



**Council for Trade in Goods**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS  
11 AND 12 APRIL 2019**

CHAIRPERSON: HE MR JOSE LUIS CANCELA (URUGUAY)

*Addendum*

In a communication dated Tuesday, 28 May 2019, addressed to Heads of Delegations, the Chairperson announced that the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG) would reconvene its meeting on Wednesday, 4 June 2019, to deal with Agenda Item No. 3, "Appointment of Officers to the Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods" (documents WTO/AIR/CTG/13 and G/C/W/763).

**3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS**

3.1. The Chairperson reminded delegations that, at the last CTG meeting, on 11-12 April 2019, the former Chairperson, Ambassador Stephen de Boer (Canada), had announced the suspension of Agenda Item No. 3 concerning the "Appointment of Officers to the Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods" given that, despite his best efforts, he had not been in a position to submit to Members a slate of names for their consideration. He had therefore proposed to suspend this agenda item in order to hold additional consultations on this issue, and to revert to it at the appropriate time.

3.2. The Chairperson also reminded delegations that the Guidelines for the Appointment of Officers to WTO bodies contained in document WT/L/510, adopted by the General Council on 10 December 2002, provided that the Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods would conduct consultations on the appointment of the chairpersons of its subsidiary bodies. Additionally, document JOB/GC/22, considered by the General Council on 27 July 2012, indicated that Group Coordinators should be involved in this process at an early stage. He also recalled that, on this occasion, his predecessor had proceeded in accordance with the approach adopted by the General Council during its consultation process for the appointment of chairpersons to the WTO bodies for 2019, and had met on several occasions with the Group Coordinators. He also recalled that, before the start of this reconvened meeting, he had held an informal open-ended meeting on the proposed slate of names that had been circulated to Members. At this informal meeting, his predecessor, Ambassador Stephen de Boer, had informed the Council that, following the CTG meeting of 11-12 April 2019, he had conducted three further rounds of consultations with Group Coordinators. These consultations had been carried out in a highly transparent and open manner. His predecessor had also informed the Council of the following steps that had been taken, including an informal CTG meeting on 17 May 2019, to present, in his capacity as outgoing CTG Chairperson, a slate of names based on the list of candidates received from Group Coordinators and supported by delegations that had met with him individually. The slate had reflected, to the greatest possible extent, the most balanced regional representation that could be obtained, and had been prepared following the Guidelines on the Appointment of Officers to WTO Bodies and the practical steps set out in document JOB/GC/22, in full respect of the principles of impartiality, objectivity and, in particular, rotation, and with a view to resolving the impasse in the Council's subsidiary bodies due to a lack of chairpersons to facilitate debate and discussion; his predecessor had also consulted with the former Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Services in this regard. Since a formal objection to the slate initially submitted by one Regional Group had been withdrawn, his predecessor, Ambassador de Boer, had considered that there was agreement on this slate of names.

3.3. The Chairperson therefore believed that he was in a position to propose to this Council an agreed slate of names for the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, which, as indicated by his predecessor, reflected the open manner in which the consultations had been carried out, as well as the wide diversity of the WTO Membership. Considering the different candidates that had been submitted by Group Coordinators, he also believed that the slate of names reflected, to the extent possible, the balance as provided for in the Guidelines.

3.4. The list of names of Chairpersons for the subsidiary bodies that he had prepared read as follows:

Chairpersons of CTG Subsidiary Bodies	
Market Access	Mr Fernando Bruno ESCOBAR PACHECO (Bolivia)
Agriculture	Mrs Christiane DALEIDEN DISTEFANO (Luxembourg)
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Mr Daniel ARBOLEDA (Colombia)
Technical Barriers to Trade	Mr Sung hwa JANG (Republic of Korea)
TRIMs	Ms Tiziana ZUGLIANO (Italy)
Anti-Dumping Practices	Ms Lenka ŠUSTROVÁ (Czech Republic)
Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	Ms Michèle LEGAULT DOOLEY (Canada)
Safeguards	Ms Katherine DELLAR (Australia)
Import Licensing	Ms Carol TSANG (Hong Kong, China)
Rules of Origin	Ms Uma Shankari MUNIANDY (Singapore)
Customs Valuation	Mr Baroma Winega BAMANA (Togo)
State Trading Enterprises	Dr Kristian HENK (Austria)
Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA Committee)	Mr Kazunori FUKUDA (Japan)
Committee on Trade Facilitation (TFA Committee)	HE Mr Mohammad Qurban HAQJO (Afghanistan)

3.5. He proposed that the Council agree with the nominations as indicated.

3.6. The Council so agreed.

3.7. The Chairperson recalled that, while all the other subsidiary bodies of the Council had provisions in their respective Agreement or rules of procedure requiring them to elect Chairpersons, Working Parties did not. As a result, he proposed that the Council appoint the nominated Chairperson, Dr Kristian HENK (Austria), for the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises.

3.8. The Council so agreed.

3.9. The Chairperson then observed that, on the question of Vice-Chairpersons, his understanding was that, in cases where the option existed under the Agreement or rules of procedure, it would be for the subsidiary bodies themselves to decide if they needed a Vice-Chair, and that it was for the respective Chair to hold the necessary consultations in this regard. He asked if the Council could proceed on that basis.

3.10. The Council so agreed.

3.11. The Chairperson thanked Ambassador de Boer for his efforts in preparing the slate of names, as well as all Members and Group Coordinators for their constructive spirit during the consultations

and for their assistance and cooperation. He also thanked the outgoing Chairpersons of the various subsidiary bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods for their hard work and dedication during 2018, and wished success to the incoming Chairs in fulfilling their tasks during 2019.

3.12. He also reminded delegations that the next CTG meeting would take place on Monday and Tuesday, 8 and 9 July 2019. The agenda would close on Thursday, 27 June 2019.

3.13. The meeting was closed.

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