

DOHA WORK PROGRAMME

Timelines for 2006

The present paper provides participants with a summary of the key dates and deadlines set out in the Ministerial Declaration adopted in Hong Kong (WT/MIN(05)/DEC), which are indicated in bold text. In each case, a reference is provided to the relevant paragraph in the Ministerial Declaration. For some issues, complementary information has been added with the aim of assisting participants to plan their work – this is indicated in italics.

This paper does not in any way reinterpret or modify the decisions taken by Ministers at Hong Kong and is without prejudice to the positions of participants on any issue under the Doha Development Agenda.

Negotiations launched at Doha

- **Conclude negotiations successfully in 2006. (Paragraph 1)**

Agriculture negotiations

- **Establish modalities no later than 30 April 2006. (Paragraph 10)**
- **Complete disciplines on export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes, exporting state trading enterprises and food aid by 30 April 2006 as part of modalities. (Paragraph 6)**
- **Date (2013) for elimination of all forms of export subsidies, together with agreed progressivity and parallelism, to be confirmed only upon completion of modalities. (Paragraph 6)**
- **Submit comprehensive draft Schedules based on modalities no later than 31 July 2006. (Paragraph 10)**

Cotton

- **All forms of export subsidies for cotton to be eliminated by developed countries in 2006. (Paragraph 11)**
- **Director-General to furnish updates on development assistance aspects, at appropriate intervals, to General Council. (Paragraph 12)**

May/July: DG to report to the General Council.

NAMA negotiations

- **Establish modalities no later than 30 April 2006. (Paragraph 23)**
- **Submit comprehensive draft Schedules based on modalities no later than 31 July 2006. (Paragraph 23)**

May: seminar on preference erosion related problems (agriculture + NAMA).

Services negotiations

- **Any outstanding initial offers shall be submitted as soon as possible. (Annex C, paragraph 11(a))**
- **Submission of plurilateral requests by Groups of Members by 28 February 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter. (Annex C, paragraph 11(b))**
- **Members to strive to complete requirements in 9(a) (develop appropriate mechanisms for according special priority including to sectors and modes of supply of interest to LDCs) before (31 July 2006). (Annex C, paragraph 11(e))**
- **Second round of revised offers to be submitted by 31 July 2006. (Annex C, paragraph 11(c))**
- **Final draft schedules of commitments shall be submitted by 31 October 2006. (Annex C, paragraph 11 (d))**

Trade Facilitation negotiations

- **Members to be mindful of overall deadline for finishing negotiations and resulting need to move into focussed drafting mode early enough after Sixth Ministerial Conference so as to allow for timely conclusion of text-based negotiations on all aspects of mandate. (Annex E, paragraph 4)**

February: submission and discussion of proposals on all three pillars (Articles, Special & Differential Treatment and Technical Assistance & Capacity Building).

July: first full draft, report to the TNC.

DSU negotiations

- **Special Session to continue to work towards rapid conclusion of negotiations. (Paragraph 34)**

March/April: revised contributions on specific issue.

July: presentation of Chairman's draft working document.

Environment negotiations

- **Members to intensify the negotiations, without prejudging their outcome, on all parts of paragraph 31 to fulfil the mandate. (Paragraph 30)**

September: with regard to sub-paragraphs 31 (i) and (ii) begin negotiations based on drafts.

- **Members to complete work expeditiously under paragraph 31 (iii). (Paragraph 32)**

April: clarification of parameters to fulfil the mandate in this area.

TRIPS negotiations

- **Intensify negotiations in order to complete them within the overall time-frame for the conclusion of the negotiations (in 2006). (Paragraph 29)**

July: working document to be tabled.

Rules negotiations

Antidumping Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, including Fisheries Subsidies

- **Participants promptly to undertake further detailed work on disciplines on subsidies in fisheries sector. (Annex D, section I, paragraph 9)**

March: proposals in the form of detailed legal drafting.

- **Group to complete process of analysing proposals by participants as soon as possible. (Annex D, section I, paragraph 10, AD/SCM)**

April: tabling of remaining proposals on AD/SCM including fisheries subsidies.

June: analysis of all proposals to be completed.

- **Chairman to prepare, early enough to assure timely outcome within context of 2006 end date for DDA, consolidated texts of AD and SCM Agreements that shall be the basis for final stage of negotiations. (Annex D, section I, paragraph 11)**

July: target date for the submission of consolidated texts by the Chairman.

Regional Trade Agreements

- **Negotiating Group to intensify efforts to resolve outstanding issues, with a view to provisional decision on RTA transparency by 30 April 2006. (Annex D, section II, paragraph 2)**

January: Chairman's working document (circulated).

- **Negotiating Group to intensify negotiations, based on text proposals as soon as possible, so as to arrive at appropriate outcomes by end 2006. (Annex D, section II, paragraph 3)**

January: Chairman's working document (circulated).

Small Economies

- **Committee on Trade and Development to continue work in Dedicated Session and to monitor progress of small economies' proposals in negotiating and other bodies, with**

aim of providing responses to trade-related issues of small economies as soon as possible but no later than 31 December 2006. (Paragraph 41)

July: deadline for addressing proposals.

April-December: monitoring progress on topics of interest to small economies in other areas of negotiations, in particular Agriculture and NAMA, with aim of providing responses to trade-related issues of small economies.

S&D

- **Members to notify implementation of schemes adopted under decision every year to Committee on Trade and Development. (Annex F – 36, Decision on Measures in Favour of Least-Developed Countries)**

by September: developed-country Members to notify the means by which they will implement the decision.

by December: developing-country Members declaring themselves in a position to do so to notify the means by which they will implement the decision.

- **CTD to conduct a review on an annual basis of all steps taken by Members to provide duty-free and quota free market access for all products originating from LDCs. (Annex F – 36, Decision on Measures in Favour of Least-Developed Countries)**

November: CTD to conduct first review.

- **Committee on Trade and Development in Special Session to expeditiously complete review of all outstanding Agreement-specific proposals and report to General Council, with clear recommendations for decision, by December 2006. (Paragraph 36)**

May, July, October: General Council meetings.

- **WTO bodies and negotiating groups to which Category II proposals referred to expeditiously complete consideration of proposals and report periodically to General Council, with objective of ensuring that clear recommendations for decision are made no later than December 2006. (Paragraph 37)**

May, July, October: General Council meetings.

- **Special Session to report on all other outstanding issues on regular basis to General Council. (Paragraph 38)**

May, July, October: General Council meetings.

Implementation

- **Director-General to report to each regular meeting of TNC and General Council; Council to review progress and take any appropriate action no later than 31 July 2006. (Paragraph 39)**

February-June: DG to report to TNC and General Council (notably on GIs and TRIPS/CBD).

Integrated Framework

- **Task Force to provide recommendations to IFSC by April 2006. (Paragraph 49)**
- **Enhanced IF to enter into force no later than 31 December 2006. (Paragraph 49)**

July: report by Director General to the General Council.

Aid for Trade

- **Director-General to create Task Force; Task Force to provide recommendations to General Council by July 2006. (Paragraph 57)**

February: setting up of Task Force.

- **DG to hold consultations and report to General Council on appropriate mechanisms to increase financial resources for Aid for Trade. (Paragraph 57)**

March, May: Director General to consult with Members and Agencies.

July: General Council – discuss Task Force recommendations.

September/October: Annual Meetings of the IMF/World Bank (Washington) – Trade-Finance-Development Ministers discussion of Aid-for-Trade package for DDA.

December: Aid-for-Trade programme and enhanced IF become operational.
