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| President George Bush | President Wolfgang Schäussel | President José Manuel Barroso |
| The White House | European Council | European Commission |
| Washington, D.C. | Brussels, Belgium | Brussels, Belgium |

Dear Presidents:

As you meet in Vienna, Austria, next week for the EU-U.S. Summit, we are writing to express our grave concern about the status of the on-going Doha Development Agenda (DDA) World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations. Failure to conclude by December makes it unlikely that the round can be completed.

As leaders of the world's two largest industrial groups, with a combined membership accounting for over half of the world's manufacturing production, we call on the European Union and the United States to make the bold moves necessary to bring the Round to an ambitious and successful conclusion.

We know that an ambitious agreement on agriculture is a critical step to securing a comprehensive and successful outcome for the Round. However, we remind you that manufacturing represents 75% of global merchandise trade and has been the key driver to economic growth in both the European Union and the United States.

We believe the time for a decisive move is now, and the U.S. and the EU should make agricultural offers that can induce the advanced developing countries, including Brazil, China and India among others, to put improved offers on the table in the short time left.

However, the U.S. and EU should jointly state that their agricultural offers are time limited and totally contingent upon the willingness of those countries to make substantial cuts in their applied tariffs on manufactured goods through an ambitious tariff cutting formula, sectoral negotiations and elimination of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), and to make meaningful improvements in services market access.

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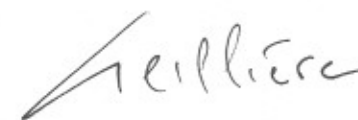
In order to be successful and supported by the global industrial sector, the Doha Round must achieve significant gains in real market access for manufactured goods in the Non-Agricultural Market Access negotiations (NAMA) and services. There is no point in an industrial nation-only round in which the emerging nations contribute little or nothing. Such an outcome would not stimulate global economic growth, would not benefit the poorest countries, and would not be politically saleable in the European Union and the United States.

As leaders of the world's largest and most open markets, we count on you to decide now to provide the leadership necessary to achieve an ambitious and successful conclusion of the Doha Round that leads to continued world economic growth.

Sincerely,



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