Annex: The Emerging Trade Agenda

Notwithstanding the successful completion of the Uruguay Round and various sub-regional arrangements in the region and elsewhere, there is a need to address the shape of the new international trade agenda. The Uruguay Round, the CER, the CISFTA, NAFTA and AFTA are significant way – stations towards a more integrated world economy. They are not final defining points of what is possible or necessary in a world and a regional economy that is increasingly globalized.

An indicative agenda arising from some or all of the factors noted above could include:

- Further rule-making and liberalization commitments in services, agriculture and government procurement
- Trade and the environment
- Trade and competition policy
- Trade and investment
- Trade and technology
- Trade, employment and labor standards
- Trade and exchange rate policy
- Trade and taxation
- Regionalism
- Integrating developing and transition economies
- Reducing the gap between LLDCs and the others
- Further reduction/elimination of tariffs, including the erosion of preferences