



# TRADE FACILITATION:

« Doing Business in developing countries »

# 1. BUSINESS EUROPE & DDA Trade Facilitation Negotiations

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- Beneficial for all WTO members
- Strong support for TF Agreement
- Need reviewable agreement



## 2. Priority issues for a WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

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- Reduce fees and charges
- Legal recourse for Customs decisions
- Single administrative window
- Transparency of trade regulations
- Accelerated release and customs clearance



## **3.Special provisions for developing countries**

- Need binding obligations
- Effective aid for trade programme
- Ladder approach for developing countries



# Conclusion

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An ambitious and binding WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation

- To facilitate trade
  - North-South
  - South-South
- To reduce costs for trade
- Better EU Customs harmonisation!



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