE  
Environment (  
Health  
MPI  
Treasury  

Summary  
The below reports on the meeting of TPP Leaders held in the margins of the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting in Beijing last month.  

Action  
2 For information.  

Report  
3 The US hosted a meeting of TPP Leaders in Beijing on 10 November 2014, in conjunction with the 2014 APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting.  

4 The meeting started with a media spray. In the presence of media, President Obama emphasised the importance of TPP for the US. Strengthening US leadership in Asia-Pacific was his top foreign policy priority and TPP was a centerpiece of that. Good progress had been made in recent weeks. Momentum was building around the benefits TPP would bring to spur growth and jobs, and to set high standards for trade and investment around the Asia-Pacific region. The potential existed for an historic achievement. The agreement needed to be comprehensive and ambitious – the stronger the deal, the greater the benefits. It was now the time, at the political level, to breach the remaining logjams and ensure the success of the negotiations. Obama concluded with a pledge to continue to make the case to Congress and the American people on the benefits TPP would bring.  

5 Following the exit of media-
This report covers progress made during this month’s meeting of TPP Chief Negotiators in Washington DC and provides an assessment of progress as 2014 comes to an end. Its content needs to be closely protected.

Action

2. For information.

Report

3. TPP Chief Negotiators met in Washington DC over 8-12 December.

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\text{Page 2 withheld on } s\{6(a), 6(b), 6(c), 6(d), 6(e)\}
\]
As chair of the legal issues group, we will continue to coordinate and oversee this work.

Next steps

24 CNs and relevant technical leads are expected to next meet in the week of 26 January; exact dates and location to be confirmed. Various pieces of bilateral and small group work are expected in the interim, including CNs telecons (one was held on 23 December; another is scheduled for January). The (ii) will also play a coordinating role in following up various inter-sessional homework tasks, while we have specific responsibilities progressing outstanding issues in the (iii) chapters.
From: TND
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2015 7:00 p.m.
To: ...TPP POSTS and DIVISIONS
Cc: FM.DPMC (FPA); FM.Customs Service (Seemail); FM.Environment Ministry (Seemail);
FM.MPI (Seemail); FM.Reserve Bank NZ (Seemail); FM.Health Ministry (Seemail);
FM.MBIE Formal Messages (Seemail); FM.Treasury (Seemail); FM.P/S MFA; FM.P/S Trade; CEO; DS TEG; DS AAG; DS APE
Subject: FORMAL MESSAGE: TPP: CHIEF NEGOTIATORS MEETING, GUAM, 15-27 MAY 2015

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MOH (Lucas, Caldwell)
MPI 992305
Reserve Bank 992305
Treasury 992305

Summary

This report covers developments during the most recent meeting of TPP Chief Negotiators in Guam and outlines the possible forward process for moving TPP from the ‘end-game’ phase to its long-awaited conclusion.

Action
For information.
TPP Chief Negotiators met in Guam over 15-27 May. Negotiators also met to progress outstanding issues:

- § 6(4)(d);
- § 6(8)(c)(i);
- § 9(2)(c)(i).
23 Legal verification of closed text provisions continued to progress.

Scenarios for conclusion

Post-conclusion of negotiations

26 The announcement of conclusion to negotiations is likely to be accompanied by a collective description of key outcomes in the Agreement, together with other descriptive material each country may choose to issue. The text would not be released at this point.
Out of Scope

From: MFAT <s6(c)(i)>
Sent: Saturday, 1 August 2015 2:03 p.m.
To: ...TPP POSTS and DIVISIONS
Cc: parliament.govt.nz; @parliament.govt.nz; [DPMC] @dpmc.govt.nz; FM.DPMC (FPA) (contact); FM.P/S MFA; FM.P/S Trade; FM.Customs Service (Seemail); FM.Health Ministry (Seemail); FM.MBIE Formal Messages (Seemail); FM.MPI (Seemail); FM.Treasury (Seemail)
Subject: FORMAL MESSAGE: TPP MINISTERIAL MEETING CONCLUDES (WITHOUT AGREEMENT)

Customs (Mullinder)
MBIE <s6(c)(i)>
MOH (Caldwell)
MPI <s6(c)(i)>
Treasury <s6(c)(i)>

Report

While substantial progress has been made across large parts of the negotiation in Maui, have meant that Ministers have been unable to conclude TPP negotiations in Maui.

3 A press conference will be held shortly where Ministers will release a short joint statement.

4 In addressing the closing ministerial session, the Minister touched on the following themes. We propose these be used in responding to media enquiries:
- Significant progress has been made—more progress has been made in Maui than any other TPP Ministerial.

- Differences have been narrowed to the point that we have a very clear vision of the small number of fundamental issues left. These include market access commitments in a number of areas (including dairy and autos) and intellectual property.

- All TPP Parties will need to give careful thought in the coming weeks on how these can be bridged.

- Ministers remain committed to successfully concluding a high quality agreement, and intend to meet again before the end of August.

6 The Minister has advised the Prime Minister directly.

7 Further report on progress made during the ministerial to follow.
It has been a challenging few days, meant that Ministers were unable to conclude negotiations over the weekend.
At a minimum though, we expect to be engaging with TPP ministers who are there in the margins of

ASEAN/RCEP meetings in Kuala Lumpur at the end of August.

Report

2. The content of this message be closely held.

3. We report on TPP meetings which ended in mid-July.

needs to
Other issues

Stakeholder activity in Maui

32 The New Zealand dairy industry was well represented here, with Dairy Companies’ Association (a), Fonterra (a), and Dairy NZ (a) all attending. Special Agriculture Trade Envoy n) were also in Maui.

33 Significant numbers turned out from other countries, including approximately 40 members of the US Chamber of Commerce and (rumoured) 50 odd from Japan’s JA Zenchu agriculture lobby. All of the four major US Congress trade offices were on the ground, including both Republican and Democratic expert staff from both the House and Senate, as were political staff from other countries.
Out of Scope

From: TND
Sent: Monday, 24 August 2015 8:20 a.m.
To: WASHINGTON
Cc: ...TPP POSTS and DIVISIONS; FM.DPMC (FPA) (contact); FM.P/S MFA; FM.P/S Trade; FM.Customs Service (Seemall); FM.Health Ministry (Seemall); FM.MBIE Formal Messages (Seemall); FM.MPI (Seemall); FM.Treasury (Seemall)

Subject: FORMAL MESSAGE: TPP: REPORT ON MINISTER OF TRADE’S MEETING

LUMPUR, 23 AUGUST 2015

Customs (Mullinder)
MBIE s 1(b)(6)
MOH (Caldwell)
MPI s 1(b)(6)
Treasury s 1(b)(6)

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s 6 (c)
From: TND
Sent: Friday, 2 October 2015 5:33 p.m.
To: ...NYK NZE0;
(TND); s q (c) (a)
(TND) SMITH, Andrea (DS AAB); s q (c) (a)
(WSH)
Cc: WALKER, David (DS TEG); s q (c) (a)
BARRINGTON, Brook (CEP); s q (c) (a)
(FPA) (contact); FM.P/S Trade; FM.P/S MFPI; FM.P/S Agriculture;
"James_Caldwell@moh.govt.nz" (James_Caldwell@moh.govt.nz);
(TI)
@treasury.govt.nz);
(VN); s q (c) (a)
DUNCAN, Lucy (DS MLG);
(WSH);
(TND);
(NYK);
(WSH);
(TND);
(NYK);
(LIN); s q (c) (a)
(CHI); s q (c) (a)
(MEX);
(CAN); s q (c) (a)
(U11);
(NAD);
(TND);
(NYK);
(GB); s q (c) (a)
Subject: FORMAL MESSAGE: TPP UPDATE: ATLANTA MINISTERIAL SECOND DAY

Summary

Ministers have agreed to stay in Atlanta for an extra day to try to conclude negotiations. The revised target for an announcement/ministerial press conference is Saturday – likely late morning or sometime in the afternoon (Atlanta time). Please note need for ministerial consultation processes to be put on standby, and recap of public messaging plan should negotiations be successfully concluded.

Action

2 NYK/4410(c)
   please pass to PM’s party.
   see para 6.

Report

3 Progress is being made on the core remaining issues:

s b (c)
Arrangements to approve final mandate

6. Further to 39(2)(a) discussion just now, grateful if MoT’s office (4) could alert delegated Ministers’ offices 36(4) that urgent direction may need to be sought on Saturday (late afternoon, 2ET) on final mandates for 36(4), 59(2)(c). We will like require decisions by late Saturday evening (2ET). Note that the RM and MoT will discuss TPP via secure comms tomorrow morning (Atlanta/New York time).

Decap on public messaging arrangements

7. Below is the agreed sequence for public messaging should negotiations successfully conclude:

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<td>Saturday late morning/afternoon</td>
<td>TPP12 Ministerial press conference announces conclusion (likely to be live-streamed on USTR’s Youtube channel). Q&amp;A likely.</td>
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<td>Immediately following announcement and before press conference is concluded</td>
<td>PM press release live on Beehive website. Note: This may be subject to PM's availability - contingency arrangements may be required.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Immediately following conclusion of press conference</td>
<td>MoT press release live on Beehive website. PMO drafted overview attached with facts (graphics) on key sector outcomes.</td>
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<td>30 minutes to 1 hour after press conference</td>
<td>New TPP MFAT webpage goes live. Updated with PM/MoT press releases, graphics and TPP12 press release.</td>
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<td>Ideally an hour or so after press conference</td>
<td>MoT conducts interviews with NZ based media.</td>
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<td>Two hours after MoT's teleconference</td>
<td>PM media. Note: This is subject to PM's availability – contingency arrangements may be required.</td>
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8 Thanks for confirmation >[email] that will be available on Sunday NZT, all morning until 4pm (11pm Saturday Atlanta time). We don’t anticipate an announcement being pushed out to after this time. (56392)
Out of Scope

From: TND
Sent: Monday, 5 October 2015 8:51 p.m.
To: TND
Cc: WASHINGTON; OTTAWA; MEXICO; FM.DPMC (FPA) (contact); FM.P/S Trade; FM.P/S MFA; FM.P/S Agriculture; FM.Treasury (Seemall); FM.Health (Ministry (Seemall); FM. MIE Economic Development (Seemall); CEO; DS AAG; DS @parliament.govt.nz; BARRINGTON, Brook (CEO): @parliament.govt.nz)

Subject: FORMAL MESSAGE: TPP UPDATE: ATLANTA: BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED
Importance: High

§ 9(2)(a) please pass to [redacted]

Summary

§ 6(a)

Ministers are expected to meet at 7am Monday, 5 October Atlanta time to take final decisions. A press conference is then scheduled for 9:00-9:15am (10:00-10:15am Tuesday, 6 October NZT) to announce successful conclusion of negotiations.

§ 6(a)

Action

Under no circumstances is the information in this message to be disclosed. High level information on outcomes will be released immediately following a conclusion announcement.
Report

Earliest, email refers.

withheld in full:
- s 62(a)
- s 62(b)
- s 92(2)(A)

pp 3 + 4 withheld in full under above grounds.