

Trade and the Environment: The Trade and Environment Committee (CTE) was asked to pursue all ten items on its current work program, but to pay particular attention to:

- How environmental measures effect market access, especially for developing countries;
- Incorporation of environment and development into trade policy to generate “win-win-win” situations: i.e., where eliminating or reducing trade restrictions benefits environmental and developmental outcomes;
- Intellectual property; and
- Environmental labeling requirements.

The single highest profile trade and environment issue is the consistency of WTO rules with multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). Approximately 20 out of the 200 extant environmental agreements have trade specific provisions. Although there have been, thus far, no challenges to trade measures taken in conformity with an environmental agreement, negotiations are to examine and clarify the relationship between existing WTO rules and specific trade measures set out in relevant MEAs.

Negotiations are also to reduce or eliminate tariff and non-tariff barriers on environmental goods and services. As well, similarly to the Subsidies negotiations, negotiations are to clarify the link between fisheries subsidies and the environmental impact on fish stocks.

- Committee Reports to Ministers: 5th Ministerial Conference, 2003 (in Mexico)
- Stock taking: 5th Ministerial Conference, 2003 (in Mexico)
- Negotiations deadline: January 1st, 2005, part of single undertaking.