

MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND THE NEW GENERATION FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 26, 2012

09.30-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.15 Opening Speeches

Prof. HALUK KABAALIOĞLU, President, IKV
Prof. GÜVEN SAK, Director, TEPAV

SESSION I: CHALLENGES FOR MULTILATERALISM, EXPECTATIONS FROM THE WTO AND REGIONAL (FREE) TRADE AGREEMENTS

Chairman: HALUK KABAALIOĞLU, President, IKV

10.15-11.00

Is Multilateral Trading System at Crisis? Are Regional Trade Agreements a Threat?
HARSHA SINGH, WTO Deputy Director-General

11.00-12.00

*How to Multilateralise Regionalism? What type of RTAs as Stepping Stones for
Multilateralism*

Dr. THERESA CARPENTER, CTEI, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
Dr. MANFRED ELSIG, World Trade Institute, University of Bern

12.00-12.30 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

12.30-14.00: LUNCH

SESSION II: WHAT ROLE FOR REGIONALISM: THE EU PERSPECTIVE

Chairman: BOZKURT ARAN, Director, Center for Multilateral Trade Studies TEPAV-MUTS

14.00-14.45

Multilateralism vs. Regionalism: The EU Perspective

H.E. ANGELOS PANGRATIS, Ambassador, Head of Permanent Mission of the EU to WTO

14.45-15.30

The Changing Trade Strategy of the EU and Free Trade Agreements

Prof. JIM ROLLO, University of Sussex

Dr. M. SAİT AKMAN, Marmara University EU Institute and TEPAV/MUTS

15.30-16.00 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

16.00-16.15 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION III: TURKEY-EU CUSTOMS UNION AND THE CASE FOR FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Chairman: Prof. Dr. CANAN BALKIR, Dokuz Eylul University

16.15-17.00

Free Trade Agreements of the EU and Its Implications for Turkey

MURAT YAPICI, Director General of EU affairs, Ministry of Economy-Turkey

17.00-17.30 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS