

governance issues, including the G7/8 conference to be hosted by Canada at Kananaskis in mid-2002. The main part of the paper then focuses on the major themes that were addressed at the conference and that will be dealt with in the multilateral round of trade negotiations launched at Doha, as well as in the upcoming summits and Ministerial meetings.

What Happened at Qatar?

There was much background activity before and during the intensive four days of meetings in Doha—theatre some might say—in the effort to make and characterize the deals that would permit a consensus to be forged: many meetings, much travel and a great deal of political will by all ministers involved. How was the deal forged and what is the nature of the expanded negotiations (outlined in the box below) set in motion at Doha?

The major elements of the Doha Round in brief

General: embedding development issues at the heart of WTO negotiations, including implementation issues, technical assistance and capacity building.

Non-agricultural products: improved market access, with agreement on modalities on tariffs and non-tariff measures (to the extent possible) targeted for end-March 2003.

Agriculture: modalities for further commitments on the three pillars of the Agreement on Agriculture (domestic support, disciplines on export subsidies, and market access) to be established by end-March, 2003.

Services: a firm timetable has been set for services negotiations with tabling of initial requests by end-June, 2002, and initial offers by end-March, 2003.

Trade-Related Intellectual Property: over and above the political declaration on TRIPS and public health, negotiations will be held on a limited number of technical issues (in particular on a wines and spirits registry).

Rules negotiations: negotiations are to address disciplines on subsidies, antidumping and countervailing duties, as well as regional trade agreements.

Systemic issues: improvements to the dispute settlement system, and consideration of the interaction between the WTO and the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).