

**Committee on Regional Trade Agreements
Thirtieth Session**

**EXAMINATION OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ESTONIA AND UKRAINE**

Note on the Meeting of 26 September 2001

Chairman: Mr. A.J. Dumont (Argentina)

1. The meeting was convened in document WTO/AIR/1618.
 2. Under Agenda Item B.I of its Thirtieth Session, the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) took up the third round of examination of the Free Trade Agreement between Estonia and Ukraine.
 3. The Chairman noted that the proceedings of the previous two rounds, which took place in February and July 2001 had been recorded and circulated in documents WT/REG108/M/1 and M/2. The latest responses by the Parties to written questions posed during the second round of examination had been distributed as document WT/REG108/4/Add.1. Given the advanced stage of the factual examination process, the Chairman did not propose to open the floor to delegations by different sections of the Standard Format (document WT/REG108/3), but he invited any delegation wishing to make comments or ask questions on specific matters to identify the relevant section of the Standard Format for easier reference.
 4. The representative of the United States expressed appreciation to the Parties to the Agreement for providing responses to the questions submitted by his delegation following the CRTA Session held in July. He regretted that, due to the events recently occurred in the United States and since the replies had not been received until the 12 September, his delegation had not yet had the opportunity to review the replies in detail. He indicated that in case of follow-up questions these would be submitted in writing in the very near future.
 5. The Chairman noted that the factual examination had been completed and invited those representatives who wished to ask additional questions to forward them to the Secretariat by 12 October and the Parties to submit replies in writing by not later than 30 November. Once the replies had been circulated, any request for additional information would be dealt with without holding another round of formal examination. At that point, the Secretariat would begin drafting the report for the examination.
 6. The Committee took note of the comments made.
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