



WTO OMC

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20 OCTOBER 2023

SUBJECT: 122<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (CTD) WILL HOLD ITS 122<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR SESSION ON FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CTD'S 13<sup>TH</sup> DEDICATED SESSION ON PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS. DELEGATES WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING EITHER IN PERSON OR REMOTELY THROUGH INTERPREFY.

MEMBERS WISHING TO INCLUDE AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE 122<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE CTD ARE INVITED TO SEND AN EMAIL TO THE SECRETARIAT AT CTD@WTO.ORG NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2023 COB. THE AGENDA WILL BE UPDATED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS WHICH ARE ADDED BY THIS DATE. A REVISED AIRGRAM WILL BE CIRCULATED ON TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER. AN ANNOTATED AGENDA WILL BE CIRCULATED A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

THE PROPOSED PRELIMINARY AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2. OBSERVERS
  - A. REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE OF AD HOC OBSERVERS
  - B. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS BY THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC), THE GULF ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIAL CONSULTING, THE ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE, THE COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES, THE ORGANIZATION OF ARAB PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OAPEC) AND THE GROUPE DE LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT
3. REPORT OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE JOINT ADVISORY GROUP ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE UNCTAD/WTO (ITC/AG(LVII)/292)
4. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND TRAINING
  - A. NEW FUNCTIONALITIES IN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - PRESENTATION BY THE INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
5. DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECTS OF WTO REFORM

- A. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN
  - B. A REFLECTION ON THE DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE DEVELOPMENT RETREAT (INFORMAL MEETING ON WTO REFORM FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENT) IN FEBRUARY 2023 - COMMUNICATION FROM INDIA (JOB/COMTD/4)
6. ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY THROUGH THE REFORM IN AGRICULTURE AND THE USE OF CURRENT FLEXIBILITIES - COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL (JOB/COMTD/5)
7. POLICY SPACE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - A CASE FOR REBALANCING TRADE RULES TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIALISATION AND TO ADDRESS EMERGING CHALLENGES SUCH AS CLIMATE CHANGE, CONCENTRATION OF PRODUCTION AND DIGITAL INDUSTRIALISATION - COMMUNICATION FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP (WT/COMTD/W/270)
- A. A CASE FOR REBALANCING THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES (ASCM) - POLICY SPACE TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIALISATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - COMMUNICATION FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP (WT/COMTD/W/274)
  - B. THE ROLE OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN RESILIENCE BUILDING: REINVIGORATING THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE WTO ON TRADE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY - COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP (WT/COMTD/W/277, WT/COMTD/W/278, WT/COMTD/W/279, WT/COMTD/W/280, WT/COMTD/W/281, WT/COMTD/W/282)
  - C. A CASE FOR REBALANCING THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES (TRIMS) - POLICY SPACE TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIALISATION AND STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (WT/COMTD/W/284)
8. MINISTERIAL DECLARATION FROM THE TWELFTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE WTO RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND PREPAREDNESS FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS (WT/MIN(22)/31 - WT/L/1142)
9. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT - WORK IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUDING STATEMENT FROM THE EIGHTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
- A. COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT MANDATE: FOCAL POINT FOR CONSIDERATION AND COORDINATION OF WORK ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE WTO - PROPOSAL FROM BARBADOS, BELIZE, CHINA, CUBA, ECUADOR, INDIA, AND THE AFRICAN GROUP (WT/COMTD/W/208)
  - B. OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE CTD'S MANDATE: A PROPOSAL TO DELIVER OUTCOMES BASED ON THE MC8 MANDATE - PROPOSAL FROM CHINA, CUBA, ECUADOR, INDIA AND THE AFRICAN GROUP (WT/COMTD/W/192)
10. NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE ENABLING CLAUSE
- A. GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) NOTIFICATION OF CUSTOMS UNION - COMMUNICATION FROM CHINA, EGYPT AND INDIA (WT/COMTD/W/175)

11. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE STEPS TAKEN TO PROVIDE DUTY-FREE AND QUOTA-FREE MARKET ACCESS TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

12. WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

A. REINVIGORATING THE WORK UNDER THE 1998 WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE: A DEVELOPMENT APPROACH TO THE WORK PROGRAMME ON E-COMMERCE - COMMUNICATION FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP (WT/COMTD/W/283)

B. GLOBAL ELECTRONIC COMMERCE FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT - COMMUNICATION FROM INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA (WT/COMTD/W/264/REV.1)

13. MEMBERS' VIEWS ON WORK THAT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE CTD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE (WT/L/46)

14. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023 (TO BE ISSUED)

15. CALENDAR OF CTD MEETINGS IN 2024 (TO BE ISSUED)

16. OTHER BUSINESS

MEMBERS OF THE WTO, OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH OBSERVER STATUS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS FOR THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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