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“The University of Toronto ... produced a detailed analysis to the extent of which each G20 country has met its commitments since the last summit ... I think this is important; we come to these summits, we make these commitments, we say we are going to do these things and it is important that there is an organisation that checks up on who has done what.”

— *David Cameron, Prime Minister, United Kingdom, at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit*

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7. Development: Aid for Trade

“We emphasize the important role of trade in global development efforts and will continue to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.”

G20 Antalya Leaders’ Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia		0	
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea		0	
Mexico	-1		
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.60	

Background

During the 2005 World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial in Hong Kong, the WTO recognized the need to “help developing countries, particularly [least-developed countries], to build the supply-side capacity and trade-related infrastructure that they need to assist them to implement and benefit from WTO Agreements and more broadly to expand their trade.”⁹⁴⁵

A specific WTO Task Force was subsequently created with the twofold mandate to 1) determine how Aid for Trade could be operationalized and 2) how Aid for Trade could contribute to the goals of the Doha Development Agenda.⁹⁴⁶ Through consultation with the WTO, international members — along with the global monitoring effort of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development — the Task Force defined Aid for Trade as “as trade-related development priorities in

⁹⁴⁵ WTO Ministerial Declaration, World Trade Organization 22 December 2005. Access Date: 13 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/min05_e/final_text_e.htm

⁹⁴⁶ What Future for the Global Aid for Trade Initiative? Towards a Fairer Assessment of its Achievements and Limitations, Organization for Economic Development and Co-operation. Access Date: 13 February 2016. <http://www.oecd.org/dac/aft/WhatfutureAFT.pdf>

the recipient country's national development strategies, e.g., trade-related infrastructure, adjustment and technical assistance."⁹⁴⁷

At the 2010 G20 Summit in Seoul, assistance to developing countries in improving their access and availability to trade was included as one of the nine pillars of the G20 Multi-Year Action Plan on development.⁹⁴⁸ G20 leaders committed to improve the access and availability to trade with advanced economies and between developing and low-income countries.⁹⁴⁹ At the conclusion of the 2010 Seoul Summit, G20 Member countries committed to maintain Aid for Trade levels that reflected the average level of the 2006 — 2008 period.⁹⁵⁰ To accomplish this task, the G20 called upon the World Trade Organization (WTO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the World Bank (along with regional and multilateral bodies) to monitor the capacity of low-income countries to trade.⁹⁵¹

During the previous 2015 G20 Summit in Antalya, Turkey, member countries once again highlighted the importance of inclusivity as a means of strengthening the global economy.⁹⁵² As such, G20 members reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing the capacity of developing countries to trade, through mechanisms including Aid for Trade.⁹⁵³

Commitment Features

The Aid for Trade commitment mandates G20 countries to support trade and investment in developing countries that require assistance. In accordance with the post-2015 G20 Summit Development Agenda, an increase in financing for aid to trade is expected in order to incorporate “inclusive and sustainable development in social, economic, and environmental dimensions.”⁹⁵⁴

In the Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade in 2015, the Secretary-General of the OECD defined the initiative as seeking to “help developing countries build their supply-side capacities and overcome the constraints that prevent them from connecting to global markets.”⁹⁵⁵

According to the methodology set out by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the World Trade Organization's Task Force on Aid for Trade 2006 recommendations Aid for Trade comprises of the following categories:^{956,957}

⁹⁴⁷ What Future for the Global Aid for Trade Initiative? Towards a Fairer Assessment of its Achievements and Limitations, Organization for Economic Development and Co-operation. Access Date: 13 February 2016. <http://www.oecd.org/dac/aft/WhatfutureAFT.pdf>

⁹⁴⁸ Multi-Year Action Plan on Development, G20 Information Centre 12 November 2010. Access Date: 20 January 2015. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-development.html>

⁹⁴⁹ Multi-Year Action Plan on Development, G20 Information Centre 12 November 2010. Access Date: 20 January 2015. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-development.html>

⁹⁵⁰ Multi-Year Action Plan on Development, G20 Information Centre 12 November 2010. Access Date: 20 January 2015. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-development.html>

⁹⁵¹ Multi-Year Action Plan on Development, G20 Information Centre 12 November 2010. Access Date: 20 January 2015. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-development.html>

⁹⁵² G20 Leaders' Communiqué Antalya Summit, G20 Group. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000111117.pdf>

⁹⁵³ G20 Leaders' Communiqué Antalya Summit, G20 Group. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000111117.pdf>

⁹⁵⁴ Aid for Trade at a Glance 2015: Reducing Trade Costs for Inclusive, Sustainable Growth, World Trade Organization and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development 2015. Access Date: 10 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/aid4trade15_e.pdf

⁹⁵⁵ Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade 2015, Committee on Trade and Development, World Trade Organization. Access Date: 13 March 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/a4t_e/global_review15_e.htm

⁹⁵⁶ Aid-for-trade Statistical Queries, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. Access Date: 20 January 2015. <http://www.oecd.org/trade/aft/aid-for-tradestatisticalqueries.htm>

- Technical assistance for trade policy and regulations (e.g. assisting national governments to develop trade policy and planning regulations, to develop regional trade strategies, negotiate multilateral trade agreements, and implement their outcomes);
- Trade-related infrastructure (e.g. building roads, ports, and telecommunications networks to connect domestic markets to the global economy);
- Productive capacity building, including trade development (e.g. supporting the private sector to exploit their comparative advantages and diversify their exports);
- Trade-related adjustment (e.g. helping developing countries with the costs associated with trade liberalization, such as tariff reductions, preference erosion, or declining terms of trade);
- Other trade-related needs, if the action is identified as a trade-related development priority in partner countries' national development strategy.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	Member NEITHER provides support NOR investment for Aid for Trade to developing countries.
0	Member provides support OR investment in the above-mentioned categories.
+1	Member provides support AND investment in the above-mentioned categories.

Lead Analyst: Yashwinie Shivanand

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 19 November 2015, the General Directorate of International Cooperation released “Argentina Cooperates — National Public Administration capacities to know and share,” presenting national capacity and potential for new mechanisms for south-south joint development initiatives.⁹⁵⁸ The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship Hector Marcos Timmerman stated the report reaffirms Argentina’s commitment to social inclusion and multilateral efforts in Asia, African, and Caribbean countries.⁹⁵⁹ The document states Argentina covers the cost of technocrats for South-South travel on projects, outlines the proposal process, and lists previous successful projects in areas such as sustainable fishing in Nicaragua and livestock production in Cambodia and Laos.⁹⁶⁰

On 16 December 2015, Ambassador Alberto Pedro D’Alotta, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, attended the 10th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in Nairobi, Kenya.⁹⁶¹ In his address, Mr. D’Alotta reaffirmed Argentina’s commitment to multilateral rules in the WTO and promoting a fair, transparent system of agricultural trade for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁹⁶²

⁹⁵⁷ General Council Supports Suspension of Trade Talks; Task Force Submits “Aid for Trade” Recommendations, World Trade Organization. Access Date: 20 January 2015.

https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news06_e/gc_27july06_e.htm

⁹⁵⁸ Presentation of Argentina Cooperates: Argentina Capacities for the World, Cooperacion Argentina 19 November 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <http://cooperacionarg.gob.ar/en/presentation-argentina-cooperates-argentine-capacities-world>

⁹⁵⁹ Argentina Cooperates: National Public Administration Capacities to Know and Share, Cooperacion Argentina 19 November 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <http://cooperacionarg.gob.ar/userfiles/catalogo-eng.pdf>

⁹⁶⁰ Argentina Cooperates: National Public Administration Capacities to Know and Share, Cooperacion Argentina 19 November 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <http://cooperacionarg.gob.ar/userfiles/catalogo-eng.pdf>

⁹⁶¹ Declaracion De La Republica Argentina, World Trade Organization 16 December 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/mc10_e/statements_e/arg_s.pdf

⁹⁶² Declaracion De La Republica Argentina, World Trade Organization 16 December 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/mc10_e/statements_e/arg_s.pdf

On the 12 February 2016, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina Susana Malcorra and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay Eladio Loizaga published a joint statement.⁹⁶³ The statement committed to increasing bilateral trade links between the two states as well as emphasizing their support for progressing dialogue on bi-regional trade partnerships such as the MERCOSUR-Pacific Partnership dialogue.⁹⁶⁴

Argentina has taken significant action in supporting south-south capacity building projects and in reaffirming its commitment to develop transparent bilateral and multilateral trade agreements.

Thus, Argentina has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alessandra Jenkins

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 1 December 2015, at the Australian Council for International Development's Board Meeting, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) released a new framework outlining the approach of the government to working with non-government organisations (NGOs) to support development and the country's aid programs.⁹⁶⁵ The report entitled "DFAT and NGOs: Effective Development Partners" recognises the role NGOs play in the delivery of foreign aid and the value they bring to Australia's development priorities.⁹⁶⁶ One of the reports' six investment priorities is "Infrastructure, trade facilitation and international competitiveness."⁹⁶⁷

On 14 December 2015, at the World Trade Organization's (WTO) 10th Ministerial Conference, Australia, along with other donors, "pledged USD90 million for Phase Two of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), which is dedicated to helping least-developed countries (LDCs) use trade as a vehicle for economic growth and poverty reduction."⁹⁶⁸ The country announced its strong support for this Aid for Trade programme.

On 16 December 2015, Australia announced an AUD6 million contribution to "help developing countries make the most of opportunities in the global economy."⁹⁶⁹ Julie Bishop, Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed the capacity of their "[Aid for Trade] investment [in helping] boost trade

⁹⁶³ Comunicado Conjunto Reunion de Cancilleres de Argentina y Paraguay, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto de la República Argentina 12 February 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016.

<http://www.cancilleria.gov.ar/comunicado-conjunto-reunion-de-cancilleres-de-argentina-y-paraguay>

⁹⁶⁴ Comunicado Conjunto Reunion de Cancilleres de Argentina y Paraguay, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto de la República Argentina 12 February 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016.

<http://www.cancilleria.gov.ar/comunicado-conjunto-reunion-de-cancilleres-de-argentina-y-paraguay>

⁹⁶⁵ Partnering with Non-Government Organizations for Development, Minister for Foreign Affairs 1 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2015/jb_mr_151201a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D

⁹⁶⁶ Partnering with Non-Government Organizations for Development, Minister for Foreign Affairs 1 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2015/jb_mr_151201a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D

⁹⁶⁷ DFAT and NGOs: Effective Development Partners, DFAT 1 December 2015. Access Date: 10 March 2016.

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/dfat-and-ngos-effective-development-partners.pdf>

⁹⁶⁸ Donors Confirm Strong Support to the EIF Phase Two as WTO 10th Ministerial Conference opens in Nairobi, Enhanced Integrated Framework. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.enhancedif.org/en/publication/2015-12/donors-confirm-strong-support-eif-phase-two-wto-10th-ministerial-conference>

⁹⁶⁹ Aid for Trade Driving Growth in our Region, Minister for Foreign Affairs 16 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2015/jb_mr_151216.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D

and encourage economic growth among [their] development partners.”⁹⁷⁰ The Australian government announced that it would contribute AUD3 million to the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) of the WTO in addition to an AUD3 million investment in the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation.⁹⁷¹

On 3 March 2016, Australia announced the expansion of its diplomatic presence in Papua New Guinea (PNG) by establishing an Australian Consulate-General in Lae. As an extension of Australia’s AUD19 billion investment in PNG, “the Consulate-General will strengthen Australia’s presence in PNG’s commercial capital and bolster the growing trade and investment relationship between the two countries.”⁹⁷²

Australia has taken action toward advancing trade-related infrastructure in developing countries.

Thus, Australia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Hivda Ates

Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to support Aid for Trade and other mechanisms in developing countries in need of trade capacity building assistance.

On 16 December 2015, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mauro Vieira spoke at the opening session of the 10th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in Nairobi, Kenya.⁹⁷³ Minister Vieira reconfirmed Brazil’s commitment to liberalizing trade through the Doha Development agenda and eliminating agricultural export subsidies.⁹⁷⁴

On 25-29 January 2016, Brazilian embassies in African Countries of Portuguese Official Language (PALOP) and East Timor ran a training initiative for South-South technical cooperation.⁹⁷⁵ The training standardized the South-South Technical Cooperation Management Manual, providing training on negotiating with partner institutions, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, and administrative procedures for bilateral agreements between Brazil and countries across Africa.⁹⁷⁶

Brazil has implemented some of the measures pertaining to Aid for Trade and other mechanisms in support for trade capacity building assistance in developing countries, and has displayed some action and investment in capacity building initiatives.

⁹⁷⁰ Aid for Trade Driving Growth in our Region, Minister for Foreign Affairs 16 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2015/jb_mr_151216.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D

⁹⁷¹ Aid for Trade Driving Growth in our Region, Minister for Foreign Affairs 16 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2015/jb_mr_151216.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D

⁹⁷² Australia to open Consulate-General in Lae, PNG, Minister for Foreign Affairs 3 March 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2015/jb_mr_151216.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D

⁹⁷³ Speech by the Minister Mauro Vieira during the Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference, Ministro de Estado das Relações Exteriores 16 December 2015. Access Date: 23 February 2016. http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/pt-BR/?option=com_content&view=article&id=12730&lang=pt-BR

⁹⁷⁴ Speech by the Minister Mauro Vieira during the Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference, Ministro de Estado das Relações Exteriores 16 December 2015. Access Date: 23 February 2016. http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/pt-BR/?option=com_content&view=article&id=12730&lang=pt-BR

⁹⁷⁵ Focal points of cooperation from Brazil Embassies in PALOP and East Timor are trained in Brasilia management of South-South technical cooperation, Brazilian Cooperation Agency - Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil 5 February 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarnoticia/661>

⁹⁷⁶ Focal points of cooperation from Brazil Embassies in PALOP and East Timor are trained in Brasilia management of South-South technical cooperation, Brazilian Cooperation Agency - Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil 5 February 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarnoticia/661>

Thus, Brazil has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Alessandra Jenkins

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 9 December 2015, Canada donated CAD50,000 to help least-developed countries (LDCs) participate in the World Trade Organization's Tenth Ministerial Conference, in Nairobi, Kenya.⁹⁷⁷

On 17 December 2015, Minister of International Trade Chrystia Freeland and Minister of International Development, Marie-Claude Bibeau, pledged funding to help developing countries implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).⁹⁷⁸ The TFA will reduce trade costs and create conditions that will help move the poorest and vulnerable people out of poverty.⁹⁷⁹ Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (GATF), which Canada is the founding donor of, will contribute CAD10 million to the initiative between 2015 and 2022.⁹⁸⁰

On 19 December 2015, Minister of International Trade Chrystia Freeland "supported WTO's adoption of an expanded Information Technology Agreement that will eliminate tariffs on 201 information technology products that account for 10 per cent of global trade."⁹⁸¹ Canada also supported a package to help least-developed countries better integrate into the global trading system.⁹⁸²

Canada has provided investment to a number of initiatives that reduce the barriers to trade facing developing countries.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Nabiha Chowdhury

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

⁹⁷⁷ Canada donates CAD 50,000 for LDC's participation in Tenth Ministerial Conference, World Trade Organization 9 December 2015. Access Date: 20 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres15_e/pr764_e.htm

⁹⁷⁸ Canada announces funding for developing countries implementing global trade reforms, Global Affairs Canada 17 December 2015. Access Date: 20 February 2016. <http://www.international.gc.ca/media/comm/news-communiqués/2015/12/17c.aspx?lang=eng>

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⁹⁸⁰ Canada announces funding for developing countries implementing global trade reforms, Global Affairs Canada 17 December 2015. Access Date: 20 February 2016. <http://www.international.gc.ca/media/comm/news-communiqués/2015/12/17c.aspx?lang=eng>

⁹⁸¹ Minister Freeland welcomes progress on multilateral trade negotiations at 10th Ministerial Conference, Global Affairs Canada 19 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.international.gc.ca/media/comm/news-communiqués/2015/12/19b.aspx?lang=eng>

⁹⁸² Minister Freeland welcomes progress on multilateral trade negotiations at 10th Ministerial Conference, Global Affairs Canada 19 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.international.gc.ca/media/comm/news-communiqués/2015/12/19b.aspx?lang=eng>

On 21-22 November 2015, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang attended the 18th China-Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit.⁹⁸³ During the Summit, the Premier promoted upgrading the China-ASEAN free trade area protocol, announced the provision of a RMB3.6 Billion gratis to less developed ASEAN members and the establishment of a USD10 Billion loan for the second phase of China-ASEAN infrastructure constructions.⁹⁸⁴

On 4 December 2015, China chaired the China-Africa Summit and pledged USD60 Billion in development to assistance to Africa, tripling the amount pledged at the previous summit three years ago.⁹⁸⁵ China also pledged to implement 10 cooperation plans on African development in the next three years.⁹⁸⁶ The plans address the three major bottlenecks that are limiting the development of Africa: inadequate infrastructure, lack of professional personnel and funding shortage.⁹⁸⁷

On 4 December 2015, Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Zimbabwe and South Africa.⁹⁸⁸ The trip promoted further collaborations and enhanced mutual trust between the trading partners.⁹⁸⁹ He also met with the President of Somalia and pledged to increase aid to Somalia for national reconstruction and encourage Chinese entrepreneurs to engage in more mutually beneficial cooperation.⁹⁹⁰

On 17 December 2015 at the World Trade Organization's (WTO) 10th ministerial conference, China coauthored two proposals on the special safeguard mechanism (SSM) from the Doha negotiations.⁹⁹¹ The proposal specifies "developing country members shall have the right to have recourse to [an] [SSM] based on import quantity and price triggers" and "the negotiations on this subject shall be held in committee on agriculture special sessions, in dedicated sessions and in an accelerated time-frame, distinct from the agriculture negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA)."⁹⁹²

⁹⁸³ Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin Introduces Outcomes of Premier Li Keqiang's Attendance at Leaders' Meetings on East Asia Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China 22 November 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/lkqcxdyhzlrxlhybdmlyjxzsfw/t1317773.shtml

⁹⁸⁴ Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin Introduces Outcomes of Premier Li Keqiang's Attendance at Leaders' Meetings on East Asia Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China 22 November 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/lkqcxdyhzlrxlhybdmlyjxzsfw/t1317773.shtml

⁹⁸⁵ China Pledges \$60 Billion to Aid Africa's Development, New York Times 4 December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/05/world/africa/china-pledges-60-billion-to-aid-africas-development.html?_r=2

⁹⁸⁶ Open a New Era of China-Africa Win-Win Cooperation and Common Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China 4 December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1321614.shtml

⁹⁸⁷ Open a New Era of China-Africa Win-Win Cooperation and Common Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China 4 December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1321614.shtml

⁹⁸⁸ Work Together to Meet Challenges and Join Hands to Promote Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China 6 December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1321614.shtml

⁹⁸⁹ Work Together to Meet Challenges and Join Hands to Promote Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China 6 December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1321614.shtml

⁹⁹⁰ Xi Jinping Meets with President Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud of Somalia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China 5 December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/xjpfqcxqhbhldhdjbbwnfjxgsfwbfnyhnsbczcfzltf/t1322267.shtml

⁹⁹¹ WTO Nairobi meet: Deadlock unresolved, talks go to the wire, Livemint 18 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/ZvT416JRBjZBCV7gGia6uO/WTO-Nairobi-meet-Deadlock-unresolved-talks-go-to-the-wire.html>

⁹⁹² WTO Nairobi meet: Deadlock unresolved, talks go to the wire, Livemint 18 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/ZvT416JRBjZBCV7gGia6uO/WTO-Nairobi-meet-Deadlock-unresolved-talks-go-to-the-wire.html>

On 5 January 2016, China became a member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which is an actor collaborating with the World Trade Organization for the Aid for Trade Initiative.⁹⁹³

On 6 January 2016, China EXIM bank, Korea EXIM bank and World Bank co-financed the Express Development Support Program in Ethiopia, building a 57-kilometre road to the country's main trading outlet.⁹⁹⁴

In January 2016, Chinese President Xi Jinping also visited Saudi Arabia and Egypt and promised continued foreign-aid loans, exports credits and overseas investment insurance.⁹⁹⁵

In January 2016, China joined the International Trade Center (ITC), which aims to enhance the competitiveness of African small business and connect them to global value chains.⁹⁹⁶ According to the Executive Director of the ITC, Arancha Gonzalez, the relocation of Chinese industries in East and Central Africa “offer opportunities for Africa to increase its participation in global trade.”⁹⁹⁷

China has implemented and pledged to continue to implement multiple categories of Aid for Trade and other mechanisms persistently in many countries.

Thus, China has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Eileen (Yijia) Liu

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 8 December 2015, the World Trade Organization (WTO) announced that France has pledged a further EUR6 million to WTO trade-related programmes for developing countries and in particular least-developed countries (LDCs) over a period of 3 years.⁹⁹⁸ France's new contributions will focus on two main programs the Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund and to the Enhanced Integrated Framework dedicated to trade related capacity-building in least-developed countries LDCs.⁹⁹⁹ These programs provide technical assistance programs and training activities for developing countries and to improve the technical capacities of developing countries and less developed countries through training.¹⁰⁰⁰

On 7 February 2016, the Ethiopian Airlines (EAL) inaugurated the new Aerospace Academy campus near Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa.¹⁰⁰¹ The EUR50 million project was funded in part

⁹⁹³ China Becomes a Member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, The People's Bank of China 15 January 2016. Access Date: 22 February 2016. <http://www.pbc.gov.cn/english/130721/3005527/index.html>

⁹⁹⁴ New Partnerships Help to Expand Ethiopia's Road Network, World Bank 6 January 2016. Access Date: 22 February 2016. <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2016/01/06/new-partnerships-help-to-expand-ethiopias-road-network>

⁹⁹⁵ China's first Arab Policy Paper sets out development strategies, China Daily 14 January 2016. Access Date: 22 February 2016. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2016-01/14/content_23078899.htm

⁹⁹⁶ Holding up half the African sky, China Daily 22 January 2016. Access date: 22 February 2016. http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2016-01/22/content_23206599.htm

⁹⁹⁷ Holding up half the African sky, China Daily 22 January 2016. Access date: 22 February 2016. http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2016-01/22/content_23206599.htm

⁹⁹⁸ Press Release, World Trade Organization 8 December 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres15_e/pr763_e.htm

⁹⁹⁹ Press Release, World Trade Organization 8 December 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres15_e/pr763_e.htm

¹⁰⁰⁰ Press Release, World Trade Organization 8 December 2015. Access Date: 26 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres15_e/pr763_e.htm

¹⁰⁰¹ Formation: http://www.afd.fr/home/projets_afd/education

by the French Development Agency (AFD) to provide training for pilots, cabin crews, and maintenance workers and support the continued growth of the African aviation sector.¹⁰⁰²

France has supported mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance through its increased support at the WTO.

Thus, France has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Katrina Y.K. Li

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 4 December 2015, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Gerd Müller met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and announced that Germany will contribute EUR25 million to support a national employment programme in Afghanistan specifically targeting young people.¹⁰⁰³

On 14 December 2015, Minister Müller embarked on a three-day trip to Egypt and Eritrea to discuss the current refugee crisis.¹⁰⁰⁴ In Egypt, the Minister discussed openings for closer cooperation on school and company-based vocational training in Egyptian enterprises.¹⁰⁰⁵ In Eritrea, the Minister offered a dialogue and exploration of openings for assistance in the field of vocational training on the condition that the Eritrean government first introduce economic and political reforms and improve its human rights situation.¹⁰⁰⁶

On 2 — 5 January 2016, Minister Müller travelled to Benin and Togo to support the creation of economic opportunities in those countries.¹⁰⁰⁷ The Minister announced that Benin would receive EUR20 million to support innovation in agriculture.¹⁰⁰⁸ The German government will also be investing an additional EUR6.5 million in measures to innovate agricultural methods and fight

1002 Formation: http://www.afd.fr/home/projets_afd/education

1003 Federal Minister Müller meets Afghan President Ghani and announces support for employment programme, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 4 December 2015. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2015/dezember/20151204_pm_097_Federal-Minister-Mueller-meets-Afghan-President-Ghani-and-announces-support-for-employment-programme/index.html

¹⁰⁰⁴ Tackling the root causes of displacement, giving people new opportunities for the future, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Cairo) 14 December 2015. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2015/dezember/20151214_pm_102_Tackling-the-root-causes-of-displacement-giving-people-new_opportunities-for-the-future/index.html

1005 Tackling the root causes of displacement, giving people new opportunities for the future, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Cairo) 14 December 2015. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2015/dezember/20151214_pm_102_Tackling-the-root-causes-of-displacement-giving-people-new_opportunities-for-the-future/index.html

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¹⁰⁰⁷ Federal Minister Müller pledges greater German support for development in Togo, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Lomé) 4 January 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/januar/160104_pm_001_Federal-Minister-Mueller-pledges-greater-German-support-for-development-in-Togo/index.html

1008 Federal Minister Müller pledges greater German support for development in Togo, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Lomé) 4 January 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/januar/160104_pm_001_Federal-Minister-Mueller-pledges-greater-German-support-for-development-in-Togo/index.html

hunger.¹⁰⁰⁹ The Minister also travelled to Togo to inaugurate the first vocational training course for motorcycle mechanics based on the dual-system of advancing food security and providing job prospects under the German development cooperation.¹⁰¹⁰

On 26 January 2016, Minister Müller travelled to Jordan to discuss German investments in economic development, crafts, trades, and infrastructure in Jordan.¹⁰¹¹ In 2016, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) will be launching a programme aimed at creating legal options for Syrian refugees to find work in Jordan.¹⁰¹² The programme will also encourage the creation of new businesses, and development of education and training programmes specifically for this purpose.¹⁰¹³

On 2 February 2016, Minister Müller attended a European Union members' meeting on development cooperation in Amsterdam, where he called for a significant increase of European commitment to fighting the root causes of displacement.¹⁰¹⁴ The Minister recognized that an investment for the Middle East would immediately create economic opportunities for those displaced as a result of the crisis in Syria.¹⁰¹⁵

On 11 February 2016, German Chancellor Angela Merkel announced a USD566 million loan to Iraq to aid the country's economy and help build infrastructure.¹⁰¹⁶

1009 Federal Minister Müller pledges greater German support for development in Togo, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Lomé) 4 January 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/januar/160104_pm_001_Federal-Minister-Mueller-pledges-greater-German-support-for-development-in-Togo/index.html.

1010 Federal Minister Müller travels to Benin and Togo from 2 to 5 January 2016, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Cotonou) 3 January 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/januar/160104_pm_001_Federal-Minister-Mueller-pledges-greater-German-support-for-development-in-Togo/index.html.

1011 Minister Müller in talks with Jordanian government regarding investments in economic development, crafts and trades, and infrastructure, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Amman) 26 January 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/januar/160126_pm_006_Marshall-Plan-for-the-Middle-East-Minister-Mueller-in-talks-with-Jordanian-government-regarding-investments-in-economic-development-crafts-and-trades-and-infrastructure/index.html.

1012 Minister Müller in talks with Jordanian government regarding investments in economic development, crafts and trades, and infrastructure, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Amman) 26 January 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/januar/160126_pm_006_Marshall-Plan-for-the-Middle-East-Minister-Mueller-in-talks-with-Jordanian-government-regarding-investments-in-economic-development-crafts-and-trades-and-infrastructure/index.html.

1013 Minister Müller in talks with Jordanian government regarding investments in economic development, crafts and trades, and infrastructure, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Amman) 26 January 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/januar/160126_pm_006_Marshall-Plan-for-the-Middle-East-Minister-Mueller-in-talks-with-Jordanian-government-regarding-investments-in-economic-development-crafts-and-trades-and-infrastructure/index.html.

1014 Call for greater EU commitment – Minister Müller attends meeting of EU ministers for development cooperation, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Amsterdam) 2 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/februar/160202_pm_010_Call-for-greater-EU-commitment-Minister-Mueller-attends-meeting-of-EU-ministers-for-development-cooperation/index.html.

1015 Call for greater EU commitment – Minister Müller attends meeting of EU ministers for development cooperation, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Amsterdam) 2 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/februar/160202_pm_010_Call-for-greater-EU-commitment-Minister-Mueller-attends-meeting-of-EU-ministers-for-development-cooperation/index.html.

1016 Germany offers 500 million euro credit to Iraq to aid reconstruction, Deutsche Welle 11 February 2016. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

On 29 February 2016, Minister Müller concluded a four-day trip to North Africa in which he focused his talks on a new trading partnership with Northern Africa.¹⁰¹⁷ In Tunisia, the Minister notified Tunisian Prime Minister Habib Essid that the German government is working on a new trade and business partnership, and encouraged more German companies to spur investment and economic development in the region.¹⁰¹⁸ In Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia, the Minister promised education, training, and business partnerships and agreed to enhance German support in innovative areas such as renewable energies and academic education.¹⁰¹⁹ In Algeria, the Minister visited the University of Tlemcen, where he opened a new institution to offer professional qualifications in renewable energy purposes.¹⁰²⁰

On 3 March 2016, State Minister for Economic Development and International Cooperation Thomas Mahorn and Sudanese Minister of International Cooperation Dr. Kamal Hassan Ali agreed to provide EUR51 million total to support development projects such as vocational training in eastern Sudan and Darfur.¹⁰²¹

Germany has provided support and investment to developing countries as a means of strengthening their capacity to engage in global trade flows.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Nabih Chowdhury

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 26 November 2015, at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Valletta, Malta, India and the Governments of Mauritius, Sri Lanka and Malta announced a new trade financing fund to help boost trade and investment flows, particularly for small and developing countries.¹⁰²²

On 17 December 2015 at the World Trade Organization's (WTO) 10th ministerial conference, India coauthored two proposals on the special safeguard mechanism (SSM) from the Doha

<http://www.dw.com/en/germany-offers-500-million-euro-credit-to-iraq-to-aid-reconstruction/a-19043556>.

¹⁰¹⁷ Boosting Mediterranean cooperation, fostering investment in North Africa, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Tunis) 29 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/februar/160229_pm_017_Boosting-Mediterranean-cooperation-fostering-investment-in-North-Africa/index.html.

¹⁰¹⁸ Boosting Mediterranean cooperation, fostering investment in North Africa, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Tunis) 29 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/februar/160229_pm_017_Boosting-Mediterranean-cooperation-fostering-investment-in-North-Africa/index.html.

¹⁰¹⁹ Boosting Mediterranean cooperation, fostering investment in North Africa, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Tunis) 29 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

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¹⁰²⁰ Boosting Mediterranean cooperation, fostering investment in North Africa, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Tunis) 29 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2016/februar/160229_pm_017_Boosting-Mediterranean-cooperation-fostering-investment-in-North-Africa/index.html.

¹⁰²¹ Sudan and Germany Sign Agreement On Development of Cooperation Between Them At 51 Million Euros, All Africa (Khartoum) 3 March 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201603040407.html>.

¹⁰²² CHOGM 2015 Press Release, The Commonwealth 26 November 2015. Access Date: 21 February 2016.

<http://thecommonwealth.org/media/press-release/new-fund-set-boost-trade-commonwealth-countries>

negotiations.¹⁰²³ The proposal specifies “developing country members shall have the right to have to recourse to [an] [SSM] based on import quantity and price triggers” and “the negotiations on this subject shall be held in committee on agriculture special sessions, in dedicated sessions and in an accelerated time-frame, distinct from the agriculture negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA).”¹⁰²⁴

On 25 December 2015, the Indian government announced its decision to ease procedures for Afghan businesspersons for trade and investment in India.¹⁰²⁵

In December 2015, as part of its “Central Asia Policy,” which aims to create an economic corridor that could better facilitate trade in the region, India took part in the ceremony initiating the development of a Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) oil pipeline.¹⁰²⁶ The project, which will be completed in four years, will support economic integration within the region, especially for developing countries such as Afghanistan.¹⁰²⁷

India has implemented and maintained measures pertaining to Aid for Trade and other mechanisms to support the trade capacity of developing countries. India’s compliance includes both investments and renewed support in the infrastructure of other countries.

Thus, India has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Anah Mirza

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 11 December 2015, in a joint statement at the World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Indonesia reaffirmed their commitment to the Doha Development Agenda of 2004.¹⁰²⁸ Indonesia pledged to resolve the outstanding issues in bringing a developmental dimension to global trade.¹⁰²⁹

¹⁰²³ WTO Nairobi meet: Deadlock unresolved, talks go to the wire, Livemint 18 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/ZvT416JRBjZBCV7gGia6uO/WTO-Nairobi-meet-Deadlock-unresolved-talks-go-to-the-wire.html>

¹⁰²⁴ WTO Nairobi meet: Deadlock unresolved, talks go to the wire, Livemint 18 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016.

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¹⁰²⁵ Joint Statement between India and Afghanistan, Indian Ministry of External Affairs 25 December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. <http://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/26247/Joint+Statement+between+India+and+Afghanistan+December+25+2015>

¹⁰²⁶ TAPI gas pipeline may become game changer in South Asian geopolitics, Hindustan Times, 20 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/tapi-gas-pipeline-may-become-game-changer-in-south-asian-geopolitics/story-4UZTC6YhcKPghx9sVQNGsL.html>

¹⁰²⁷ TAPI gas pipeline may become game changer in South Asian geopolitics, Hindustan Times, 20 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/tapi-gas-pipeline-may-become-game-changer-in-south-asian-geopolitics/story-4UZTC6YhcKPghx9sVQNGsL.html>

¹⁰²⁸ Deadlock over Doha negotiations threatens to derail Nairobi meet, Hindustan Times 11 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/o2ZEVbrytY80KP86TpqVLL/Deadlock-over-Doha-negotiations-threatens-to-derail-Nairobi.html>

¹⁰²⁹ Deadlock over Doha negotiations threatens to derail Nairobi meet, Hindustan Times 11 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

On 18 December 2015, as per a published report by the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development, Indonesia remained as one of the top ten recipients of Aid for Trade disbursements in the 2015 fiscal year.¹⁰³⁰

On 18 December 2015, Indonesia attended the WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. Indonesia stated its budget for trade-related assistance would increase another 10 per cent in the next five years¹⁰³¹

While Indonesia has increased their financial commitment to trade-related assistance, it has no other demonstrable measures of trade facilitation.

Thus, Indonesia has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Tanzim Rashid

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 23 December 2015, the Italian Development Cooperation allocated EUR2.5 million towards the Fund for the Stabilization of Iraq.¹⁰³² This fund, set up by the United Nations Development Programme, works for the “rehabilitation of civil infrastructure, the revival of economic activities of the local community and the strengthening of government capacity in Iraq.”¹⁰³³ These economic activities include training for young workers, building hydro grids and water systems to establish the foundations for business development, and creating transport networks for goods.¹⁰³⁴ These investments will help reconstruct crucial pillars of economic infrastructure necessary to facilitate trade and investment capacity in Iraq.¹⁰³⁵

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/o2ZEVbrytY80KP86TpqVIL/Deadlock-over-Doha-negotiations-threatens-to-derail-Nairobi.html>

¹⁰³⁰ Annex: Aid for trade at a glance 2015, WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya 18 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/aid4trade15_e.pdf

¹⁰³¹ Annex: Aid for trade at a glance 2015, WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya 18 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/aid4trade15_e.pdf

¹⁰³² Press Release: Iraq: Italy 2.5 million euro in favor of UNDP for the stabilization of the country, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 23 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13192:23-12-2015-iraq-dall-italia-2-5-milioni-di-euro-in-favore-di-undp-per-la-stabilizzazione-del-paese&catid=8&Itemid=515

¹⁰³³ Press Release: Iraq: Italy 2.5 million euro in favor of UNDP for the stabilization of the country, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 23 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13192:23-12-2015-iraq-dall-italia-2-5-milioni-di-euro-in-favore-di-undp-per-la-stabilizzazione-del-paese&catid=8&Itemid=515

¹⁰³⁴ Press Release: Iraq: Italy 2.5 million euro in favor of UNDP for the stabilization of the country, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 23 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13270:12-02-2016-tunisia-delegazione-italiana-in-visita-alle-scuole-beneficiarie-del-programma-di-aiuto-alla-bilancia-dei-pagamenti&catid=8&Itemid=

¹⁰³⁵ Press Release: Iraq: Italy 2.5 million euro in favor of UNDP for the stabilization of the country, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 23 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016.

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On 28 January 2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation allocated EUR1 million towards food security development in Ethiopia.¹⁰³⁶ The aid will fund the tools needed for agro-pastoral communities, to enhance technical abilities and further economic restructuring in Ethiopia.¹⁰³⁷

On 12 February 2016, the Italian Development Cooperation added an additional EUR 50 million of funding towards the Balance of Payments assistance program in Tunisia.¹⁰³⁸ The funding follows an initial pledge of EUR95 million, to bring the total amount of funding up to EUR145 million.¹⁰³⁹ The Balance of Payments assistance program “aims to contribute to sustainable growth of the Tunisian economy in terms of gross domestic product and employment.”¹⁰⁴⁰

Italy has supported the development of trade infrastructure in least-developed countries by funding balance of payment assistance programs, developing technical abilities of businesses and producers, and providing aid to the reconstruction of economic infrastructure in developing countries.

Thus, Italy has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Tanzim Rashid

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 31 January 2016, Katsuyuki Kawei, special advisor to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and President Uhuru Ken-yatta of Kenya jointly announced the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African

¹⁰³⁶ Press Release: Iraq: Italy 2.5 million euro in favor of UNDP for the stabilization of the country, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 23 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016. http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13270:12-02-2016-tunisia-delegazione-italiana-in-visita-alle-scuole-beneficiarie-del-programma-di-aiuto-alla-bilancia-dei-pagamenti&catid=8&Itemid=

¹⁰³⁷ Press Release: Ethiopia: food emergency, earmarked contributions from 1 million euro to WFP and FAO, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 28 January 2016. Access Date: 25 February 2016. http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13270:12-02-2016-tunisia-delegazione-italiana-in-visita-alle-scuole-beneficiarie-del-programma-di-aiuto-alla-bilancia-dei-pagamenti&catid=8&Itemid=

¹⁰³⁸ Press Release: Tunisia: Italian delegation on a visit to the beneficiary schools for aid under the Balance of Payments Program, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 12 February 2016. Access Date: 25 February 2016. http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13270:12-02-2016-tunisia-delegazione-italiana-in-visita-alle-scuole-beneficiarie-del-programma-di-aiuto-alla-bilancia-dei-pagamenti&catid=8&Itemid=

¹⁰³⁹ Press Release: Tunisia: Italian delegation on a visit to the beneficiary schools for aid under the Balance of Payments Program, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 12 February 2016. Access Date: 25 February 2016. http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13270:12-02-2016-tunisia-delegazione-italiana-in-visita-alle-scuole-beneficiarie-del-programma-di-aiuto-alla-bilancia-dei-pagamenti&catid=8&Itemid=

¹⁰⁴⁰ Press Release: Tunisia: Italian delegation on a visit to the beneficiary schools for aid under the Balance of Payments Program, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 12 February 2016. Access Date: 25 February 2016. http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13270:12-02-2016-tunisia-delegazione-italiana-in-visita-alle-scuole-beneficiarie-del-programma-di-aiuto-alla-bilancia-dei-pagamenti&catid=8&Itemid=

Development that will be hosted in Kenya for the first time on 27 August 2016.¹⁰⁴¹ The Japanese co-sponsored conference will focus on investment and partnership opportunities between African countries and Japan.¹⁰⁴²

On 4 February 2016, State Minister of the Cabinet Office Shuichi Takatori signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP).¹⁰⁴³ The Japanese government stated the TPP promotes trade liberalization in the Asia-Pacific region.¹⁰⁴⁴ The TPP includes information sharing initiatives, the creation of capacity building initiatives amongst member states, and facilitates public-private sector partnerships to further cooperative development ventures.¹⁰⁴⁵

On 16 February 2016, the Japan External Trade Organization released application information for the Subsidy Program for Global Innovation Centers.¹⁰⁴⁶ The program will finance collaborative innovation centers abroad between foreign companies and Japanese companies to promote high value add to global value chains.¹⁰⁴⁷

Japan has implemented and maintained multiple measures pertaining to Aid for Trade and other mechanisms in support for trade capacity building assistance in developing countries.

Thus, Japan has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alessandra Jenkins

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 30 November 2015, Korea contributed USD350,000 towards the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund.¹⁰⁴⁸ The programme is aimed to help developing countries and least-developed countries participate more effectively in WTO negotiations and activities.¹⁰⁴⁹ The programme helps countries to meet their WTO obligation and fully benefit from their WTO membership.¹⁰⁵⁰

¹⁰⁴¹ Kenya to host Tokyo-led Africa development summit in August, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 31 January 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016. <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/01/31/national/kenya-host-tokyo-led-africa-development-summit-august/#.VtETTZMrJo5>

¹⁰⁴² Kenya to host Tokyo-led Africa development summit in August, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 31 January 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016. <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/01/31/national/kenya-host-tokyo-led-africa-development-summit-august/#.VtETTZMrJo5>

¹⁰⁴³ Signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement (Tokyo), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, 4 February 2016. Access Date: February 24 2016. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001013.html

¹⁰⁴⁴ Signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement (Tokyo) 4 February 2016. Access Date: February 24 2016. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001013.html

¹⁰⁴⁵ Development, Cooperation & Capacity Building Chapters, Global Affairs Canada 4 October 2016. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/tpp-ptp/understanding-comprendre/20-development.aspx?lang=eng>

¹⁰⁴⁶ Subsidy Program for Global Innovation Centers, Japan External Trade Organization 16 February 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016. https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/incentive_programs/info/

¹⁰⁴⁷ Subsidy Program for Global Innovation Centers, Japan External Trade Organization 16 February 2016. Access date: 23 February 2016. https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/incentive_programs/info/

¹⁰⁴⁸ Korea donates USD 350,000 to support training programmes for developing countries, World Trade Organization 30 November 2015. Access Date: 24 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres15_e/pr762_e.htm

¹⁰⁴⁹ Korea donates USD 350,000 to support training programmes for developing countries, World Trade Organization 30 November 2015. Access Date: 24 February 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres15_e/pr762_e.htm

¹⁰⁵⁰ Korea donates USD 350,000 to support training programmes for developing countries, World Trade Organization 30 November 2015. Access Date: 24 February 2016.

Korea has provided support to developing countries in need of capacity building mechanisms, but has not provided specific investment to aid trade capacity.

Thus, Korea has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Nabiha Chowdhury

Mexico: -1

Mexico has not complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

In February 2016, Mexico became a signatory to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which includes a commitment to reducing barriers to trade among members and improving trade facilitation.¹⁰⁵¹ Under this agreement, Mexico has improved economic relations with countries such as Vietnam and Malaysia, facilitating greater trade engagement.¹⁰⁵²

While Mexico intends to facilitate global trade through membership in organizations such as the TPP, no demonstrable or concrete examples of trade facilitation are evident during the compliance period.

Thus, Mexico has received a score of -1.

Analyst: Eileen (Yijia) Liu

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 19 November 2015, Trade Representative of Russia in Bulgaria Igor Ilingin spoke of prospects for Russian business on Bulgarian markets with Director of Department of Internationalization of Activity of Small and Medium Enterprises of the Executive Agency on Support of Small and Medium Enterprises of the Republic of Bulgaria Borislav Dimitrachkov, Head of Department of the Agency Boryana Mincheva, Bulgarian-Russian Chamber of Commerce and Trade board member Peter Kisuyov, former advisor on economic issues at the Bulgarian Embassy in Russia Yanko Yanakiev, and various heads of Bulgarian industry associations and companies.¹⁰⁵³ At the meeting, Deputy General Director of the Russian Agency on Support of Small and Medium Business in Russia Evgeniy Zhivoglavov invited the Bulgarian Agency to participate in the International Economic Activity as a Factor of Efficient Development of Subjects of Russian Federation conference on 10-11 December 2015. Following the meeting, Deputy General Director Zhivoglavov and Director Dimitrachkov signed the Program of Common Actions between Russian and Bulgarian Agencies on Support of Small and Medium Business in 2016 to promote economic development and collaboration between the two countries.¹⁰⁵⁴

https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres15_e/pr762_e.htm

¹⁰⁵¹ What the TPP means for Latin America and the Caribbean, Brookings Doha Center 9 March 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2016/03/09-tpp-latin-america-caribbean-estevadeordal>

¹⁰⁵² What the TPP means for Latin America and the Caribbean, Brookings Doha Center 9 March 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2016/03/09-tpp-latin-america-caribbean-estevadeordal>

¹⁰⁵³ Small and Medium Business Ensures stable collaboration between Russia and Bulgaria, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 18 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015191105>.

¹⁰⁵⁴ Small and Medium Business Ensures stable collaboration between Russia and Bulgaria, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 18 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015191105>.

On 19 November 2015, President Vladimir Putin attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Manila, the theme of which was “building inclusive economies, building a better world.”¹⁰⁵⁵

On 25 November 2015, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development Alexey Likhachev and Cambodian Secretary General for Development Sok Chenda Sophea signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership on investment promotion.¹⁰⁵⁶ The Memorandum was signed to strengthen and expand investments between the two states, aid in the improvement of policies to attract investment, and support business and investment initiatives.¹⁰⁵⁷ The First Deputy Minister and Cambodian Minister of Commerce Sun Chanthol also signed a regulation on the activities of the Russian-Cambodian Working Group to promote joint investment projects.¹⁰⁵⁸

On 25 November 2015, President Putin signed the 2010 International Cocoa Agreement Ratification Act.¹⁰⁵⁹ The agreement “contributes to development of strategic partnership between the member countries that export or import cocoa and provides means for carrying out intergovernmental consultations and negotiations.”¹⁰⁶⁰ Signatories of the Agreement include several developing countries, such as Cote d’Ivoire, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Peru, and Togo.¹⁰⁶¹

On 25 November 2015, First Deputy Minister Likhachev and Malaysian Minister for Foreign Affairs Anifah Aman signed an agreement establishing a joint Russian-Malaysian Committee for economic, scientific, technological, and cultural cooperation.¹⁰⁶² The Committee will provide “momentum”¹⁰⁶³ for bilateral relations and intergovernmental trade and economic investment, among others.¹⁰⁶⁴

On 26 November 2015, Chairman Dmitry Medvedev agreed to set up a Russian Federation trade representation office in Mongolia, to be prepared by the Ministry of Economic Development.¹⁰⁶⁵ Among other objectives of the office, the Russian government hopes to enhance intergovernmental

¹⁰⁵⁵ APEC Leaders Issue Declaration in Manila, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Manila) 19 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015191105>.

¹⁰⁵⁶ APEC Leaders Issue Declaration in Manila, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Manila) 19 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015191105>.

¹⁰⁵⁷ APEC Leaders Issue Declaration in Manila, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Manila) 19 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015191105>.

¹⁰⁵⁸ APEC Leaders Issue Declaration in Manila, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Manila) 19 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015191105>.

¹⁰⁵⁹ International Cocoa Agreement 10 Ratification Act signed, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015251104>

¹⁰⁶⁰ International Cocoa Agreement 10 Ratification Act signed, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015251104>

¹⁰⁶¹ Status of International Cocoa Agreement, 2010, United Nations Treaty Collection (New York) n.d. Access Date: 13 March 2016. https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XIX-47&chapter=19&lang=en.

¹⁰⁶² Russia and Malaysia appointed a committee on economic, scientific-technological and cultural cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015251103>.

¹⁰⁶³ Russia and Malaysia appointed a committee on economic, scientific-technological and cultural cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015251103>.

¹⁰⁶⁴ Russia and Malaysia appointed a committee on economic, scientific-technological and cultural cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015251103>.

¹⁰⁶⁵ Russia opens trade representation office in Mongolia, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 26 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015251103>.

trade and economic agreements as well as the assistance in implementation of business contacts and development of new forms of cooperation between the two countries.¹⁰⁶⁶

On 26 November 2015, Deputy Minister on the Development of the Far East Maxim Shereikin and Chinese Director of the Ministry of Commerce Zi Lin met at the Secretariat of the Cooperation Council to discuss the implementation of agreement reached at a prior meeting on trade and investment.¹⁰⁶⁷

On 3 December 2015, at the 18th Session of the Intergovernmental Russian-Kyrgyz Commission on Trade, Economic, Science, Technical, and Humanitarian Operations, Director of the Department for the Cooperation with Customs Union and Economic Cooperation bodies with Commonwealth of Independent States countries of the Ministry of Economic Development Oleg Mizerkov noted that “accession of Kyrgyzstan to Eurasian Economic Union will create additional features for development of double-sided trade and economic cooperation.”¹⁰⁶⁸ To that effect, an activity plan was confirmed between the two countries under the realization of economic cooperation from now until 2017.¹⁰⁶⁹

On 7 December 2015, at the fourth conference on the International Cooperation of Russia and Tajikistan, Deputy Minister of Economic Development Alexander Tsybulskiy stated the Russian government’s commitment to increasing economic cooperation volumes.¹⁰⁷⁰ Areas suggested included engineering, agriculture, infrastructure, information, and technology.¹⁰⁷¹ To that effect, a memorandum was signed between the two countries.¹⁰⁷²

On 17 December 2015, First Deputy Minister Likhachev signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng on promoting bilateral trade.¹⁰⁷³ Under the agreement, mutual trade and economic cooperation as well as development cooperation mechanisms will be enhanced.¹⁰⁷⁴

1066 Russia opens trade representation office in Mongolia, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 26 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015251103>.

1067 Maxim Shereikin discussed with Chinese partners the practical steps for the development of regions of the Far East of Russia and Northeast Russia, Ministry for Development of the Russian Far East (Moscow) 26 November 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. http://minvostokrazvitia.ru/press-center/news_minvostok/?ELEMENT_ID=3918.

1068 Accession of Kyrgyzstan to EEU will create additional features for development of trade and economic cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 3 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015071203>.

1069 Accession of Kyrgyzstan to EEU will create additional features for development of trade and economic cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 3 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015071203>.

1070 Russian and Tajikistan are intent to increase volumes of economic cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Dushbane City) 7 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015071201>.

1071 Russian and Tajikistan are intent to increase volumes of economic cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Dushbane City) 7 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015071201>.

1072 Russian and Tajikistan are intent to increase volumes of economic cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Dushbane City) 7 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015071201>.

1073 Russia and China are developing measures to strengthen trade and economic cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Beijing) 18 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015181202>.

1074 Russia and China are developing measures to strengthen trade and economic cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Beijing) 18 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015181202>.

On 17 December 2015, Minister on the Development of the Far East Alexander Galushka and Chinese Head of State Committee for Development and Reform Commission Xu Shaoshi signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen Russian-Chinese regional, industrial, and investment cooperation in the Far East.¹⁰⁷⁵ The Memorandum includes agreements on the development of the Northern Sea Route for the transportation of goods and the development of international transport corridors.¹⁰⁷⁶

On 20 December 2015, at the WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Minister of Economic Development Alexey Ulkyukaev reaffirmed a commitment to support the multilateral trading system in place and the achievement of “real results”¹⁰⁷⁷ in Nairobi, referring to the fact that export subsidies in agriculture were abolished at the meeting.¹⁰⁷⁸

On 28 December 2015, Deputy Minister of Economic Development Stanislav Voskresensky met with Chinese Deputy Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission Ning Jizhe to discuss intergovernmental investment cooperation and common investment projects.¹⁰⁷⁹ The participants agreed to integrate the Silk Road Economic Belt with the EEU to allow for the strengthening of bilateral investment cooperation.¹⁰⁸⁰

On 1 February 2016, at the 26th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in Addis Ababa, the Russian government discussed strengthening trade relationships across the region and the potential for Russian companies to be involved in the Africa 2063 strategy.¹⁰⁸¹ In a bilateral meeting with Zambia, Russian delegates offered military cooperation and personnel training as first steps to strengthening training, trade, and economic relations between the two countries.¹⁰⁸²

On 23-25 February 2016, Thai Deputy Prime Ministers Prawit Wongsuwon and Somkid Jatusripitak visited Moscow, where the Russian government offered to build an armaments plants in Thailand to manufacture weapons in order to meet local demand as well as to invest in a variety of Thai projects, related to railways, energy, information technology, and air transport.¹⁰⁸³

¹⁰⁷⁵ Minvostokrazvitiya and the State Committee of China Development and Reform Commission signed a Memorandum of cooperation in the Far East, Ministry for Development of Russian Far East (Moscow) 17 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. http://minvostokrazvitiya.ru/press-center/news_minvostok/?ELEMENT_ID=3949.

¹⁰⁷⁶ Minvostokrazvitiya and the State Committee of China Development and Reform Commission signed a Memorandum of cooperation in the Far East, Ministry for Development of Russian Far East (Moscow) 17 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. http://minvostokrazvitiya.ru/press-center/news_minvostok/?ELEMENT_ID=3949.

¹⁰⁷⁷ WTO Conference took a landmark decision abolishing export subsidies in agriculture, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Nairobi) 20 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015221201>.

¹⁰⁷⁸ WTO Conference took a landmark decision abolishing export subsidies in agriculture, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Nairobi) 20 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015221201>.

¹⁰⁷⁹ The Silk Road Will Strengthen Investment Cooperation between Russia and China, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015281210>.

¹⁰⁸⁰ The Silk Road Will Strengthen Investment Cooperation between Russia and China, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/2015281210>.

¹⁰⁸¹ The participation of the Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for the Middle East and Africa, Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, ML Bogdanov in the summit of the African Union 1 February 2016. Access Date: 23 February 2016. http://www.mid.ru/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/ckNonkJE02Bw/content/id/2043703.

¹⁰⁸² Russia offers Zambia military training, Daily Mail, 1 February 2016. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <https://www.daily-mail.co.zm/?p=57851>.

¹⁰⁸³ Russia offers to build armaments plant in Thailand, Bangkok Post (Bangkok) 26 February 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/security/878136/russia-offers-to-build-armaments-plant-in-thailand>.

On 26 February 2016, Minister Galushka attended an Intergovernmental Russian-Kuwaiti Commission meeting in which he identified promising areas of Russian-Kuwaiti cooperation today to be investment, energy, transport, science, and education.¹⁰⁸⁴ The Minister stated that Russian companies were keen to supply the market and that Russia was ready to implement large development projects in the region.¹⁰⁸⁵

On 28 February 2016, Minister of Economic Development Andrey Moga met with Bahraini Undersecretary for Agriculture and Marine Resources Shakh Khalifa bin Isa Al-Khalifa to review bilateral relations and cooperation to develop agricultural production and enable the Bahraini market to sell entrepreneurs' products.¹⁰⁸⁶

Russia has implemented and maintained multiple measures pertaining to Aid for Trade and other mechanisms in support for trade capacity building assistance in developing countries.

Thus, Russia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alessandra Jenkins

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 14 December 2015, Saudi Arabia reaffirmed their support of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), which seeks to provide technical and financial support in building the trade capacity of 48 least-developed countries (LDCs).¹⁰⁸⁷ Through the second phase of this project, Saudi Arabia and 14 other donor countries will provide USD90 million to assist LDCs in using trade as a driver in economic growth and the reduction of poverty.¹⁰⁸⁸

On 6 February 2016, Saudi Arabia announced USD10.5 billion investment in Ukraine's agricultural sector over the next three years.¹⁰⁸⁹

Saudi Arabia has implemented and maintained measures pertaining to Aid for Trade and other mechanisms to support developing countries build trade capacity. Saudi Arabia's compliance includes both direct bilateral investments along with broader support through the EIF.

Saudi Arabia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Anah Mirza

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

¹⁰⁸⁴ Alexander Galushka: trade turnover between Russia and Kuwait in 2015 increased by 8.3 times, Ministry for Development of Russian Far East (Moscow) 26 February 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2016. http://minvostokrazvitia.ru/press-center/news_minvostok/?ELEMENT_ID=4057.

¹⁰⁸⁵ Alexander Galushka: trade turnover between Russia and Kuwait in 2015 increased by 8.3 times, Ministry for Development of Russian Far East (Moscow) 26 February 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2016. http://minvostokrazvitia.ru/press-center/news_minvostok/?ELEMENT_ID=4057.

¹⁰⁸⁶ Bahrain, Russia discuss agricultural cooperation, Bahrain News Agency (Manama) 28 February 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2016. <http://www.bna.bh/portal/en/news/713494>.

¹⁰⁸⁷ Donors confirm strong support for Phase Two of EIF on eve of ministerial conference, World Trade Organization 14 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news15_e/if_14dec15_e.htm

¹⁰⁸⁸ Donors confirm strong support for Phase Two of EIF on eve of ministerial conference, World Trade Organization 14 December 2015. Access Date: 13 March 2016. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news15_e/if_14dec15_e.htm

¹⁰⁸⁹ Saudi Arabia to invest in Ukraine, Euromaidan Press 6 February 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://euromaidanpress.com/2016/02/06/saudi-arabia-to-invest-in-ukraine/>

On 4-5 December 2015, South Africa hosted the Johannesburg Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.¹⁰⁹⁰ Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane announced the joint ten-phase plan between China and African states, the “Comprehensive Strategic and Cooperative Partnership.”¹⁰⁹¹

South Africa has implemented some of the measures pertaining to Aid for Trade and other mechanisms for trade capacity building assistance in developing countries. South Africa has displayed some action in investment in capacity building initiatives.

Thus, South Africa has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Angela Hou

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 17 December 2015 at the World Trade Organization’s (WTO) 10th ministerial conference, Turkey, along with China and India, drafted two proposals on the special safeguard mechanism (SSM) from the Doha negotiation.¹⁰⁹² The proposal specifies “developing country members shall have the right to have recourse to [an] [SSM] based on import quantity and price triggers” and “the negotiations on this subject shall be held in committee on agriculture special sessions, in dedicated sessions and in an accelerated time-frame, distinct from the agriculture negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda.”¹⁰⁹³

On 1 February 2016, Turkey and Chile pledged to increase economic cooperation following their free trade agreement of 2011.¹⁰⁹⁴

On 22 February 2016, an economic and trade cooperation agreement was signed with Somalia.¹⁰⁹⁵

From 28 February to 3 March 2016, Turkish President Erdogan visited several developing countries in Africa to expand trade relations. President Erdogan signed bilateral free trade agreements with Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Guinea.¹⁰⁹⁶ On 29 February 2016, during President Erdogan’s

¹⁰⁹⁰ Media Statement by Minister of International Relations and Cooperation upon the closing of the Johannesburg Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (Johannesburg) 5 December 2015. Access Date: March 10, 2016. <http://www.dfa.gov.za/docs/speeches/2015/mash1205.htm>

¹⁰⁹¹ Media Statement by Minister of International Relations and Cooperation upon the closing of the Johannesburg Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (Johannesburg) 5 December 2015. Access Date: March 10, 2016. <http://www.dfa.gov.za/docs/speeches/2015/mash1205.htm>

¹⁰⁹² WTO Nairobi meet: Deadlock unresolved, talks go to the wire, Livemint 18 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/ZvT416JRBjZBCV7gGia6uO/WTO-Nairobi-meet-Deadlock-unresolved-talks-go-to-the-wire.html>

¹⁰⁹³ WTO Nairobi meet: Deadlock unresolved, talks go to the wire, Livemint 18 December 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/ZvT416JRBjZBCV7gGia6uO/WTO-Nairobi-meet-Deadlock-unresolved-talks-go-to-the-wire.html>

¹⁰⁹⁴ Turkey, Chile vow to boost trade, AA 2 March 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://aa.com.tr/en/politics/turkey-chile-vow-to-boost-trade/513834>

¹⁰⁹⁵ Turkey plans to enhance investments in Somalia, Hurriyet Daily News 23 February 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-plans-to-enhance-investments-in-somalia.aspx?pageID=238&nID=95577&NewsCatID=510>

¹⁰⁹⁶ Foreign Minister Çavuşoğlu accompanied President Erdoğan during his visits to Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Guinea, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs Access date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/foreign-minister-cavusoglu-accompanied-president-erdogan-during-his-visit.en.mfa>

visit to Côte d'Ivoire, Turkey announced its aims to increase trade with the country to USD1 billion by 2020.¹⁰⁹⁷

On 2 March 2016, during Erdogan's visit to Nigeria Turkey signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the country in "key areas of economic activities, including trade and investment."¹⁰⁹⁸

On 3 March 2016, during Erdogan's visit to Guinea Turkey signed nine bilateral agreements with the country in the fields of "tourism, aviation, medicine, military, electricity, hydrocarbons, mining, environmental control and works council."¹⁰⁹⁹

Turkey has provided support to developing countries that contribute to the building of trade capacity.

Thus, Turkey has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Hivda Ates

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 7 December 2015, UK International Development Minister Nick Hurd announced a Memorandum of Understanding between the UK's Energy Africa and USAID's Power Africa Initiative.¹¹⁰⁰ The initiative will enhance the capacities of the energy sector across the continent including clean technology initiatives, increasing workforce participation in the sector, and developing networks for cross-border energy sharing.¹¹⁰¹

On 17 December 2015, at the Trade and Development Symposium in Nairobi, the British High Commissioner Nic Hailey announced the TradeMark East Africa initiative would finish revitalizing the port in Mombasa this year, increasing the port's exports by 10per cent.¹¹⁰² In the same announcement, Nic Hailey announced the UK would provide over USD250 million annually to support trade facilitation in developing countries along with USD22 million to help implement the Bali Agreement.¹¹⁰³

On 4 February 2016, Prime Minister David Cameron pledged UK1.2 billion in international aid for Syria and the region.¹¹⁰⁴ Part of the funding will be allocated to economic opportunities, education, and infrastructure.¹¹⁰⁵

¹⁰⁹⁷ Turkey, Cote D'Ivoire to boost bilateral relations, Daily Sabah 29 February 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://www.dailysabah.com/diplomacy/2016/02/29/turkey-cote-divoire-to-boost-bilateral-relations>

¹⁰⁹⁸ Nigeria, Turkey sign trade, investment deals, The Guardian 3 March 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://guardian.ng/news/nigeria-turkey-sign-trade-investment-deals/>

¹⁰⁹⁹ Turkey, Guinea sign nine bilateral agreements, Anadolu Agency 3 March 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2016. <http://aa.com.tr/en/todays-headlines/turkey-guinea-sign-nine-bilateral-agreements/531236>

¹¹⁰⁰ Launch of the new partnership between the UK's Energy Africa and the US's Power Africa Initiative. 7 December 2015. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britain-and-us-unite-to-power-up-africa>

¹¹⁰¹ Launch of the new partnership between the UK's Energy Africa and the US's Power Africa Initiative. 7 December 2015. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britain-and-us-unite-to-power-up-africa>

¹¹⁰² Integrating East Africa: progress, challenges and future prospects, Government of UK 15 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/integrating-east-africa-progress-challenges-and-future-prospects>

¹¹⁰³ Integrating East Africa: progress, challenges and future prospects, Government of UK 15 December 2015. Access Date: 25 February 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/integrating-east-africa-progress-challenges-and-future-prospects>

¹¹⁰⁴ UK to invest an extra 1.2 billion supporting Syria and the Region (London) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-invest-an-extra-12-billion-supporting-syria-and-the-region>

The UK has contributed to the Aid for Trade program through directly financing developing countries and integrating its projects with a variety of international actors.

Thus, the United Kingdom has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Angela Hou

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

During the compliance period, the US continued to support developing countries build trade capacity through Trade Africa, a division of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).¹¹⁰⁶ Trade Africa is a partnership between the United States and sub-Saharan Africa to increase internal and regional trade within Africa, and expand trade and economic ties among Africa, the United States, and other global markets.¹¹⁰⁷

During the compliance period, the US continued to implement USAID's Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Project (ATAR) to improve the integration of regional trade by developing cross border transit agreements and improving economic growth and stability in the regions.¹¹⁰⁸

During the compliance period, the US continued to implement USAID's Business Enabling Project in partnership with the government of Serbia to increase the competitiveness of the Serbian economy and its private sector by streamlining the business enabling environment, improving public financial management, and strengthening financial markets.¹¹⁰⁹ Project activities are based on priorities identified by the private sector and the government of Serbia.¹¹¹⁰

During the compliance period, the US continued to boost trade and investment with and within East Africa through the USAID East Africa Trade and Investment Hub.¹¹¹¹

During the compliance period, the US continued to support private enterprises in developing countries through the Global Engagement Initiative, the Development Credit Authority, the Entrepreneurship Initiative and the Private Enterprise Promotion.¹¹¹²

On December 7 2015, a delegation from the US participated in a Policy Dialogue on Trade Facilitation hosted by the Inter-American Development Bank called "Narrowing the Borders: Trade Facilitation in Latin America and the Caribbean."¹¹¹³

¹¹⁰⁵ UK to invest an extra 1.2 billion supporting Syria and the Region (London) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-invest-an-extra-12-billion-supporting-syria-and-the-region>

¹¹⁰⁶ Trade Africa, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 6 January 2016. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/tradeafrica>

¹¹⁰⁷ Trade Africa, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 6 January 2016. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/tradeafrica>

¹¹⁰⁸ Trade Africa, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 6 January 2016. Access Date: 26 February 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/tradeafrica>

¹¹⁰⁹ USAID Business Enabling Project Information, United States Agency for International Development (Washington). Access Date: 10 March 2016. http://www.bep.rs/english/index_en.php

¹¹¹⁰ USAID Business Enabling Project Information, United States Agency for International Development (Washington). Access Date: 10 March 2016. http://www.bep.rs/english/index_en.php

¹¹¹¹ About USAID East Africa Trade and Investment Hub, United States Agency for International Development (Washington). Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.eatradehub.org/about>

¹¹¹² Support Private Enterprise, United States Agency for International Development (Washington). Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/economic-growth-and-trade/supporting-private-enterprise>

On 17 December 2015, the US joined the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation as a founding donor member.¹¹¹⁴ The Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation is a public-private partnership to support the implementation of the World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement.¹¹¹⁵ The Alliance "supports the implementation efforts of a number of developing countries by leveraging private sector expertise, leadership and resources to achieve commercially meaningful reforms measured by real world business metrics."¹¹¹⁶

On 27 January 2016, a delegation from the United States attended the Powering Africa Summit that focused on advancing access to electricity and connecting 60 million homes and businesses to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa.¹¹¹⁷

On 3 February 2016, the United States awarded a grant to Ethiopian Electric Power, Ethiopia's national power generation and transmission company, to support sustainable infrastructure development, increase access to energy and enhance economic growth in Ethiopia.¹¹¹⁸

On 9 February 2016, the US Federal Government announced the 2017 fiscal year budget.¹¹¹⁹ The budget dedicates USD29.3 million to continuing to support the Power Africa Initiative, which encourages investment in sub-Saharan Africa and assists in building greater economic and institutional capacity among pan-African partners.¹¹²⁰ USD75 million is devoted to trade capacity building which enables developing countries to implement and negotiate market-opening and reform-oriented trade agreements and to improve their capacity to benefit from increased trade.¹¹²¹

On February 11 2016, Elizabeth Hogan, the acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean stated that the US will continue to support El Salvador in its efforts to grow its economy at the municipal and national levels through USAID.¹¹²² She also stated that the United

¹¹¹³ Narrowing the Borders: Trade Facilitation in Latin America and the Caribbean Agenda, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington). Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.iadb.org/en/topics/trade/narrowing-the-borders-trade-facilitation-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean,19810.html>

¹¹¹⁴ About the Alliance, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (Geneva). Access Date: 11 March 2016. <http://www.tradefacilitation.org/about-the-alliance.html>

¹¹¹⁵ About the Alliance, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (Geneva). Access Date: 11 March 2016. <http://www.tradefacilitation.org/about-the-alliance.html>

¹¹¹⁶ About the Alliance, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (Geneva). Access Date: 11 March 2016. <http://www.tradefacilitation.org/about-the-alliance.html>

¹¹¹⁷ Power Africa to Showcase Roadmap and Tracking Tool At Powering Africa Summit, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 27 January 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-27-2016-power-africa-showcase-roadmap-and-tracking-tool-powering-africa>

¹¹¹⁸ USTDA Strengthens Efforts to Promote Value-Based Procurement in Ethiopia, The United States Trade and Development Agency (Washington) 3 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.ustda.gov/news/press-releases/2016/ustda-strengthens-efforts-promote-value-based-procurement-ethiopia>

¹¹¹⁹ The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, Office of Management and Budget (Washington) 9 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget>

¹¹²⁰ The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, Office of Management and Budget (Washington) 9 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget>

¹¹²¹ The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, Office of Management and Budget (Washington) 9 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget>

¹¹²² Testimony of Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Before the House Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 11 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/congressional-testimony/feb-11-2016-elizabeth-hogan-acting-aa-lac-usaid-efforts-central-america>

States will invest in trade facilitation programs in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras to promote regional integration and improve the competitiveness of the business sector.¹¹²³

On 3 March 2016, the US published its Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCS) for Central America and Mexico (CAM).¹¹²⁴ It will continue to address slow economic growth and integration by serving as a regional convener to facilitate the sharing of ideas, successes, and lessons learned throughout the region.¹¹²⁵ The Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCS) for Central America and Mexico (CAM) also developed a new regional trade facilitation program to reduce the time and transportation costs of moving goods across the border and to make it easier for businesses to capitalize on market opportunities. The regional trade facilitation program plans to promote the regional trade and market alliance with the Inter-American Development Bank.¹¹²⁶

The US has continued to provide support and investment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

Thus, the United States has received a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

On 26 November 2015, the EU signed an agreement to provide EUR734 million to Mozambique under the National Indicative Programme for Mozambique to support sustainable economic growth while maintaining political stability.¹¹²⁷

On 26 November 2015, the EU pledged EUR3.6 billion to support private sector development in addition to human and social development, environment and climate change, and peace and security across African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.¹¹²⁸

On 11 December 2015, the European Investment Bank pledged EUR110 million to support investment by entrepreneurs and small business in East Africa.¹¹²⁹ This new program will also provide

¹¹²³ Testimony of Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Before the House Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 11 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/congressional-testimony/feb-11-2016-elizabeth-hogan-acting-aa-lac-usaid-efforts-central-america>

¹¹²⁴ Testimony of Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Before the House Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 11 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/congressional-testimony/feb-11-2016-elizabeth-hogan-acting-aa-lac-usaid-efforts-central-america>

¹¹²⁵ Testimony of Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Before the House Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 11 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/congressional-testimony/feb-11-2016-elizabeth-hogan-acting-aa-lac-usaid-efforts-central-america>

¹¹²⁶ Testimony of Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Before the House Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 11 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/congressional-testimony/feb-11-2016-elizabeth-hogan-acting-aa-lac-usaid-efforts-central-america>

¹¹²⁷ EU announces new support for Mozambique, European Commission Press Release Database (Brussels) 26 November 2015. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-6174_en.htm

¹¹²⁸ EU signs program worth €3.6 billion with Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, European Commission Press Release Database (Brussels) 26 November 2015. Access Date: 11 March 2016. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-6173_en.htm

long-term local and foreign currency loans to support economic growth in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi.¹¹³⁰

On 17 February 2016, the EU agreed to further promote and expand the development cooperation with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) by continuing to implement the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) SADC-EU,¹¹³¹ a response strategy that aims to promote regional economic integration in the South African region by enhancing cooperation and trade between SADC Member States,¹¹³² and the Trade-related Facility,¹¹³³ a mechanism for financial and technical support for SADC Member States to promote the participation of SADC Member States in regional and international trade.¹¹³⁴

On 18 February 2016, the EU signed an agreement with the Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa to provide a EUR4.5 million technical cooperation facility to support regional integration programs for Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean region.¹¹³⁵

On 29 February 2016, the EU pledged EUR447 million to help Swaziland implement the Economic Partnership Agreement, a free trade agreement with the EU that aims to increase trade and investment.¹¹³⁶ The EU will also establish “an investment portal so that investors, consumers, retailers and all other stakeholders would be able to access information on this preferential trade agreement.”¹¹³⁷

On 11 March 2016, the European Union Commissioner for International Development pledged an additional EUR10 million in development funding to Cuba as part of the overall EUR50 million in development funds that the EU will provide to Cuba from 2014-2020.¹¹³⁸

¹¹²⁹ EIB backs KSh 12 billion of new private sector investment across East Africa, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 11 December 2015. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

<http://www.eib.org/infocentre/press/releases/all/2015/2015-303-european-investment-bank-backs-ksh-12-billion-of-new-private-sector-investment-across-east-africa.htm>

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<http://www.eib.org/infocentre/press/releases/all/2015/2015-303-european-investment-bank-backs-ksh-12-billion-of-new-private-sector-investment-across-east-africa.htm>

¹¹³¹ The Executive Secretary and the EU Ambassador to Further Boost SADC-EU Cooperation through EDF10 and EDF11, Southern African Development Community (Gaborone) 18 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

<https://www.sadc.int/news-events/news/executive-secretary-and-eu-ambassador-further-boost-sadc-eu/>

¹¹³² EU relations with the Southern African Development Community, European Union External Action (Brussels). Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://eeas.europa.eu/africa/sadc/index_en.htm

¹¹³³ EU avails €85m funding to Comesa, Brussels Office Weblog (Brussels) 4 March 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://brussels.cta.int/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=12723:eu-avails-85m-funding-to-comesa

¹¹³⁴ SADC Trade Related Facility, Southern African Development Community (Gaborone). Access Date: 11 March 2016.

<https://www.sadc.int/sadc-secretariat/directorates/office-deputy-executive-secretary-regional-integration/trade-industry-finance-investment/sadc-trade-related-facility-trf/>

¹¹³⁵ EU signs €4.5m technical cooperation facility for regional integration in Africa, Star Africa (Nairobi) 20 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. <http://en.starafrika.com/news/eu-signs-e4-5m-technical-cooperation-facility-for-regional-integration-in-africa.html>

¹¹³⁶ EU injects E447 million for EPAs implementation, Swazi Observer (Mbabane) 29 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. <http://www.observer.org.sz/business/79126-eu-injects-e447-million-for-epas-implementation.html>

¹¹³⁷ EU injects E447 million for EPAs implementation, Swazi Observer (Mbabane) 29 February 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016. <http://www.observer.org.sz/business/79126-eu-injects-e447-million-for-epas-implementation.html>

¹¹³⁸ European Commission announces additional €10 million of support to Cuba, European Commission Press Release Database (Brussels) 11 March 2016. Access Date: 11 March 2016.

http://brussels.cta.int/index.php?option=com_k2&id=12849:ec-additional-10-million-of-support-to-cuba&view=item&Itemid=54

On 3 May 2016, the EU contributed EUR600,000 to the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) to help developing countries and least-developed countries implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, the WTO's first multilateral trade deal in 20 years. This contribution complements other EU programmes in support of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.¹¹³⁹

The EU has continued to provide support and investment to support mechanisms such as Aid for Trade in developing countries in need of capacity building assistance.

Thus, the European Union has received a score of +1.

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¹¹³⁹ EU donates EUR 600,000 to Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility, WTO 3 May 2016. Access Date: 11 May 2016.
https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres16_e/pr771_e.htm