

G8 Trade Declaration

We stress the need for achieving an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive agreement on the Doha Development Agenda (DDA), which will enhance worldwide trade especially among and between developed and developing countries and reinforce multilateral trade rules. We take note of the Ministerial Communiqué of the G-6 Trade Ministers of 12 April 2007 underlining their belief that by intensifying their work convergence can be reached and thus contribute to concluding the Round by the end of 2007.

In this spirit, we pledge to work with a high level of ambition in all areas of the DDA and call on all WTO members to demonstrate constructive flexibility to bring these negotiations to a prompt successful conclusion. The time has come to translate the continued commitment on political level into tangible results.

Therefore we urge Ministers in charge of trade, in particular from leading developed countries and major emerging economies, to provide in the coming weeks a solid platform for a multilateral negotiation leading to an agreement on modalities. In this respect, we expect negotiators to make all necessary efforts in the various negotiating groups in Geneva to achieve a breakthrough in time. We also underscore the need for close cooperation with the WTO Director General, the Chairs of the negotiating groups and amongst the entire WTO membership.

We remain fully committed to the development dimension of the DDA, promoting progressive trade liberalisation, helping developing countries to better integrate into the multilateral trading system and providing support to the poorest countries in order to enable them to benefit from the significant opportunities of globalisation. In this spirit, we wish to underline the crucial role of Aid for Trade, the enhanced Integrated Framework, the role of trade related capacity building overall and the fundamental importance of increased and more effective funding. Building up on the G8 Summits in Gleneagles and St. Petersburg and the recommendations of the WTO task force on Aid for Trade we urge all donors to improve quality and quantity of the means available by 2010 and encourage partner countries to include the Aft agenda in their poverty reduction and national development strategies.