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European business wants results from WTO talks in Bali

Ahead of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial Conference launching today in Bali, BUSINESSEUROPE Director General Markus J. Beyrer urged WTO members to deliver real results for business: "*WTO members have to tackle the issues that are important to 21st century global business. A trade facilitation agreement would boost international trade significantly: simpler, cheaper and faster customs procedures would benefit business in both industrialised and developing countries*", he said.

Beyrer continued: "BUSINESSEUROPE is a strong supporter of the WTO and committed to a positive outcome from Bali. However, we have very deep concerns regarding the current impasse in the Doha round negotiations. In the absence of progress, bilateral trade agreements are becoming popular, but a multilateral approach would be favourable to business in Europe and elsewhere".

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[BUSINESSEUROPE position paper on WTO talks in Bali]

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