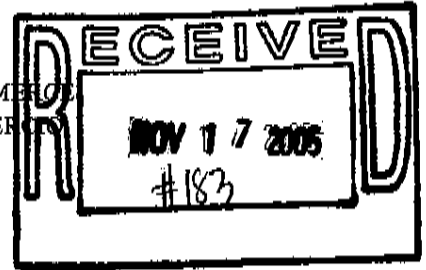




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Dear Mr. Cheung,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 25 October 2005 containing the final version of the *Principles Governing International Statistical Activities*.

For the production and dissemination of statistics, the World Trade Organization is fully committed to the values enshrined in these principles, especially with regard to quality, professional standards, transparency, efficiency, impartiality, respect of confidentiality, coordination of international statistical programmes, avoidance of duplication, and multilateral cooperation. With the exception of some trade policy information that has been specifically defined by WTO Members as "restricted", our statistical products are equally accessible to all users.

I am convinced that the international statistical system will greatly benefit from a wide application of these principles. I am also looking forward to the forthcoming work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities on the development of a quality assurance framework for statistical activities in international organizations derived from these principles.

In my capacity of Chief Statistician, I can assure you that the World Trade Organization endorses the *Principles Governing International Statistical Activities*.

Sincerely yours,

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