
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

Geneva, 1-2 December 2006

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 30 November

- 10:00 - 19:00 *Registration of participants*
- 17:00 - 20:00 *Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (in camera meeting)*

Friday, 1 December

- 08:00 - 18:30 *Registration of participants*
- 09:30 - 10:00 *Inaugural session*
- Mr. Pier Ferdinando Casini, IPU President
 - Mr. Manuel António dos Santos, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Adoption of the agenda and other organizational issues**
- 10:15 - 11:30 *Debate on substantive themes*
- Substantive theme (a)* Lessons to be learnt from the history of multilateral trade negotiations under WTO auspices**
- Rapporteurs
- Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Yousuf Abdul Razack Mohamed, MP (Mauritius)
 - Mr. Robert Sturdy, Member of the European Parliament
- 11:30 - 13:00 **Dialogue with Ministers and senior WTO Officials. What future for the Doha Round? The benefits of a success, the costs of a failure.**
- Panellists
- Mr. Kamal Nath, Minister of Commerce and Industry (India)
 - Mr. Celso Amorim, Minister of External Relations (Brazil)
 - Mr. Toshikatsu Matsuoka, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Japan)
 - Ambassador Peter Allgeier, United States Permanent Representative to the WTO
 - Ambassador Carlo Trojan, Permanent Representative of the European Communities to the WTO
- 13:00 - 14:30 *Lunch break*
- 14:30 - 15:45 **Hearing with the WTO Director-General, Mr. Pascal Lamy**
- 15:45 - 16:30 *Continuation of the debate on substantive theme (a)*

- 16:30 - 18:15 **Interactive panel discussion. Should agriculture be withdrawn from the single undertaking?**
Panellists
- Ambassador Crawford Falconer (New Zealand), Chairman of the WTO Committee on Agriculture
 - Mr. John Dupraz, MP (Switzerland)
 - Mr. Herbert Oberhänsli, Head of Economic and International Relations, Nestlé
- 18:45 *Reception at WTO*
- 20:00 - 22:00 *Steering Committee (in camera meeting)*

Saturday, 2 December

- 09:30 - 13:00 *Continuation and end of the debate on substantive theme (a), followed by*
- Substantive theme (b) Multilateralism and bilateralism in trade policy**
- Rapporteurs
- Mr. Sajjad Karim, Member of the European Parliament
 - Senator Donald H. Oliver (Canada)
- 13:00 - 14:30 *Lunch break*
- 14:30 - 16:30 **Interactive panel discussion. How effective is the WTO dispute-settlement system?**
Panellists
- Ambassador Muhamad Noor Yacob (Malaysia), Chairman of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body
 - Mr. Jean-François Bellis, partner, Van Bael & Bellis, member of a WTO Panel
 - Mrs. Debra P. Steger, Professor, Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa, Director, EDGE Network
- 16:30 - 17:30 *Continuation and end of the debate on substantive theme (b)*
- 17:30 - 18:00 *Closing session*
- Adoption of the outcome document**
Rapporteur
- Mr. Geert Versnick, MP (Belgium)