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RESOLUTION ON PRODUCT LABELS AND TRADE RULES (SEE BRIEFING PAPER TRADE-12PP-03)

1. TACD continues to support the right of consumers to receive information about the products they purchase.
2. Through their work in the World Trade Organization, including the Committee on Trade & Environment, the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade, and other relevant WTO committees, TACD urges the EU and U.S. to recognize and advocate to other WTO members that consumers have the right to know about the products they purchase, and that both voluntary and mandatory labeling programs that support the rights of consumers to know about the products they purchase are not *a priori* inconsistent with WTO rules.
3. TACD continues to urge both the EU and the U.S. to refrain from challenges to each other's labeling requirements.