

# Joint Statement on Micro, Small, and Medium-

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

CETA Canada-EU Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership



## **2.0 Trends and Key Developments: Regional and international forums**

Over the past two decades, there has been a growing level of interest and activity in the trade arena on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Countries have sought to improve their

recommendations in September 2018 that included the establishment of a website and dedicated



OECD could consider in its work going forward. This language was, however, non-binding, given the nature of that forum (OECD, 2018).

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), for its part, has considered the subject of MSMEs within the context of its multi-year process (UNCTAD, 2018). The International Trade Centre (ITC) also considers the capacity of MSMEs to trade internationally (UNCTAD, 2018).







be launched by a consensus decision by ministers in Buenos Aires, as set out in their draft











## 6.0 Overview of the Proposals

### 6.1 Access to Information

#### **Draft Recommendation on the Collection and Maintenance of MSME-Related Information**

This draft recommendation (INF/MSME/W/7/Rev.3) provides for the voluntary inclusion by Members of MSME-related information during their Trade Policy Review process, based on a checklist that has been discussed in the IWG. This checklist requests, for instance, information on MSME definition and statistics, legislative and regulatory regimes (including consultation mechanisms on new or revised legislation or regulation), government programs and policies to support MSMEs. In addition, the proposal recommends “that the WTO Secretariat establish and maintain a database of the information collected or provided by Members in order to: (i) provide Members with an overview of MSME-related information; (ii) support an exchange











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