

**General Council**  
**9-11 December 1998**

## **PROPOSED AGENDA**

### **I. LEBANON – REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS (WT/L/283)**

### **II. COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS**

– *Consultations with Bulgaria (WT/BOP/R/43)*

### **III. WAIVERS UNDER ARTICLE IX OF THE WTO AGREEMENT**

#### **A. EC/France – TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH MOROCCO<sup>1</sup>**

– *Request for extension of waiver (G/L/275, G/C/W/130)*

#### **B. REVIEW OF WAIVERS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX:4 OF THE WTO AGREEMENT**

- (i) *Canada – CARIBCAN, granted on 14 October 1996 until 31 December 2006 (WT/L/185, WT/L/285)*
- (ii) *Cuba – Article XV:6, granted on 14 October 1996 until 31 December 2001 (WT/L/182, WT/L/284)*
- (iii) *EC – The Fourth ACP-EC Convention of Lomé, granted on 14 October 1996 until 29 February 2000 (WT/L/186, WT/L/286)*
- (iv) *Hungary – Agricultural Export Subsidies, granted on 22 October 1997 until 31 December 2001 (WT/L/238, WT/L/290)*
- (v) *United States – Andean Trade Preference Act, granted on 14 October 1996 until 4 December 2001 (WT/L/184, WT/L/289)*
- (vi) *United States – Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, granted on 15 November 1995 until 31 December 2005 (WT/L/104, WT/L/288)*
- (vii) *United States – Former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, granted on 14 October 1996 until 31 December 2006 (WT/L/183, WT/L/287)*

### **IV. APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

– *Statement by the Chairman*

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<sup>1</sup> In connection with this item, the attention of Members is drawn to the decision-making procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council on 15 November 1995 (WT/L/93).

**V. AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE WTO AND THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK**

- *IMF, World Bank and WTO: Report of the Managing Director, President and Director-General on coherence (WT/GC/13)*

**VI. WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE (WT/L/274)**

**VII. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF WTO STAFF**

- *Statement by the Chairman*

**VIII. HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**

- *Communication from Egypt (WT/GC/W/109)*

**IX. HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**X. REVIEW OF PROCEDURES FOR THE CIRCULATION AND DERESTRICTION OF WTO DOCUMENTS (WT/L/160/REV. 1)**

- *Statement by the Chairman*

**XI. STATE OF PLAY IN ACCESSION WORKING PARTIES**

- *Statements by Egypt and Jamaica*

**XII. DATE OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**

**XIII. AGREEMENT ON PRESHIPMENT INSPECTION – REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF THE AGREEMENT**

- *Report of the Working Party (G/L/273)*

**XIV. REVIEW OF WTO ACTIVITIES**

Reports of:

- (i) *General Council, Dispute Settlement Body, Trade Policy Review Body, Sectoral Councils, Committees on Trade and Development, Balance-of-Payments Restrictions, Budget, Finance and Administration, and Regional Trade Agreements*
- (ii) *Committee on Trade and Environment*
- (iii) *Working Groups on the Relationship between Trade and Investment, the Interaction Between Trade and Competition Policy, and Transparency in Government Procurement*
- (iv) *Councils and Committees under the Plurilateral Trade Agreements*

**XV. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO WTO BODIES**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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