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This October, the Trade Negotiations Committee and General Council sessions provided an insight into the developments of the Doha Development Agenda, and Members expressed hopes for signal of political will from the G20 Meeting in Seoul in November and that 2011 would provide a window of opportunity to finish the round.

General Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Updates

Geneva, October 19 and 21

Lamy tells members to bring Doha negotiations to a higher gear

Director-General Pascal Lamy, in his remarks to the Trade Negotiations Committee on 19 October 2010, said that “the foremost challenge facing us all over the next several weeks is to take this engagement to a higher gear by going deeper and wider in the discussions, as a prelude for the “give and takes” that will be required to build a final package.” He added that “small group activities will continue until mid-November, at which point I think we will need to evaluate again and take stock of where the process has got to as well as next steps, benefiting also from the discussions at the G20 and APEC Leaders meetings.

Aid for Trade review to focus on impact on the ground



DG Lamy, the Deputy-Director Generals and the Chairman of the General Council

In his statement to the General Council on 21 October 2010, Mr Lamy emphasized that the focus of the Third Global Review of Aid for Trade in July 2011 would be the answers of members to the question “Is Aid for Trade Working?” He added that “if the global crisis had made Aid for Trade imperative for developing countries, it has also made the need to show results essential in donor countries.”

A summary of the issues discussed at the General Council Meeting on October 21st can be found [here](#)

Globalization and Trade – more and more products are “Made in the World”

Director-General Pascal Lamy, in his speech to the French Senate in Paris on 15 October, asked for a new way to look at trade statistics, noting that the country of origin of goods has gradually become obsolete as various operations, from design to manufacture of components and assembly, have spread across the world. He cited the example of an iPod that may be imported from China but a lot of its value come from the United States and other countries.

Trade and Natural Resources

Lamy: Doha a “stepping stone” to better trade rules in natural resources

Berlin, October 26th

Director-General Pascal Lamy, in a speech at the Third BDI (Federation of German Industries) Raw Materials Congress in Berlin on 26 October 2010, said that “carefully crafted cooperation on rules for resource trade is the only alternative to economic nationalism and conflict.” He added that “concluding the Doha Round will contribute to better harnessing trade in natural resources.”

DDG Singh: “Fossil fuel subsidy reform is an important tool in fight against climate change”

Geneva, October 14th

Deputy Director-General Harsha V. Singh, in opening a joint conference by the Global Subsidies Initiative, the International Institute for Sustainable Development and UNEP on 14 October 2010 at the WTO headquarters, said that “fossil fuel subsidy reform would accelerate our movement towards renewable, and less polluting, sources of energy.”

Accessions

Geneva, October 21st

At the General Council meeting on October 21st, a discussion took place on the accession priorities for 2010 in respect of LDCs, and specifically on the final steps in accession process for Vanuatu, Yemen and Samoa, who are expected to join in late 2010 and early 2011. Other countries are also on the way of becoming full WTO members!



DG Lamy with Dr. Yahya Al-Mutawakel, Minister of Industry and Trade of Yemen



DG Lamy at the General Council

Coming events

- **16-18 November** Trade Policy Review - Papua New Guinea
- **24-26 November** Trade Policy Review - Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **1-3 December** Trade Policy Review - Hong Kong, China
- **14-15 December** General Council

Serbia enters final accession lap

Geneva, October 20th

On October 20th, Members welcomed the progress and the meaningful efforts made by Serbia in implementing new legislation to comply with WTO rules. They expressed hope that Serbia would soon become a new member.

Azerbaijan resumes its accession negotiations

Geneva, October 18th

At the eighth meeting of Azerbaijan's Accession Working Party on October 18th, WTO members continued the review of Azerbaijan's economic and trade regime. Members were encouraged by Azerbaijan's recent progress on the legislative front and stressed the importance of further intensifying market access negotiations.

Committees Updates

Safeguard actions reported to WTO show significant decline

Geneva, October 25th

The Committee on Safeguards, on 25 October 2010, considered 26 safeguard actions--much less than the 43 such actions on its agenda at its previous meeting held last April. Canada, however, said it was still concerned over the number of safeguard actions, which should only be used in exceptional circumstances.

32 WTO members take anti-dumping actions during first half of 2010

Geneva, October 26-27th

At the meeting of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices on 26-27 October 2010, 32 WTO members reported taking anti-dumping actions during the first half of the year (the European Union counting as one). A number of these actions were questioned during the meeting, and the members concerned were urged to follow WTO rules.

"Smooth" work on developing-country decision commended

Geneva, October 28th

The Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, on 28 October 2010, extended by another year — until the end of 2011 — the transition period for the elimination of certain export-subsidy programmes of 19 developing countries. Many delegations welcomed the action plans of beneficiary countries to wind down the subsidy programmes, and the smooth way in which the WTO decision for these developing countries was being implemented. The beneficiary countries are the following: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Jamaica, Jordan, Mauritius, Panama, Papua New Guinea, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Uruguay. Three export subsidy programmes — one each from Belize, Fiji and Mauritius — have already been phased out.

WTO Chairs Programme Updates



WTO Chairs Programme inauguration ceremony

The WTO Chairs Programme was launched in March 2009 in 14 universities around the world – Argentina, China, Chile, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Russian Federation, Senegal, Viet Nam. It aims to support and promote trade-related academic activities by universities and research institutions in developing and least-developed countries. Academic institutions awarded WTO Chairs receive support in with course preparation, teaching, research and outreach activities. The Chairs were selected through a competitive bidding process.

Lamy: Trade opening can play a crucial role in sustainable economic development

Dakar, October 29th

At a ceremony on 29 October 2010 to mark the inauguration of Senegal's University Cheik Anta Diop into the WTO Chairs Programme, Director-General Pascal Lamy said: "It is clear from the current crisis and the recent monetary turmoil that today, we need to strengthen cooperation and coordination and to make them a central component of the new global governance. The opening up of trade, supported by appropriate domestic policies and a favourable external environment, can play a crucial role in the pursuit of sustainable economic development. Senegal is a good example of a country that has succeeded in making trade work for its development."

DDG Jara launches WTO Chairs Programme in Mexico

Mexico City, October 14th



DDG Jara at ITAM in Mexico City

On 14 October 2010, Deputy Director-General Alejandro Jara inaugurated the WTO Chair at the Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico (ITAM) in Mexico City. The Vice Rector of ITAM, Dr Alejandro Hernandez, opened the event with words of welcome and appreciation.

Aid for Trade

Asia-Pacific chair: Aid for Trade crucial for economic recovery

Geneva, October 26th

The chair of the Regional Technical Group on Aid for Trade in Asia Pacific, Secretary of State Pan Sorasak of the Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia, reported to WTO members on 26 October 2010 that “the global financial crisis caused a tremendous economic shock and we lost quite a number of jobs.” He said that “Aid for Trade can play such a crucial role in our country’s economic recovery process...in particular in this post-crisis period.”

Publications – the latest WTO annual trade and tariff data released!

“Twenty ten twenty-ten” — the date 20.10.2010, European style — marks the first ever World Statistics Day. It’s also the date when the WTO, one of the joint organizers of the Geneva part of the event, has issued a package of new data, including the 2010 edition of its annual International Trade Statistics, updates of the World Tariff Profiles, Trade Profiles, and new pages allowing users to map trade data.

Trade Policy Reviews

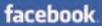
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Dispute Settlement within WTO

- » Panel meeting on COOL dispute opened to the public (December 1st and 2nd, 2010)
- » Panel report adopted on US-China poultry dispute (DSB Meeting on October 25th)
- » Armenia blocked Ukraine’s panel request on cigarettes and alcoholic beverages (DSB Meeting on October 25th)
- » Panel report out on US anti-dumping and countervailing duties on certain Chinese products (DS 379)

FEATURED MEDIA

Latest podcast: 26.10.2010: Asia-Pacific chair, Aid for Trade crucial for economic recovery
Latest video: 01.11.2010: Debate: trade and gender. How can trade promote economic opportunities for women?

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