



Global Manufacturers Statement on WTO Doha Round

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We the undersigned organizations strongly believe that the successful completion of the Doha Round of World Trade Organization (WTO) multilateral trade negotiations is of critical importance to the global economy. At this time, political leadership is needed from all WTO members as we have reached a critical stage in the negotiations leading up to the Hong Kong Ministerial in December.

The major objective of this second joint fly-in is to ensure that the priorities and commercial interests of the global industrial sector – which represents 75% of global merchandise trade – are fully realized in the outcome of the Doha Round.

We continue to believe that an ambitious agreement on agriculture is a critical step to securing a comprehensive and successful outcome of the Round. However, in order to be successful and supported by the global industrial sector, the round must achieve significant gains in real market access for manufactured goods (NAMA), services, trade facilitation and advancement of other aspects of the negotiations, including rules.

It is our view that the outline for the NAMA negotiations that was agreed by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Ministers in this summer provides the best hope for rapid movement in these negotiations. We continue to see the “Swiss formula” and voluntary sectoral agreements with a critical mass of countries as key elements of a successful outcome in the Doha Round. We seek deep and comprehensive reductions in the tariff rates countries apply to manufactured goods imports in as broad a manner as possible. We also want to underscore the importance of pursuing ambitious negotiations on non-tariff barriers (NTBs) on a horizontal and vertical basis.

The final Doha agreement needs to ensure that all countries participate in and benefit from the gains of trade liberalization. An ambitious agreement in NAMA is essential to achieving that objective. While we understand the special needs of developing countries, many have highly competitive industries and it is vital that they agree to participate in genuine market liberalization.

We the undersigned organizations strongly urge all WTO member countries to work together and make the political decisions necessary to lay the groundwork for a successful Hong Kong Ministerial in December.

We will continue to work with our respective government negotiators to ensure that our common objectives are realized in the final outcome of the Doha Round.

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