

**Committee on Agriculture
Special Session**

FOURTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Report by the Chairman, Stuart Harbinson, to the Trade Negotiations Committee

1. The Special Session of the Committee on Agriculture, which was established by the General Council (WT/GC/M/53) and which is pursuing negotiations under paragraphs 13, 14 and other relevant provisions of the Doha Ministerial Declaration as agreed by the Trade Negotiations Committee (TN/C/M/1), held its fourteenth meeting on 27 September 2002.
 2. The agenda as set out in WTO/AIR/1898 was adopted.
 3. The Chairman presented a report on his own responsibility concerning the main features of the informal technical work undertaken, in accordance with the programme adopted at the eleventh Special Session (TN/AG/1 refers), on the elaboration of detailed possible modalities, including rules-related elements, in the area of domestic support. This report will be included in the Secretariat summary report on the fourteenth Special Session (to be issued as TN/AG/R/4).
 4. A number of statements were made by participants regarding the work undertaken thus far on market access. In addition, further specific inputs for the negotiations were made. Participants' statements and contributions in this regard will be reflected in the Secretariat summary report on the meeting.
 5. In accordance with the programme adopted at the eleventh Special Session (TN/AG/1, refers), the next informal Special Session will be held on 18-20 November and will be followed by a formal Special Session on 22 November. It was envisaged that the issues to be addressed at this informal Special Session would include a number of cross-cutting issues but that more precise guidance would be provided in advance of the meeting. In the meantime further technical work would be organised on tariff quota administration and on other topics where participants had indicated that there was a need for more focussed further technical work, with participants to be informed well in advance of the arrangements in this regard.
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