

General Council
24-25 July 2003

PROPOSED AGENDA

- I. IRAN – REQUEST FOR ACCESSION (WT/ACC/IRN/1)**
- II. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE UNCTAD/WTO – REPORT OF THE JOINT ADVISORY GROUP ON ITS THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION (ITC/AG/(XXXVI)/195)**
- III. COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**
 - A. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS MEETINGS OF JANUARY TO MAY 2003 (WT/BFA/65)
 - B. DOHA DEVELOPMENT AGENDA GLOBAL TRUST FUND – SITUATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2003 – STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
- IV. WAIVERS UNDER ARTICLE IX OF THE WTO AGREEMENT¹**
 - A. INTRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED SYSTEM 1996 CHANGES INTO WTO SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS – REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS
 - (i) *Argentina – Schedule LXIV (G/L/606, G/C/W/452)*
 - (ii) *El Salvador – Schedule LXXXVII (G/L/608, G/C/W/454)*
 - (iii) *ISRAEL – Schedule XLII (G/L/620, G/C/W/462)*
 - (iv) *Malaysia – Schedule XXXIX (G/L/615, G/C/W/460)*
 - (v) *Morocco – Schedule LXXXI (G/L/616, G/C/W/461)*
 - (vi) *Pakistan – Schedule XV (G/L/612, G/C/W/458)*
 - (vii) *Panama – Schedule CXLI (G/L/607, G/C/W/453)*
 - (viii) *Thailand – Schedule LXXIX (G/L/611 and Corr.1, G/C/W/457)*
 - (ix) *Venezuela – Schedule LXXXVI (G/L/609, G/C/W/455)*

¹ In connection with this Item, the attention of Members is drawn to the Decision-Making Procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council on 15 November 1995 (WT/L/93).

- B. TRANSPOSITION OF SCHEDULES INTO THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WAIVER – SRI LANKA – SCHEDULE VI (G/L/610, G/C/W/456)

V. TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

- A. DEVELOPING MEMBERS' CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN MARKET (QUOTA) ACCESS IN 2004 – COMMUNICATION FROM BANGLADESH; BRAZIL; COSTA RICA; EGYPT; GUATEMALA; HONG KONG CHINA; INDIA; INDONESIA; MACAO CHINA; MALDIVES; PAKISTAN; PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; SRI LANKA; THAILAND AND VIET NAM (WT/GC/W/503)

- B. ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS IN THE AREA OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING – PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIFIC SHORT-TERM DISPENSATION IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING MEMBERS FOLLOWING FULL INTEGRATION OF THE SECTOR INTO GATT FROM JANUARY 2005 – COMMUNICATION FROM COSTA RICA; GUATEMALA; HONG KONG CHINA; INDIA; INDONESIA; MACAO CHINA; MALDIVES; PAKISTAN; PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; THAILAND AND VIET NAM (WT/GC/W/502)

VI. NEGOTIATIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS OF THE DSU - EXTENSION OF TIMEFRAME - STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

VII. PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

- A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE FIFTH SESSION – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

- B. ATTENDANCE BY INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS – REQUESTS BY:

(i) *League of Arab States*

(ii) *Council of Europe Development Bank*

(iii) *North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation*

(iv) *United Nations Human Settlements Programme*

- C. REPORTS:

(i) *Report by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee (TN/C/3)*

(ii) *Work Programme on Small Economies – Report by the Chairman of the Dedicated Sessions of the Committee on Trade and Development (WT/COMTD/SE/1)*

(iii) *Work Programme on Special and Differential Treatment in Pursuance of Paragraph 44 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration and Paragraph 12.1 of the Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns – Reports by the General Council Chairman and Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies*

(iv) *Reports of the Working Groups on the Relationship between Trade and Investment (WT/WGTI/7), The Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy (WT/WGTCP/7), and Transparency in Government Procurement (WT/WGTGP/7), and of the Council for Trade in Goods on Trade Facilitation (G/L/637)*

- (v) *Reports of the Working Groups on Trade, Debt and Finance (WT/WGTDF/2), and on Trade and Transfer of Technology (WT/WGTTT/5)*
- (vi) *Council for TRIPS – Report by the Chairman on Examination of Scope and Modalities for Non-Violation and Situation Complaints under Article XXIII of GATT 1994*
- (vii) *Committee on Trade and Environment – Report Pursuant to Paragraphs 32 and 33 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration (WT/CTE/8)*
- (viii) *Work Programme on Electronic Commerce – Reports from Subsidiary Bodies and on the Dedicated Discussions on Cross-Cutting Issues under the auspices of the General Council (G/L/635, S/C/18, IP/C/29, WT/COMTD/47, WT/GC/W/505)*
- (ix) *Committee on Agriculture – Implementation-Related Issues – Report to the General Council (G/AG/16)*
- (x) *Rules of Origin – Harmonization Work Programme – Statement by the Chairman²*
- (xi) *Committee on Customs Valuation – Report on the Identification and Assessment of Practical Means to Address Members' Concerns Regarding Accuracy of Declared Values Pursuant to Paragraph 8.3 of the Doha Ministerial Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns*
- (xii) *Implementation and Adequacy of Technical Cooperation and Capacity-Building Commitments in the Doha Ministerial Declaration – Report by the Director-General Pursuant to Paragraph 41 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(03)/3)*
- (xiii) *Issues affecting Least-Developed Countries:*
 - (a) *Report by the Director-General Pursuant to Paragraph 43 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(03)/1)*
 - (b) *Report by the Director-General on Implementation of the Commitment by Ministers to Facilitate and Accelerate Accession of LDCs (WT/MIN(03)/2³)*
- (xiv) *Updates to the 2002 Annual Reports – General Council (WT/GC/W/504); Dispute Settlement Body (WT/DSB/34); Trade Policy Review Body (WT/TPR/134); Sectoral Councils (G/L/637, S/C/17/Rev.1, IP/C/27/Add.1); Committees on Trade and Development (WT/COMTD/46), Balance-of-Payments Restrictions (WT/BOP/R/70), Budget, Finance and Administration (WT/BFA/66), and Regional Trade Agreements (WT/REG/12); Committee on Trade and Environment (WT/CTE/9); Committees under the Plurilateral Trade Agreements (GPA/75, JOB(03)/146)*

D. DRAFT MINISTERIAL TEXT(JOB(03)/150) – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

OTHER BUSINESS

² In connection with this item, the attention of Members is drawn to proposals by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Origin regarding the harmonization Work Programme in JOB(03)/132.

³ To be issued.