

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ICC urges trading countries to act on the following priorities:

1. Continue to liberalize trade in goods and services worldwide. The overarching goal should be the elimination of tariffs and non-tariff barriers to world trade.
2. Accelerate multilateral trade liberalization within the WTO by the early conclusion of ongoing global negotiations through a balanced and satisfactory outcome on the critical issues of agriculture, non-agricultural market access, and services.
3. Move forward with positive regional efforts worldwide to reduce barriers to trade and investment, and ensure that those efforts complement and reinforce the multilateral trading system.
4. Expand the product coverage of the WTO Information Technology Agreement, continue to refrain from taxing electronic commerce, develop better disciplines on export restrictions and state-owned enterprises, and reach an early conclusion in the newly announced WTO negotiations to reduce and eliminate tariffs on green goods.
5. Improve the protection and promotion of investment worldwide through bilateral and other international agreements, while laying the groundwork for more global investment protection and promotion through a high-standard multilateral framework on investment.