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# HONG KONG SESSION OF THE PARLIAMETARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

Hong Kong (China), 12 and 15 December 2005

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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### Monday, 12 December

9.30 - 10 a.m.

*Inaugural session*

Speeches

- Mr. Pier Ferdinando Casini, IPU President
- Mr. Enrique Barón Crespo, Chairman of the Committee on International Trade, European Parliament
- Mr. Pascal Lamy, WTO Director-General
- Ms. Wuyun Qimuge, Vice-Chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the National Peoples' Congress of China

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Working session*

**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational issues**

**The contribution of trade to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals**

*Debate on substantive themes*

**Substantive theme (a) Completing the Doha Development Agenda**

Rapporteurs

- Mr. Luis Alberto Heber, MP (Uruguay)
- Mr. Rupchand Pal, MP (India)
- Ms. Ann McKechin, MP (United Kingdom), Representative of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

12 noon - 1 p.m.

**Dialogue with Ministers and senior WTO Officials**

Panellists

- Mr. John C. Tsang, Chairman of the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference, Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China
- Mr. Peter Mandelson, European Commissioner for External Trade
- Mr. Yi Xiaozhun, Vice Minister of Commerce, China
- Ambassador Amina Chawahir Mohamed (Kenya), Chairperson of the WTO General Council

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1 - 2.30 p.m.

*Reception hosted by the National People's Congress of China*

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2.30 - 6 p.m.

*Working session*

- Continuation of the debate on substantive theme (a), followed by*
- Substantive theme (b) Coherence between Trade Policy and other Public Policy Challenges**
- Rapporteurs
- Mr. Toshikatsu Matsuoka, MP (Japan)
  - Mr. Helmuth Markov, Member of the European Parliament
  - Mr. Hassan Moradi, MP (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- 4.30 - 6 p.m. **Interactive panel discussion: good practices of oversight by parliaments in the field of international trade**
- Moderator
- Ms. Erika Mann, Member of the European Parliament
- Panellists
- Mr. Bhokin Bhalakula, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Thailand
  - Senator Jean Bizet (France)
  - Senator Fernando Margáin Berlanga (Mexico)
  - Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Yousuf Abdul Razack Mohamed, MP (Mauritius)
  - Senator Grant Mitchell (Canada)
- 6 p.m. *Adjournment of the working session*

### Thursday, 15 December

- 9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Steering Committee (in camera meeting)*
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- 2.30 p.m. *Resumption of the plenary working session*
- Update on negotiations at the WTO Ministerial Conference**
- Continuation of the debate*
- 3.30 - 5 p.m. **High-level dialogue on trade and development with representatives of international organizations, civil society, business and the media**
- Panellists
- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
  - Mr. Jeremy Hobbs, Executive Director, Oxfam International
  - Ms. Esperanza Durán, Executive Director, Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation
  - Mr. Duncan Campbell, Director, Policy Integration Department, ILO
- 5 - 6 p.m. **Adoption of the Declaration**
- Rapporteur
- Mr. Benedict Anthony Martins, MP (South Africa)
- 6 p.m. *Closure of the session*