

The July Framework and Options for Modalities on the Three Pillars of Agricultural Trade Liberalisation

Informal Roundtable, organised by ICTSD and IPC

Geneva, Switzerland 16 June 2005

Programme

09:45-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:15 Introduction

- Co-chairs Ann Tutwiler (IPC) and Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz (ICTSD)

10:15-11:30 Presentations

DOMESTIC SUPPORT

Substantial reductions in trade-distorting support will be particularly beneficial to developing countries. While all Members should move quickly to eliminate trade and production-distorting support above de minimis levels, special and differential treatment should be provided to developing countries to allow them greater flexibility to meet their development needs during the transition to less distorted world markets.

Presenter: Tim Josling, Institute for International Economics

MARKET ACCESS

While strictly observing the Framework Agreement, the session will explore the most significant problem areas within the compass of market access and attempts to (a) explain what is at stake, (b) discuss the options available, and (c) indicate which options would appear to further the broad objectives of economic growth and development and reduce costly distortions in international markets.

Presenter: Mario Jales (Brazil)

EXPORT COMPETITION

The session will propose and evaluate potential disciplines under the Export Competition Pillar of the agricultural negotiations, addressing export subsidies, export credits, state trading enterprises, food aid and export taxes. It will focus on the background and new developments pertinent to the consideration of potential proposals for disciplines.

Presenter: Linda Young, University of Montana (USA)

11:30-12:15 Discussant

- H.E. Tim Groser, New Zealand (TBC)

12:15-12:30 Lunch

12:30-13:15 Discussion (continued)

13:15-13:30 Summary and Closing

- Ann Tutwiler (IPC)