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Update on the WTO Doha Development Agenda negotiations in agriculture



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Update on the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations in the agricultural area

- 1. Where do we come from?
Situation of DDA negotiations before summer**
- 2. Failure to agree a post-Bali Work Programme**
- 3. Run up to the WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi**
- 4. EU guiding principles**
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1. Where do we come from ? The situation before summer break

Mandate: 9th WTO Ministerial Conference of 2013 mandated a "Work Programme" by end 2014, postponed to July 2015

Geneva 2014/2015: Intensive work to define a recalibrated approach

EU supported a comprehensive, recalibrated, balanced outcome

2. The failure of the post Bali Work Programme

No agreement on a Work Programme in July 2015

Strong divergences among WTO Members on:

- Domestic Support (notably USA and China)
- Market Access (high expectations from emerging countries)

Major disappointment as Work Programme was supposed to lead to conclusion of DDA in Nairobi

No further progress in September 2015

→ Much uncertainty as to what can be achieved in Nairobi

3. Run up to Nairobi

No possible comprehensive DDA outcome in Nairobi

Persistence of strong divergences and different expectations

No possible conclusion on controversial issues in Nairobi
(e.g. Domestic Support, Market Access, Geographical
Indications)

3. Run up to Nairobi

Scenario of a "small package" is taking shape

Most likely candidates for deliverables:

- Development issues
- Transparency rules
- Export Competition
- Specific agreements (e.g. Environmental Goods Agreement. Information Technology Agreement)

Precise contours of Nairobi package to be discussed

Linkage between Nairobi package and post-Nairobi

4. EU guiding principles

EU disappointed by failure of comprehensive outcome...
... but will do its utmost to contribute to a successful Ministerial Conference in Nairobi

EU in favour of strong development dimension benefitting Least Developed Countries

EU looks for a balanced outcome in terms of interest and contributions

Any outcome on Export Competition should cover all 4 elements: Export subsidies, Export credit, Food Aid, State Trading Enterprises.

5. Next steps

Define precise content of Nairobi package

Agree on a road map for remaining issues after Nairobi

For the moment, diverging views on post Nairobi agenda:

- Some want to end talks based on DDA mandate
- Others in favour of a clear decision to pursue DDA
- EU open to discussions on remaining DDA issues (e.g. Domestic support) but need to review approach

Thank you for your attention