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TPP negotiations continued for a third day today in Auckland, New Zealand. Negotiating groups comprised of teams from the nine TPP partners are meeting throughout the week to discuss a range of trade and investment issues.

On Wednesday, working groups met to discuss intellectual property rights, investment, financial services, technical barriers to trade, telecommunications, e-commerce, and labor. Groups continued to make progress in the negotiations and advanced work toward text of the TPP agreement.

A broad range of stakeholders from TPP countries are also in Auckland and many are participating in panel discussions or making presentations on issues relevant to the TPP negotiations.

Earlier in the week, negotiators had an opportunity to exchange views with representatives of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions. Wednesday included a full day of stakeholder presentations, including many relating to the new cross-cutting issues under consideration as part of the TPP agreement. A representative from the United States Chamber of Commerce presented views on regulatory coherence on a panel with private sector representatives from Australia and New Zealand. Stakeholders also presented on several intellectual property rights topics relevant to the ongoing TPP negotiations.

The U. S. business community in Auckland hosted the U.S. delegation at an event to discuss the TPP, giving the negotiating team an opportunity to hear the views of a wide range of U.S. companies operating in New Zealand and around the Asia Pacific.