

WORK PROGRAMME ON SMALL ECONOMIES

Decision of 17 December 2011

The Ministerial Conference *decides* as follows:

We reaffirm our commitment to the Work Programme on Small Economies and take note of all the work conducted to date and duly reflected in document WT/COMTD/SE/W/22/Rev.6 and its previous revisions. We instruct the CTD to continue its work in Dedicated Sessions under the overall responsibility of the General Council. Furthermore, it shall consider in further detail the proposals contained in the various submissions that have been received to date, examine any additional proposals that Members might wish to submit and, where possible, and within its mandate, make recommendations to the General Council, on any of these proposals. We instruct the General Council to direct relevant subsidiary bodies to frame responses to the trade-related issues identified by the CTD with a view to making recommendations for action and instruct the WTO Secretariat to provide relevant information and factual analysis for discussion among Members in the CTD Dedicated Session, *inter alia*, in the areas identified in item k of paragraph 2 of the Work Programme on Small Economies, and on the identification and effects of non-tariff measures on Small Economies. We instruct the CTD in Dedicated Session to continue monitoring the progress of the SVE proposals in WTO bodies and negotiating groups with the aim of providing responses, as soon as possible, to the trade-related issues identified for the fuller integration of small, vulnerable economies in an appropriate manner in the multilateral trading system. We instruct the General Council to report on progress and action taken, together with any further recommendations as appropriate, to our next Session.
