



Council for Trade in Goods

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
21 AND 22 APRIL 2022**

CHAIRPERSON: MR ETIENNE OUDOT DE DAINVILLE

Addendum

In a communication dated 19 May 2022¹, the Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG), Mr Etienne Oudot de Dainville (France), announced that the CTG would reconvene on 23 May 2022 the meeting that had been suspended on 21 and 22 April 2022², with the purpose of addressing Agenda Item 3, "Appointment of Officers to the Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods".

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

3.1. The Chairperson recalled that, at the CTG meeting of 21 and 22 April 2022, Agenda Item 3 on the Appointment of Officers to the Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods had been suspended until further notice due to a lack of agreement on a final slate of names.

3.2. He also recalled that, at the CTG's formal meeting of 21 April 2022, his predecessor, H.E. Mr Lundeg Purevsuren (Mongolia), had reported that it had continued to be an extremely difficult process. In that regard, he had provided a detailed report on all the steps and consultations that had taken place up to that date. He had also noted that, despite his best efforts, a consensus had not yet been reached on the tentative slate of names that had been presented to Group Coordinators.

3.3. For this reason, the CTG had agreed to suspend Agenda Item 3 while the Chairperson of the General Council, Ambassador Didier Chambovey, continued the consultations on the slate of names. However, in light of his busy schedule in the run-up to MC12, Ambassador Chambovey had requested him, as Chairperson of the CTG, to continue the consultations.

3.4. Since then, the CTG's Chairperson, Mr Oudot de Dainville, had been engaging with relevant stakeholders to try to reach a mutually agreeable solution. On 19 May 2022, he had met again with Group Coordinators to discuss a possible solution. In light of positive developments at that meeting, on Friday, 20 May, he had informed all Members of the slate of names and had convened a meeting of the CTG, to begin in informal mode, on 23 May.

3.5. Therefore, on 23 May, immediately preceding the Council's resumed formal meeting, he had held an informal meeting, as required by Rule 7.3 of the Guidelines for Appointment of Officers to WTO Bodies (WT/L/510), where he had reported to Members on the process that had been followed to reach a consensus on a slate of names for the CTG's subsidiary bodies. At the Council's informal meeting, he had asked Members if they could agree to the slate of names that he had read out to them, and no objection had been raised.

¹ Document ICN/CTG/4.

² See documents WTO/AIR/CTG/21, WTO/AIR/CTG/21/Rev.1, G/C/W/806, and G/C/W/806/Rev.1.

3.6. At the Council's reconvened formal meeting, he had therefore been pleased to report that consensus on the slate of names had been reached. He had then asked if the Council could formally agree to the list of nominees that he had read out during the informal meeting, as followed:

CTG Subsidiary Body	Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture (COA)	Mr Marcel VERNOOIJ (Netherlands)
Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices (AD)	Mr Juan Carlos ESTRELLA (Ecuador)
Committee on Customs Valuation (CV)	Mr Frank RITTNER (Germany)
Committee on Import Licensing (IL)	Mr LOH Jia Jie (Singapore)
Committee on Market Access (CMA)	Mr Kenya UEHARA (Japan)
Committee on Rules of Origin (ROO)	Ms Laura GAUER (Switzerland)
Committee on Safeguards (SG)	Ms Maryam A. ALDOSERI (Bahrain, Kingdom of)
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)	Mr Tang-Kai WANG (Chinese Taipei)
Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM)	Ms Kerlene WILLS (Guyana)
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)	Mr Anwar Hussain SHAIK (India)
Committee on Trade Facilitation (TF)	H.E. (Dr) Adamu Mohammed ABDULHAMID (Nigeria)
Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs)	Ms Débora PONCE DE GÜNTHER (Guatemala)
Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA)	Mr Hazrul Imran AZAHAR (Malaysia)
Working Party on State Trading Enterprises (STEs)	Mr Agustín NAVARRO DE VICENTE-GELLA (Spain)

3.7. The representative of the Russian Federation indicated the following:

3.8. Russia is disappointed by the persistently low level of transparency of the selection process of officers for the subsidiary bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods. Moreover, Russia underlines that the tradition of being impartial, and objective, must be the main element in a Chairperson's role in the WTO. Russia is not in a position to object to the consensus on the slate of names this time. However, in the next election cycle, Russia reserves the right to consider more closely the ability of respective delegations and its nominees to observe the basic rule of the impartiality and objectivity of chairpersons, as well as their ability to ensure inclusivity in the decision-making and consultative process.

3.9. The Chairperson took note of the statement and indicated that he would transmit it to the Chairperson of the General Council so that it could be taken into account when beginning the process for the appointment of chairpersons of WTO bodies for the following year, 2023.

3.10. The Chairperson thanked delegations for their collaboration and for showing flexibility so that the Council could adopt the slate of names. He further recalled that the purpose of the exercise was to ensure that the Organization continued to be able to handle its business in a smooth and seamless way, which was particularly important in the current situation and ahead of MC12.

3.11. He reported that consensus on the slate of names had been reached and proposed that the Council agree with the nominations as indicated.

3.12. The Council so agreed.

3.13. The Chairperson also recalled that, while all other subsidiary bodies of the Council had provisions in their respective agreements or rules of procedure prescribing the election of the chairperson, the working groups did not. Therefore, he suggested that, in the case of the Working Group on State Trading Enterprises, the Council appoint the nominee, Mr Agustín Navarro de Vicente-Gella (Spain), as Chairperson.

3.14. The Council so agreed.

3.15. The Chairperson indicated that he would report to the Chairperson of the General Council on the outcome of the consultations, the adoption of the slate of names, and that day's meeting.

3.16. The meeting was closed.
