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Technical Assistance

1. Members agree to facilitate the provision of technical assistance to other Members, especially developing country Members, either bilaterally or through the appropriate international organizations. Such assistance may be, *inter alia*, in the areas of processing technologies, research and infrastructure, including in the establishment of national regulatory bodies, and may take the form of advice, credits, donations and grants, including for the purpose of seeking technical expertise, training and equipment to allow such countries to adjust to, and comply with, sanitary or phytosanitary measures necessary to achieve the appropriate level of sanitary or phytosanitary protection in their export markets.

2. Where substantial investments are required in order for an exporting developing country Member to fulfil the sanitary or phytosanitary requirements of an importing Member, the latter shall consider providing such technical assistance as will permit the developing country Member to maintain and expand its market access opportunities for the product involved.

1.2 General

1. At the Doha Ministerial Conference, Members resolved to "provide, to the extent possible, the financial and technical assistance necessary to enable least-developed countries to respond adequately to the introduction of any new [sanitary or phytosanitary] measures which may have significant negative effects on their trade."¹

2. At the same Ministerial Conference, Members also decided to ensure a level of technical assistance necessary to enable least-developed countries to respond to the special problems they face in implementing the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.²

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¹ [WT/MIN\(01\)/17](#), para. 3.6(i).
² [WT/MIN\(01\)/17](#), para. 3.6(ii).