


The Multilateral Trading System in the 21st Century: Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy

 24 September 2012

 16:15 – 18:15

 Room CR, World Trade Organization

Agenda

1615-1625 **Welcome Address**

Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

1625-1645 **Interface between trade and competition policies**

Types of trade and competition related distortions in markets

● **Panellists:**

Robert Anderson, Counsellor, WTO

Eduardo Perez Motta, Chairman, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico and Chair of International Competition Network

1645-1730 **Case for Multilateralisation and Challenges**

How effective would a multilateralisation of rules be in addressing cross-border externalities of the distortive policies?

Given the growing number of national competition regimes in the world, would such rules be better received by countries?

What kind of challenges would countries face in implementing such rules?

What is the appropriate forum for negotiating/hosting such an agreement?

● **Panellists:**

H.E. Tim Yeend, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia

H.E. Yoichi Otabe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Japan

Carlos Braga, Director, Evian Group

Hassan Qaqaya, Head of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

1730-1800

Floor Discussion

1800-1815

Concluding Remarks