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Ms. Hampson: amendment to E/CN.4/Sub.2/2001/L.17

1. Insert a new seventh preambular paragraph reading as follows:

Welcoming the participation of the World Trade Organization in its discussions and hoping for its continued participation in such dialogues;

2. Insert a new operative paragraph between existing operative paragraphs 7 and 8 reading as follows:

Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to consider whether there is a need for an examination of whether the patent as a legal instrument is compatible with the rights of individuals and companies and the obligations of States, particularly in the medical and pharmaceutical field, and a framework for an alternative system for meeting the legitimate needs of all parties within the framework of human rights, and to undertake such an investigation should she decide that it is necessary;
