

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE POST-DOHA STEERING COMMITTEE AT ITS 4TH SESSION

Geneva, 17 June 2003

- The Cancun session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO will be held on the occasion of the fifth WTO Ministerial Conference in Cancun, Mexico.
- It will be an official parliamentary event that is open to the public. It will be organised on the basis of the decisions taken earlier by consensus by the Post-Doha Steering Committee relating to participation issues. No limit is set however on the number of MPs that can be included in each delegation.
- The Conference will be organised jointly by the IPU and the European Parliament, in cooperation with the Mexican Congress.
- It will take place at the Hotel Fiesta Americana, Coral Beach, the whole day of 9 September and on the afternoon of 12 September. The Steering Committee will hold its 5th session in the morning of 12 September.
- The Conference will be opened on the morning of 9 September in the presence of the President of the Mexican Senate, the President of the European Parliament and the President of the IPU.
- Subsequently, the participants will have an opportunity to exchange views (question-and-answer session) with the Director General of WTO, Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, the President of the Ministerial Conference and Foreign Affairs Minister of Mexico, Dr. Luis Ernesto Derbez, possibly one or two more ministers, and the Trade Commissioner of the European Union, Mr. Pascal Lamy.
- Also on the morning of 9 September, the Conference will hear representatives from civil society, namely a representative of the ICTSD (International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development) and the Third World Network.
- There will also be an opportunity for the Conference to consider a report on progress achieved after the Parliamentary Conference on WTO that took place in Geneva in February 2003.
- The remainder of the morning and the afternoon will be divided into plenary debates on the three following subjects addressed in consecutive order:
 - Trade in agriculture and reduction in subsidies
 - TRIPS, in particular relating to essential pharmaceutical products
 - Trade in services
- The Conference will reconvene on 12 September when it will hear reports from the discussions on the three substantive items.
- It will also hear the President of the Ministerial Conference, possibly other Ministers and senior WTO officials (subject to their availability), bringing the participants up to date on progress of the negotiations.

- At the end of the afternoon, the Conference will adopt a declaration. A first draft of this text will be prepared in advance by a working group composed of representatives of the European Parliament, the IPU and the Mexican Congress. It will be shared with the participants at the beginning of the Conference on 9 September.
- This declaration will be finalised by the Steering Committee during its meeting in the morning of 12 September.
- During that meeting, the Steering Committee will also review other issues not addressed at this session, such as its future composition.

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- As regards the three issues that will be considered in plenary, one Rapporteur for each of these items will prepare a balanced background document of no more than five pages that will be circulated to Parliaments and members of the Steering Committee in English and French in advance of the parliamentary Conference.
- The discussion on these subjects will be launched by the Rapporteurs briefly presenting their papers (no more than seven minutes) and will be commented on by two discussants speaking for no more than five minutes.
- Members of the Steering Committee should submit candidatures for Rapporteur or discussant by no later than 25 June so that a selection can be made by the two co-organisers of the event in consultation with the Mexican Congress before the end of June. In selecting the Rapporteurs and discussants, the co-organisers should make sure that all regions are represented.
- The Rapporteurs should submit their background documents by no later than 1 August in one of the two working languages.

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- The present Note will be sent to all members of the Steering Committee, including to those who were unable to attend the present meeting, drawing their attention to the deadline for submitting candidates for Rapporteurs and discussants.

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Fourth Session of the Post-Doha Steering Committee
17 June 2003 (IPU Headquarters, Geneva)

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

COUNTRY or ORGANISATION	NAME
BELGIUM	Mr. Geert Versnick, MP Mr. Marc de Rouck
CANADA	Senator Donald Oliver
CHINA	Mr. Lu Congmin, MP Mr. You Wenze Mr. Shao Changfeng Mr. He Rulong Mrs. Wang Aihua Mr. Long Zhou Mrs. Lan Mei
EGYPT	<i>absent</i>
FINLAND	Mr. Kimmo Kiljunen, MP Mr. Pekka Nurminen
FRANCE	Mr. Jean Bizet, MP Mr. Olivier Delamare-Deboutteville
GERMANY	Mr. Erich Fritz, MP
INDIA	Mr. M.A. Kharabela Swain, MP
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	<i>absent</i>
JAPAN	Mr. Masatoshi Wakabayashi, MP Mr. Ikuo Idaka Mr. Futaishi Masato
KENYA	Mr. Jimmy N. Angwenyi, MP
MAURITIUS	Mr. Prithvirajsing Roopun, MP
MEXICO	Senator Fernando Margáin Berlanga
MOROCCO	<i>absent</i>
NAMIBIA	Mr. Raphael Dinyando, MP
NETHERLANDS	<i>absent</i>
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NIGERIA	<i>absent</i>
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THAILAND	Mr. Kobsak Chutikul, MP Ms. Supasinee Khamasundara
URUGUAY	<i>absent</i>
USA	<i>absent</i>
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