# BALI SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

Bali (Indonesia), 2 and 5 December 2013

Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the European Parliament in connection with the 9<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference (MC9)

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ORGANIZATION OF WORK

This document is designed to supplement the Practical Information note, which was distributed together with the invitation letter.

## Access to the premises of the WTO Ministerial Conference

According to the information provided by the Indonesian Ministry of Trade, persons wearing "Parliamentary Session" badges will be allowed to enter the BNDCC, the premises of the Ministerial Conference, and will have access to all public venues, except for working sessions and plenary meetings. They will also be able to use shuttle buses connecting the BNDCC with the official MC9 hotels, including Patra Jasa Resort & Villas.

#### **Debates**

As indicated in the Practical Information note, all debates will take place **in plenary** and all participants and observers have **equal speaking rights**. To enable the session to achieve its expected goal and to facilitate the necessary interplay of ideas, the Steering Committee has made the following arrangements:

- (a) There will be **no pre-established list of speakers** on any agenda item. Delegates wishing to take the floor should use special **registration forms** to notify the Chairman of the session of the specific point they wish to address or question they wish to ask. The forms will be available in the meeting room;
- (b) The speakers will use either the microphones on stands installed in the aisles or hand-held microphones provided by the ushers. Both participants and observers are invited to participate in the debate either by making brief statements or by asking questions and should **refrain from reading out pre-prepared statements**;
- (c) Subject to any other arrangements made by the President in the light of the circumstances, **statements may not exceed three minutes**. Delegates may, however, speak **several times** on each item, particularly in response to other statements;
- (d) The President will give the floor to delegates in an **order that is conducive to a real exchange of opinions**. When calling on speakers, the President will announce the subsequent speaker;
- (e) There will be **no formal record** of the debate.

#### **Documents**

The only official documents of the session will be its programme and agenda, the draft outcome document, discussion papers prepared by the rapporteurs, the List of Participants and the information notes prepared by the Secretariat of the session.

Should participants and observers wish to distribute their own documents and other material pertaining to the themes of the session, they may use a table provided for that purpose in the immediate vicinity of the meeting room.

#### Draft outcome document

The preliminary draft outcome document, prepared by the Rapporteurs of the Conference Steering Committee, was posted on the IPU website. Parliaments were invited to submit their amendments to the preliminary draft in writing by 15 November 2013. No further substantive amendments are admissible after that date.

However, delegates participating in the Bali session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO have the possibility to submit on the spot, in an individual capacity, additional amendments of an editorial nature, which do not impact on the document's scope or nature. Such editorial amendments should be submitted to the session's Secretariat in written form by the end of the sitting on 2 December.

The Steering Committee will review all proposed amendments at its meeting on 5 December and elaborate a revised draft, to be submitted for adoption by the Conference as a whole at its concluding sitting. There will be no reopening of the substantive debate during this sitting.

# List of participants

A provisional list of participants will be distributed together with information kits. For technical reasons, it will not be possible to publish a revised list on the spot. The final list will be made available on the IPU website (<a href="http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/trade13.htm">http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/trade13.htm</a>) soon after the session. In order to ensure its accuracy, participants and observers are requested to advise the Registration Desk of any **corrections** to be made to the provisional list by **4 p.m.** on **Thursday**, **5 December**.

### Reception

All participants and observers are kindly invited to a reception offered by the Indonesian Parliament after the end of the sitting on 2 December. The reception will take place at **7 p.m.** in **Westin Hotel** in Nusa Dua Bali, in **Nusantara Room**. Bus transportation will be provided from Patra Jasa Resort to Westin Hotel from 6 p.m. onwards. The duration of the ride is approximately 20 minutes. Every effort will be made to provide transportation after the end of the reception to the different hotels where parliamentary delegates are staying. To this end, they are requested to provide the name of their respective hotel by **12 noon on 2 December** either to the parliamentary session's registration desk at the lobby of Patra Jasa Hotel or via e-mail to biro\_ksap@dpr.go.id.