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***WTO at the age of 20***

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Monday, 16 February**

- 10:00 - 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
- Mr. Krister Örnfjäder, MP (Sweden), Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO
  - Mr. Olli Rehn, Vice-President of the European Parliament
  - Ambassador Fernando De Mateo y Venturini, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body
- 15:30 - 16:30 Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive theme  
**Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions**
- Rapporteurs
- Mr. Joerg Leichtfried, Member of the European Parliament
  - Mr. Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kono, MP (Cameroon)
  - Mr. Paul Rübig, Member of the European Parliament
  - Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur, MP (India)
- Discussant
- Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
- 16:30 - 18:00 Dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials  
**Policy, politics and trade: keeping the WTO negotiations on the right track**
- Guest Speakers
- Ambassador Angelos Pangratis, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the WTO in Geneva
  - Ambassador Remigi Winzap, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO Negotiating Group on Market Access for Non-Agricultural Products
  - Ambassador Gabriel Duque, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the WTO, Chairperson of the Special Session of the WTO Council for Trade in Services
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- 18:00 - 19:30 *Reception at the WTO*
- 20:00 - 22:00 *Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)*

**Tuesday, 17 February**

- 10:00 - 11:00 Continuation of interactive debate on the substantive theme  
**Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions**
- 11:00 - 12:00 Hearing with the WTO Director-General, Mr. Roberto Azevêdo  
**Why trade? Reflections on the WTO anniversary**
- 12:00 - 13:00 Continuation of interactive debate on the substantive theme  
**Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions**
- 13:00 - 15:00 *Lunch break*
- 15:00 - 16:30 Panel discussion  
**Conveying the benefits of the WTO to the wider public:  
The case of consumers and young people**  
Panellists
- Ms. Emma McClarkin, Member of the European Parliament
  - Mr. F. Al-Tenaiji, MP (United Arab Emirates), President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU
  - Ms. Amanda Long, Director General, Consumers International
  - Mr. Shinkun Haku, MP (Japan)
  - Mr. Desmond Van Rooyen, MP (South Africa)
- 16:30 - 16:50 Briefing session  
**Enacting the Trade Facilitation Agreement**  
Keynote speaker
- Ms. Sheri Rosenow (WTO Secretariat)
- 16:50 - 17:30 Conclusion of interactive debate on the substantive theme  
**Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions**
- 17:30 - 18:00 Closing session: adoption of the outcome document  
Rapporteur
- Mr. Kil Jeong-woo, MP (Republic of Korea)