ICC INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The world business organization

Commission on
TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY

PRELIMINARY ANNOTATED AGENDA

Thursday 23 March 2017
10:00 – 17:00

Eversheds
1 Wood Street, London, United Kingdom

1. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON UK TRADE AND INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

Deputy Director, Multilateral Trade, Department for International Trade, Ian Ascough, has been invited to share his views on the United Kingdom's negotiating trade policy priorities in a post-Brexit environment with Commission members, with a particular regard to the UK's future engagement with the WTO. Mr Ascough's briefing will be followed by a discussion of possible areas of further collaboration with members.

- **Deputy Director**: Ian Ascough *(confirmed)*

3. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE WTO SECRETARIAT

WTO Head of External Relations, Bernard Kuiten, has been invited to share the current state of play with negotiations in preparation for the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC11) taking place in Buenos Aires from 11-14 December 2017. Mr Kuiten's remarks will be followed by a roundtable discussion with members to discuss potential recommendations on key issues that WTO members need to include in their work as well as initiatives that could be advanced from the starting point of plurilateral talks to the end result of multilateral application.

- **Head of External Relations:** Bernard Kuiten *(invited)*

4. BUILDING FOR SUCCESS: A WORLD TRADE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT WTO MINISTERIAL

Following the launch of the ECIPE report during the World Trade Agenda Day on 22 March, members will be invited to further examine the recommendations. A roundtable discussion will also focus on dissemination and advocacy efforts to be undertaken in the lead up to MC11.

5. TRADE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Members will be invited to discuss an initial draft policy statement prepared by the joint Commission informal drafting group. The discussion will include the Commission on Energy and Environment, which will be meeting concurrently in Berlin, via conference call.

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6. UPDATE ON THE 2017 G20 DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The Commission Chair will update members on the state of ICC involvement in discussions on trade and investment under the German presidency of the G20 in 2017, followed by an exchange of views with members

7. FUNADMENTAL PRINCIPLES ON TRADE

It is proposed that the Commission explore the possibility of issuing a policy statement reaffirming fundamental provisions that a country should have as part of their trade policies from the perspective of international business.

8. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Members will be invited to examine corporate social responsibility language increasingly included in trade and investment agreements and ways in which the Commission can contribute to ongoing efforts towards achieving the 2030 UN SDGS by advocating for the voluntary use of such measures for inclusive and sustainable development.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Under this item, members will be invited to raise any other issue that they wish to bring to the Commission's attention.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Commission will be invited to discuss dates for its next meeting in the second half of 2017, and the possibility that this meeting take place in Geneva during the week of the WTO Public Forum, which is scheduled from 26-28 September 2017.

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Immediately following the meeting, members are invited to a cocktail reception kindly hosted by Eversheds