

# **NGOs Condemn the EU Press Release on TRIPS Extension for Least Developed Countries**

On 11th June 2013, the WTO TRIPS Council took a decision (IP/C/64) to extend for a further 8 years, the flexibility of least developed country (LDC) Members under Article 66.1 to not apply the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement except for Articles 3, 4 and 5 (which concern national treatment and most-favored nation treatment). This decision was taken in response to the “duly motivated request” submitted by Haiti on behalf of the LDC Group last November, seeking an unconditional extension for as long as a WTO Member remains a LDC.

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