



Doha Round

Conclude Doha Round
of trade negotiations

Commitment

In the Millennium Declaration (2000), UN Member States pledged to establish an "open, equitable, rule-based, predictable and non-discriminatory multilateral trading and financial system". The Doha Round of trade talks was launched in 2001 largely to fulfil this goal, and WTO members aim for completion in 2011.

Stalemate;
possibility of "early
harvest" discussed

The Doha Round is not concluded and serious gaps in positions remain. WTO

- Recommendations
- Intensify efforts to conclude a balanced, comprehensive, ambitious and development-oriented Doha Round.
 - Remove trade-restrictive measures adopted during economic crisis and refrain from introducing new ones.
 - Accelerate delivery on the commitment to eliminate all forms of agricultural export subsidies by 2013.
 - Strengthen support through the Aid for Trade initiative and align actions with national development strategies.

Duty-free access for LDC exports

97 per cent
(of tariff lines)

Commitment

of LDC exports should benefit from duty-free and quota-free (DFQF) access to developed country markets, by recommendation of the 2005 WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration.

80 per cent
(by value)

Result (in 2009)

of developed country imports from LDCs, excluding arms and oil, admitted free of duty.

Recommendation

- Ensure full implementation of DFQF market access for all LDC exports, with simple, transparent and predictable rules of origin, by no later than end of 2011.

Debt Sustainability

Debt problems of all
developing countries

Commitment

should be dealt with comprehensively through national and international measures in order to make debt sustainable in the long term.

36 of 40
"eligible" countries

Result (in 2011)

have reached the **Heavily Indebted Poor Country** (HIPC) Initiative "decision point" and are receiving debt relief, which has reduced their debt by over 80 per cent.

32 of the 36
countries

have reached their "completion point", receiving additional debt relief through the **Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative** (MDRI).

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have not yet reached "decision" point.
have not reached "completion" point.
are at high risk of or in debt distress.
(out of 67 countries for which information is available).

Recommendations

- Complete the HIPC and MDRI initiatives.
- Consider extension of the HIPC initiative to all low-income countries in debt distress.
- Ensure that all debt relief is additional to ODA.
- Convoke inter-agency working groups to address pressing debt distress situations and elaborate a comprehensive international framework for orderly sovereign debt workouts.

Access to new technologies

Commitment

Make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications technologies.

Results – Telephony (in 2010)

100 per cent-plus
68 per cent

of population in developed countries with mobile cellular subscriptions.
of population in developed countcellular subscgbscriptions.

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72 per cent
21 per cent

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Recommendation

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