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PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO**  
*Back to basics: Connecting politics and trade*

Geneva, 15-16 November 2012

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**PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 15 November**

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| 09:00 - 12:30 | Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee ( <i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i> )  |
| 10:00 - 18:00 | <i>Registration of participants</i>  |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Donald H. Oliver (Canada),<br/>Member of the IPU Executive Committee</li><li>• Mr. Georgios Papastamkos,<br/>Vice-President of the European Parliament</li><li>• Ambassador Shahid Bashir (Pakistan),<br/>Chairperson of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body</li></ul>   |
| 15:30 - 16:30 | Presentation of reports and interactive debate on substantive theme<br><b>Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation<br/>and poverty alleviation</b><br><u>Rapporteurs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Panacheril C. Chacko, MP (India)</li><li>• Mr. Paul Rübig, Member of the European Parliament</li></ul> <u>Discussants</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Marion Jansen, Counsellor, WTO Secretariat</li></ul>  |
| 16:30 - 18:00 | Policy dialogue with members of the high-level panel designated by<br>the WTO Director-General to define the future of trade<br><b>Analysing 21<sup>st</sup> century trade challenges</b><br><u>Moderator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Jörg Leichtfried, Member of the European Parliament</li></ul> <u>Panellists</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Pradeep Singh Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International</li><li>• Ms. Sharan Burrow, Secretary-General of the International Trade<br/>Union Confederation</li></ul> |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | <i>Reception at the WTO</i>  |
| 20:00 - 22:00 | <i>Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)</i>  |

**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**  
Panellists
- 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 Kerneis, 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)