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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**SPS@25 EVENT
MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2020**

WTO, CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA

DRAFT PROGRAMME

In the context of the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), the Secretariat is organizing a commemorative event for the SPS Committee.

The session will first cover the history of the SPS Agreement over the past 25 years since its negotiation, and the evolution of the Committee. It will also look into the future and explore the coming challenges over the next 25 years in different areas relevant to the SPS Agreement. Members are invited to share their questions to speakers in advance (email to SPSCommittee@wto.org); some of the questions will be asked anonymously during the session. Throughout the sessions, videos with messages from former Chairpersons of the Committee will be shown.

The event will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Monday, 2 November 2020, starting at 15:00. The event will take place at the WTO and can also be attended virtually through the Interpretrefy platform.

Chairperson: Mr Gregory MacDonald

Opening remarks: DDG Alan Wolff

1 EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SPS AGREEMENT BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Informal discussion on the negotiation of the SPS Agreement and the evolution of the work of the SPS Committee.

Speakers:

- **Mr Digby Gascoine**, negotiator of the SPS Agreement and former Australian SPS Committee delegate.
- **Mr Gonzalo Ríos Kantorowitz**, Head of the Department of International Negotiations, Agricultural and Livestock Service SAG, Ministry of Agriculture, Chile.
- **Ms Gretchen H. Stanton**, former Secretary of the SPS Committee, Chairperson of the working group that negotiated the SPS Agreement.

Moderator:

- **Mr Fernando Puchol**, Communications Officer, WTO.

Followed by Q&A session and discussion.

2 THE CRYSTAL BALL

What will the SPS world look like in 25 years? How will the work of the Committee evolve? Will the SPS Agreement stay relevant? Experts from different areas will share their views on the future challenges that may arise in the SPS area.

Speakers:

- **Dr Spencer Henson**, Professor, Department of Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics and Guelph Institute of Development Studies (GIDS), University of Guelph.
- **Dr Tan Lee Kim**, Director-General, Food Administration & Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Food Agency.
- **Dr Washington Otieno**, Plantwise Programme Executive, CABI.

Moderator:

- **Ms Christiane Wolff**, Secretary of the SPS Committee.

Followed by Q&A session and discussion.
