BOOK LAUNCH AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION

"Reflections from the Frontline: Developing Country Negotiators in the WTO"

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Welcome by Ramamurti Badrinath, Director, CUTS International Geneva

Introduction by Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary-General, CUTS International

Launch & Presentation of the Book by Harsha V. Singh, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)

Remarks by Ministers

Dr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa

Muhammad Faruk Khan, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh (tbc)

Thanks & Conclusion by Dr. Matthes Buhbe, Director, FES Geneva Office

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This book gives a substantive account of the evolution of the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations and the role of developing country coalitions and alliances. The reflections are those of former and current developing country negotiators on their firsthand experience of WTO negotiations.

The sixteen chapters included in the publication provide a rich resume of increasing and more effective developing country participation in the WTO. Authors have brought to fore the twists and turns of the decade long Doha Round, often based on their own experience and perspectives. Such intimate insights are rarely found in the existing literature on the WTO negotiations. Authors have also offered suggestions to unlock the stalemate in the DDA and reach a balanced and development-friendly conclusion.

The book will be a valuable source for all developing country negotiators, their counterparts from the developed countries, academics and students, and all those who are interested in the history and future of the multilateral trading system, particularly from the perspective of developing countries.

ABOUT CUTS INTERNATIONAL, GENEVA

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