

Onward from Bali

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Stemming from “Bali Package”

- * Implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)
- * Implementation of the Food Security decision- negotiations in the COA on a Permanent Solution
- * Implementation of the decisions on Export Competition, LDC issues

Implementation of TFA

- * Legal Scrubbing of the text (“review for rectifications of a purely formal nature”)
- * Adoption of a Protocol by 31 July 2014 to insert TFA into Annex 1A of the Marrakesh Agreement
- * Notifications to be received from Members about their Category A commitments and to annex to TFA no later than 31 July 2014-
Issues: Should there be a uniform format for scheduling? What textual language should qualify for inclusion in schedule?
- * To open the Protocol for acceptance by Members until 31 July 2015

Post Bali Work

- * Trade Negotiations Committee to prepare by Dec 2014 a clearly defined work program on the remaining Doha issues
- * Issues in the Bali package where legally binding outcomes could not be achieved, to be prioritised
- * Work Program to be developed in a way consistent with the guidance provided in Geneva Ministerial 2011- further partial harvests?

Work Programme for completion of the DDA

- * **Main emphasis will be on Market Access** in Environmental Goods, NAMA, Agriculture and Services
- * US strongly wants a dialogue on **Graduation of Emerging Countries**- reworking of mandate
- * Ambition level of the US (for other countries), which has been the main stumbling block since 2008, again likely to pose a problem

AGRICULTURE

- * The US and Australia are likely to pitch for greater market access- Special Products and SSM may be sought to be reopened as a diversionary tactic
- * The Developed Countries (the US, the EU, G10) are likely to avoid any serious engagement on reducing Domestic Support or restraining Export Competition- Final shape of US Farm Bill will be a clear pointer
- * Likely scenario- very little progress on any issue in Ag. till Dec 2015

NAMA

- * US claims that the formula and flexibility approach will not work- wants request offer approach
- * What do we do of the July Framework and Hong Kong decisions- Swiss Formula and para 8 flexibilities?
- * Does the request offer approach substitute only for the Sectoral Initiative and the EU still gets its Swiss Formula?

SERVICES

- * The US and other developed countries will try to emphasise incremental outcomes in market access in Financial Services, Telecom, Courier, Retail, Professional Services etc.
- * Main emphasis will be on Mode 3- Commercial Presence
- * May try to harvest autonomous liberalisation through Standstill Commitments
- * Mode 4 and Domestic Regulations will not receive any attention

Possible Scenario

- * An attempt would be made to **break conclusively the concept of the Single Undertaking** and **cherry pick** items of interest to the developed countries
- * Still not clear whether there would be an attempt to bring in “New Issues” like Competition, Investment, Energy, Labour and Environment



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