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Workshop on Post-Doha Trade and Environment Issues

*Held back-to-back with the WTO Regional Seminar on Trade and
Environment for Asian and Pacific Economies
New World Renaissance Hotel, Manila, The Philippines, 16-17 June 2005*

Agenda

Thursday, 16 June 2005

- 15:00 – 15:15 **Opening**
Mr. Asad NAQVI, UNEP
Mr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD
- Session I: Reduction of tariffs and elimination of non-tariff barriers for environmental goods and services**
- 15:15 – 15:45 Environmental goods of particular export and developmental interest to developing countries
Mr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD
- 15:45 – 16:15 Conceptual approaches on identifying environmental goods and services
Mr. Sanjay KUMAR, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
- 16:15 – 16:45 Overview of discussions at the recent Philippine national workshop on environmental goods
Mr. Romulo T. AGGANGAN, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development
- 16:45 – 17:00 *Coffee break*
- 17:00 – 18:00 Discussion

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Session II: Integrated Assessment

9:00 – 9:30 The role of assessment in ensuring mutually supportive trade and environment policies
Mr. Benjamin SIMMONS, UNEP

9:30 – 10:00 Experience with assessment in Asia and the Pacific
Mr. Asad NAQVI, UNEP

10:00 – 10:45 Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

Session III: The effect of environmental measures on market access

11:00 – 11:30 Findings of recent country-case studies in Asia on leather/footwear, horticultural products, and electrical and electronic goods
Mr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD

11:30 – 12:00 Presentation on the horticultural sector
Mr. Christie ROBERTS, QA Plus, Malaysia
Mr. Roberto C. AMORES, President, HILAS Marketing Corporation, Philippines

12:00 – 12:45 Discussion

12:45 – 13:30 **Summary of the workshop and discussion of follow-up activities**

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Workshop on, Post-Doha Trade and Environment Issues, held back-to-back with the WTO Regional Seminar on Trade and Environment for Asian, and Pacific Economies

Objective:

The workshop discussed three topics that are of particular importance in the current WTO negotiations and discussions. This concerns: (i) the liberalization in environmental goods and services trade; (ii) integrated assessment of trade liberalization; and (iii) environmental requirements and market access for developing countries.

Major issues covered:

- The discussion on environmental goods and services discussed at some length a draft CBTF briefing paper that identifies environmental goods of particular export interest to developing countries. There was also some debate on the merits and demerits of the recently tabled Indian proposal on a project-based approach to the liberalization process.
- On integrated assessment, participants were briefed on the concept and procedure. They then discussed their application for the example of liberalization of rice trade in China, Indonesia and Viet Nam.
- As regards environmental requirements and market access, the meeting focused on the case of horticultural exports. This involved a more in-depth discussion of problems with meeting maximum residue levels for pesticides in the case of mangoes and the particular challenges arising for exporting developing countries in the context of the new EurepGAP standard.

Participants:

The workshops was attended by some 60 trade and environment officials, who had attended the WTO regional seminar, plus some 15 participants from government institutions, NGOs and the private sector in the Philippines.

Feedback:

Participants appreciated the illustrative nature of the discussion that well supplemented the debate at the WTO regional seminar. UNEP and UNCTAD were encouraged to continue with the back-to-back workshop in the present format. CBTF was also ask to step up its capacity-building support to interested developing countries in the current WTO negotiations on environmental goods and services liberalization.