

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The WTO's internet website at <http://www.wto.org> now includes a site entitled "Trade Resources". The site is located under the "COMMUNITY/FORUM" section accessible from the WTO's home page.

The Trade Resources site has been created to provide users with information on trade issues affecting the multilateral trading system. It is especially useful for WTO Members, Observers, policy makers, academics, journalists and speechwriters looking for useful, relevant and up-to-date information on trade.

I encourage Members and Observers to access and utilise the site and inform other interested stakeholders of its existence. The aim of the site is not to duplicate materials already available on the WTO's internet site but to supplement WTO information with independent research, specific trade statistics and facts and to offer users a database of very recent public statements made by policy makers all over the world.

The Secretariat is also establishing links on the Trade Resources site to other research institutions and inter-governmental organizations involved with publishing reports and studies of relevance to the activities of the WTO. The site also contains a section listing various public comments in English, French or Spanish made by policy makers and academics concerning trade topics and activities of the WTO.

I would also like to encourage Members and Observers to forward any information or recent research papers they feel would be useful in making this site an even more valuable tool for anyone working in the area of trade policy. Contributions and suggestions should be sent to traderesources@wto.org.
