

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1999 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**

Elements of the Ministerial Declaration

*Communication from Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Honduras, India,  
Indonesia, Malaysia and Pakistan*

The following communication, dated 20 September 1999, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan.

**A. Preamble/opening general paragraphs**

- Importance of multilateral trading system.
- Brief collective assessment of the global economy (mixed picture - growth, disparities).
- Recall paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of the Geneva Ministerial Declaration.

**B. Implementation**

- Assessment of implementation in accordance with paragraph 8.
- Decisions relating to implementation issues to be taken at Seattle, *inter alia* on:
  - TRIPS;
  - TRIMs;
  - Agriculture including NFIDCs;
  - Accelerated integration of textiles;
  - Clarification/strengthening of disciplines on anti-dumping, subsidies, rules of origin, SPS, TBT;
  - Customs valuation;
  - Implementation of recommendations of completed reviews.

- Further work on implementation:
  - Issues to be covered (any which remain from the above, and others such as strengthening of, and operationalization of best endeavour S&D provisions);
  - To address implementation issues which may remain outstanding, a special mechanism should be established with a mandate to complete its work within one year.

**C. Mandated negotiations and reviews**

- Agriculture: objective and mandate of the negotiations including scope and time-frame.
- Services: mandate of the negotiations including scope, objectives, and time-frame; due account of the assessment of the commitments in trade in services as stipulated for in Article XIX of GATS.
- Reviews: TRIMs, TRIPS, SPS, TBT, SCM, etc.

**D. Follow up to High-Level Meeting on LDCs**

**E. Continuation of the study process on issues initiated at Singapore**

- Trade and investment;
- Trade and competition;
- Trade facilitation;
- Transparency in government procurement.

**F. New initiatives aimed at liberalizing world trade and adapting the multilateral trading system so as to enhance its support of the development process**

- Access to technology;
- Trade and finance;
- Relationship of trade with debt, commodity price (terms of trade).

**G. Accession, participation of acceding countries**

**H. Organization of work**

- Scope;
  - Structure;
  - Time-frame.
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