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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 16 February

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| 10:00 - 12:30 | Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (<i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i>) |
| 10:00 - 18:00 | <i>Registration of participants</i> |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Krister Örnfjäder, MP (Sweden), Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO• Mr. Olli Rehn, Vice-President of the European Parliament• Ambassador Fernando De Mateo y Venturini, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body |
| 15:30 - 16:30 | Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive theme
Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions
<u>Rapporteurs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Joerg Leichtfried, Member of the European Parliament• Mr. Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kono, MP (Cameroon)• Mr. Paul Rübig, Member of the European Parliament• Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur, MP (India) <u>Discussant</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre |
| 16:30 - 18:00 | Dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials
Policy, politics and trade: keeping the WTO negotiations on the right track
<u>Guest Speakers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Angelos Pangratis, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the WTO in Geneva• Ambassador Remigi Winzap, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO Negotiating Group on Market Access for Non-Agricultural Products• Ambassador Gabriel Duque, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the WTO, Chairperson of the Special Session of the WTO Council for Trade in Services• Ms. Miriam Beatriz Chaves, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO Committee on Agriculture [tbc] |
| 18:00 - 19:30 | <i>Reception at the WTO</i> |
| 20:00 - 22:00 | Steering Committee (<i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i>) |

Tuesday, 17 February

- 10:00 - 11:00 Continuation of interactive debate on the substantive theme
Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions
- 11:00 - 12:00 Hearing with the WTO Director-General, Mr. Roberto Azevêdo
Why trade? Reflections on the WTO anniversary
- 12:00 - 13:00 Continuation of interactive debate on the substantive theme
Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions
- 13:00 - 15:00 *Lunch break*
- 15:00 - 16:30 Panel discussion
**Conveying the benefits of the WTO to the wider public:
The case of consumers and young people**
Panellists
- Ms. Emma McClarkin, Member of the European Parliament
 - Mr. F. Al-Tenaiji, MP (United Arab Emirates), President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU
 - Ms. Amanda Long, Director General, Consumers International
 - Mr. Shinkun Haku, MP (Japan)
 - Mr. Bhekizizwe Radebe, MP (South Africa)
- 16:30 - 16:50 Briefing session
Enacting the Trade Facilitation Agreement
Keynote speaker
- Ms. Sheri Rosenow (WTO Secretariat)
- 16:50 - 17:30 Conclusion of interactive debate on the substantive theme
Trade as an enabler of peace and better living conditions
- 17:30 - 18:00 Closing session: adoption of the outcome document
Rapporteur
- Mr. Kil Jeong-woo, MP (Republic of Korea)

