



WTO STRUCTURED DISCUSSIONS ON INVESTMENT FACILITATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

NEGOTIATING MEETING OF 12 AND 13 JULY 2021

ANNOTATED AGENDA BY THE COORDINATOR

As indicated in the Convening Notice circulated to all WTO Members on 5 July 2021, the main objectives of this open-ended negotiating meeting are to:

- i. Hear the reports of the facilitators of the Small/Discussion Groups, respectively on 'Scope' and 'Facilitation of the Entry and Temporary Stay of Business Persons for Investment Purposes' (Movement of Business Persons – MBP);
- ii. Discuss provision 35 on 'Dispute Settlement' contained in Section VII ('Institutional Arrangements and Final Provisions') of the Easter Text;¹
- iii. Discuss the 'Preamble' and provision 1 on 'Objectives' contained in Section I ('Scope and General Principles') of the Easter Text;
- iv. Review the provisions in the 'text box' under title 31 'Measures against corruption' contained in Section VI ('Sustainable investment') of the Easter Text;
- v. Discuss provision 36 on 'Final Provisions' of the Easter Text; and
- vi. Conduct a stocktaking exercise to assess the progress achieved thus far and plan ahead for the second half of the year up to MC12.

In keeping with the Joint Initiative's open, transparent, and inclusive nature, all WTO Members are invited to attend and participate in this open-ended negotiating meeting.

1 REPORTS BY SMALL/DISCUSSION GROUPS

The facilitators of the Small/Discussion groups, respectively on 'Scope' and 'Facilitation of the Entry and Temporary Stay of Business Persons for Investment Purposes' (Movement of Business Persons - MBP), will be invited to update the plenary on their ongoing work and envisaged next steps.

2 DISCUSSION OF PROVISION 35 ON 'DISPUTE SETTLEMENT'

Members will discuss provision 35 on 'Dispute settlement', based on the 'text in black' and text proposals contained under this provision in Section VII ('Institutional arrangements and final provisions') of the Easter Text.

3 DISCUSSION OF THE 'PREAMBLE' AND PROVISION 1 ON 'OBJECTIVES'

Members will discuss the 'Preamble', based on the text proposals contained in the 'text box' on page 4-5 of the Easter Text, as well as provision 1 on 'Objectives', based on the text proposals contained in the 'text box' under Section I ('Scope and General Principles') of the Easter Text.

¹ Consolidated Document by the Coordinator ('Easter Text'), document INF/IFD/RD/74 of 12 April 2021.

4 DISCUSSION OF PROVISION 31 ON 'MEASURES AGAINST CORRUPTION'

Under this agenda item, Members will have the opportunity to review the proposals contained in the 'text box' under provision 31 on 'Measures against corruption' in Section VI ('Sustainable investment') of the Easter Text. In particular, Members will have an opportunity to update the plenary on their text proposals and latest outreach consultations.

5 DISCUSSION OF PROVISION 36 ON 'FINAL PROVISIONS'

Members will discuss provision 36 on 'Final provisions', based on the text proposals contained in the 'text box' under Section VII ('Institutional arrangements and final provisions') of the Easter Text.

6 STOCKTAKING OF WORK OVER THE PERIOD JANUARY-JUNE 2021 AND NEXT STEPS

As I announced at the last meeting and following my informal bilateral consultations, to which all Members have been invited – a stocktaking session will be conducted in the **afternoon of 13 July, starting at 3:00 p.m.**

WTO Director-General Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala will deliver a short opening address to start the stocktaking session at 3:00 p.m. Thereafter, I will debrief delegations on the main outcomes of my informal bilateral consultations with interested delegations² – following which Members will be invited to: (i) **take stock of the progress made so far this year;** and (ii) **plan for the work ahead, for the second half of the year, up to MC12.** Delegations are kindly reminded that the schedule of meetings they endorsed at the end of April (in document INF/IFD/W/29/Rev.2) already includes the meeting dates until end November 2021, in the run-up to MC12.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

² Prior to the meeting, the Coordinator conducted informal bilateral consultations with interested delegation (upon their requests) at the beginning of July 2021. Please refer to the email '*Informal Bilateral Consultations by the Coordinator*' sent to all Members on 29 June 2021 for more detailed information.