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REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS ON CHINA'S TRANSITIONAL REVIEW

The present report is submitted under the responsibility of the Chairperson, Mr. Paul Martin, as agreed by the Committee at its meeting of 29-30 October 2003.

1. The Committee held its second annual Transitional Review under Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of the Accession of the People's Republic of China at the regular meeting on 29-30 October 2003 (WT/L/432 refers).

2. Questions and/or comments to China were submitted by the European Communities (G/SPS/W/137), the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (G/SPS/W/138), and the United States (G/SPS/W/139) in advance of the review. There was opportunity for other Members to make statements or raise questions at the meeting. China provided oral responses to the comments and questions by Members (G/SPS/GEN/452).

3. The statements that were made in the context of the Committee's review will be reflected in the Summary Report of the October meeting by the Secretariat (to be circulated as G/SPS/R/31).