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**AFTI Comments on Release of India's National IPR Policy**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., May 16, 2016** – The Alliance for Fair Trade with India (AFTI) released the following statement today on India's National Intellectual Property Rights Policy:

“Despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s intent to transform India into an innovation hub, the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy fails to embrace the policies and reforms necessary to achieve that vision. On the one hand, the Policy recognizes some benefits of a robust IPR system to India, while on the other it eschews recommending the types of concrete changes that are needed to modernize India’s IPR rules in ways that will ensure protection of trade secrets, patents, and other forms of IP held by foreign and domestic stakeholders. India’s final National IPR Policy is a missed opportunity for India to grow a world-class manufacturing and services sector through innovation. As Prime Minister Modi plans to be in the United States in early June, AFTI urges U.S. policymakers in Congress and the Administration to reinvigorate their efforts to move the U.S.-India commercial relationship forward in concrete and meaningful ways that will promote innovation and a fairer and stronger trading relationship.”

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