PROGRAMME OF THE SESSION

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

09:00 - 12:30 Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)
10:00 - 18:00 Registration of participants
15:00 - 15:30 Inaugural session
• Senator Donald H. Oliver (Canada), Member of the IPU Executive Committee
• Mr. Georgios Papastamkos, Vice-President of the European Parliament
• Ambassador Shahid Bashir (Pakistan), Chairperson of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body
15:30 - 16:30 Presentation of reports and interactive debate on substantive theme
   Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation
   Rapporteurs
• Mr. Panacheril C. Chacko, MP (India)
• Mr. Paul Rübig, Member of the European Parliament
   Discussant
• Ms. Marion Jansen, Counsellor, WTO Secretariat
16:30 - 18:00 Policy dialogue with members of the high-level panel designated by the WTO Director-General to define the future of trade
   Analysing 21st century trade challenges
   Moderator
• Mr. Jörg Leichtfried, Member of the European Parliament
   Panelists
• Mr. Pradeep Singh Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
• Ms. Sharan Burrow, Secretary-General of the International Trade Union Confederation
18:00 - 19:30 Reception at the WTO
20:00 - 22:00 Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

10:00 - 11:00 Hearing with the WTO Director-General
11:00 - 13:00 Continuation of interactive debate on substantive theme
   Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation
13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break
15:00 - 16:30 Panel discussion
   Trade in services: time for political decisions
   Panelists
• Ambassador Fernando De Mateo y Venturini, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the WTO, Chairperson of the Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services
• Ambassador Joakim Reiter, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO Council for Trade in Services
• Mr. Niccolò Rinaldi, Member of the European Parliament
• Mr. Pascal Kernéis, Managing Director, European Services Forum
16:30 - 17:30 Conclusion of interactive debate on substantive theme
   Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation
17:30 - 18:00 Closing session: adoption of the outcome document
   Rapporteur
• Mr. Benoît Ouattara, MP (Burkina Faso)