

Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation

DRAFT WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Pursuant to Annex D, paragraph 10, of the General Council's Decision of 1 August 2004 (WT/L/579), the Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation agrees on the following:

I. WORK PLAN

Work will proceed on the basis of Members' contributions and other input that the Negotiating Group may request.

The agenda of the Negotiating Group is as follows:

- Clarification and improvement of relevant aspects of Articles V, VIII and X of the GATT 1994; enhancement of technical assistance and support for capacity building; effective cooperation between customs or any other appropriate authorities on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues (para. 1);
- Special and differential treatment for developing and least-developed countries (para. 2);
- Least-developed country members (para. 3);
- Identification of trade facilitation needs and priorities; concerns related to cost implications of proposed measures (para. 4);
- Technical assistance and support for capacity building (paras. 5, 6 and 7);
- Working with and work of relevant international organizations (paras. 8 and 9).

Relevant international organizations, including those mentioned in paragraph 8 of Annex D, shall be invited to attend each formal meeting of the Negotiating Group on an *ad hoc* basis.

II. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- 15 November 2004 (half day)
- 22-23 November 2004

Meetings of the Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation in 2005 will be scheduled on the basis of consultations with Members, having regard to the fact that the negotiations on Trade Facilitation are part of the Single Undertaking.
