
BRUSSELS SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

24-26 November 2004

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REVISED PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE SESSION

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Tuesday, 23 November

3 - 6 p.m. *Registration of participants*

Wednesday, 24 November

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. *Registration of participants*

9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. *Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (in camera meeting)*

3 - 3.30 p.m. *Inaugural ceremony*

Speeches:

- Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, President of the European Parliament
- Mr. Laurens Jan Brinkhorst, Minister of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands, representing the current Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- Mr. Shotaro Oshima, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Japan to the WTO, Chairman of the WTO General Council
- Mr. Sergio Pérez Verdugo, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

3.30 - 6.30 p.m. *Plenary session*

Adoption of the agenda and other organisational issues

3.45 p.m. **Interactive panel discussion: The significance of the WTO General Council decision of 31 July 2004 for the future of the Doha Round**

Panelists:

- Mr. Peter Mandelson, European Trade Commissioner
- Mr. Peter Grey, Ambassador of Australia to the European Communities, Belgium and Luxembourg
- Mr. Luiz Filipe de Seixas Corrêa, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the WTO
- Mr. U.S. Bhatia, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of India to the WTO (*to be confirmed*)
- Mr. Christopher Wilson, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Brussels

6.30 p.m. *Reception hosted by the European Parliament*

Thursday, 25 November

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. *Registration of participants*

9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. *Continuation of the plenary session*

Substantive theme (a) AgricultureDiscussants:

- Mr. Boureima Gado, MP (Niger)
- Mr. Joseph Daul, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr. Masatoshi Wakabayashi, MP (Japan)
- Senator Evelyn Matthei Fernet (Chile)

12.30 - 3 p.m.

Lunch break

2 - 3 p.m.

Optional side event on practical aspects of trade-related capacity-building with special focus on the needs of parliamentsExperts:

- Mr. Serafino Marchese, Counsellor, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, WTO
- Mr. David Luke, Senior Adviser, UNDP Office in Geneva

3 - 6.30 p.m.

*Continuation of the plenary session***Substantive theme (b) Trade in services from a development perspective**Discussants:

- Ms. Paddy Torsney, MP (Canada)
- Mr. Rupchand Pal, MP (India)
- Senator Ibikunle Amosun (Nigeria)
- Ms. Ann McKechin, MP (United Kingdom)

7 - 9 p.m.

*Drafting Committee (in camera meeting)***Friday, 26 November**

9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Continuation of the plenary session

Adoption of the draft Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (to be applied as from the following session of the Conference)

10 - 11.30 a.m.

Interactive session with the participation of the WTO Director-General, Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi

11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Adoption of the outcome document and closure of the session