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**Committee on Trade and Development  
Special Session**

**THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Report by the Chairman, Ambassador Ransford Smith (Jamaica),  
to the Trade Negotiations Committee

1. Since the report to the Second meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC) in April 2002, the Special Session of the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) has held three meetings - on 16 May, 14 June and 2 July 2002. Several open-ended informal meetings have also been held. Discussions have taken place on Agreement specific proposals made by Members and also on cross-cutting and systemic proposals and issues contained in submissions and raised in the deliberations in the Special Session.
2. At the Third and Fourth Special Session in May and June, in accordance with the Work Plan, Members continued discussions on identification of non-mandatory special and differential treatment provisions which some Members considered should be made mandatory; the legal and practical implications of doing so; and on special and differential treatment provisions which could be made more effective in their operation. At each of these meetings, a pre-specified list of Agreements and Decisions and related proposals was discussed.
3. Fourteen submissions have been tabled, as follows: TN/CTD/W/1 from Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Zimbabwe; TN/CTD/W/2 from Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Zimbabwe; TN/CTD/W/3/Rev.1 and TN/CTD/W/3/Rev.1/Add.1 from the African Group; TN/CTD/W/4 and TN/CTD/W/4/Add.1 from the Group of Least-Developed Countries (LDCs); TN/CTD/W/5 and TN/CTD/W/5/Add.1 from Paraguay; TN/CTD/W/6 from India; TN/CTD/W/7 from Thailand; TN/CTD/W/8 from St. Lucia; TN/CTD/W/9 from the United States; TN/CTD/W/10 from Hungary; and TN/CTD/W/11 from Japan.
4. The Third Special Session on 16 May 2002 was mainly devoted to discussions on Agreement-specific proposals contained in TN/CTD/W/1, TN/CTD/W/2 and TN/CTD/W/6. The proposals contained in TN/CTD/W/3 and TN/CTD/W/4 were also introduced. The Work Plan and Schedule of Meetings was formally adopted.
5. Subsequent to this meeting, an open-ended informal was held on 10 June 2002 at which there was extensive discussion of cross-cutting and systemic proposals and issues contained in TN/CTD/W/3/Rev.1 and TN/CTD/W/4.
6. Discussions continued on the immediately foregoing submissions, as well as on the newly introduced TN/CTD/W/5, at the Fourth Special Session on 14 June 2002. Proposals contained in TN/CTD/W/7 and TN/CTD/W/8 were also introduced. There was an initial consideration of ways, including through improved information flows, by which developing countries, in particular least-developed countries, may be assisted to make best use of special and differential treatment provisions

as mandated in Paragraph 12.1 (ii) of the Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns. Comments made by one delegation are contained in TN/CTD/W/9. Clarifications to TN/CTD/W/5, and the response by the proponent of that paper to queries raised during the meeting are contained in document TN/CTD/W/5/Add.1. Questions raised by a delegation regarding submission TN/CTD/W/5 are contained in TN/CTD/W/10.

7. At the Fifth Special Session on 2 July 2002, the proposals in TN/CTD/W/4/Add.1 were introduced; there was additional discussion on TN/CTD/W/4, TN/CTD/W/7 and TN/CTD/W/8, which covered both cross-cutting and institutional issues and specific proposals. Comments made by one delegation are contained in TN/CTD/W/11.

8. To facilitate the preparation of the required report to the General Council, four consultations were proposed on the broad themes of (i) agreement-specific proposals; (ii) institutional issues; (iii) cross-cutting issues and (iv) the way forward.

9. The Sixth Special Session is scheduled for 17 July 2002 with a view to finalizing the report to the General Council mandated in Paragraph 12 of the Doha Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns.

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