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IS MULTILATERALISM IN CRISIS?

The Multilateral Trading System in the 21st Century:
Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy

Organizer: CUTS International, Geneva

Date: September 24, 2012
Time: 1615-1815
Venue: Meeting Room CR

DRAFT AGENDA

1615-1625 Welcome Address

Pradeep S Mehta, SG, CUTS International

1625-1645 Interface between trade and competition policies

• Types of trade and competition related distortions in markets

Panellists:

H.E. Ambassador Wayne McCook, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica*

Robert Anderson, Counsellor, WTO

Eduardo Perez Motta, Chairman, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico and Chair of International Competition Network

1645-1730 Case for Multilateralisation and Challenges
• How effective would a multilateralisation of rules be in addressing cross-border externalities of the distortive policies?

• Given the growing number of national competition regimes in the world, would such rules be better received by countries?

• What kind of challenges would countries face in implementing such rules?

• What is the appropriate forum for negotiating/hosting such an agreement?

Panellists:

**H.E. Tim Yeend**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia

**H.E. Yoichi Otabe**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Japan

**Carlos Braga**, Director, Evian Group

*1730-1800*  
*Floor Discussion*

*1800-1815*  
*Concluding Remarks*

*TBC*