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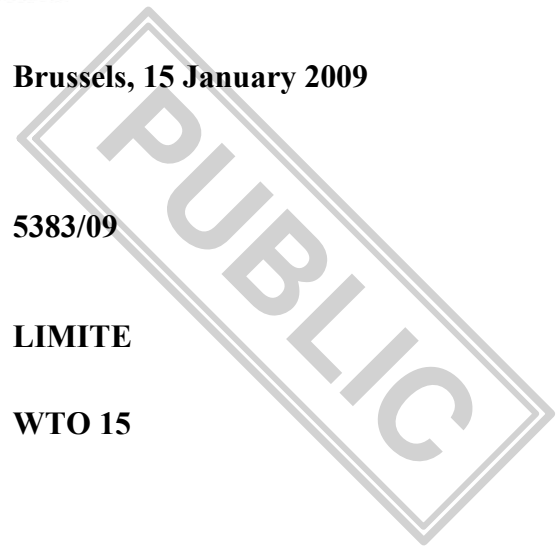
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1. Presentation of the priorities of the Czech Presidency - trade policy area

The Presidency summarised its trade priorities, mentioning in particular, apart from the DDA, bilateral relations and negotiations, with 8 Summits under preparation, the Market Access Strategy and ACTA.

2. WTO issues

2.1 WTO issues DDA: state of play

The Commission informed the 133 Committee on the state of play in the DDA. The new texts on Rules would be discussed by the Working Party on Trade Questions on 14 January 2009.

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A technical meeting on NAMA would be organised in January and a global economic assessment would be submitted.

The Presidency concluded that the Committee supports the Commission's effort in achieving an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive result of DDA negotiations in all areas of negotiations.

2.2 WTO issues – Art. XXVIII: Import regime for husked rice

The Commission presented to the 133 Committee the draft Recommendation (m.d. 1/09). Member States had a first opportunity to express their positions regarding this issue, **DELETED**

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2.3 WTO accession: Montenegro

The Committee discussed and endorsed the Presidency proposal for a Council Decision regarding Montenegro's accession to the WTO (m.d. 3/09). The Presidency asked Member States having entered reservations to lift them in due time. The issue would be sent as an "I/A" point to Coreper (meeting on 22 January 2009) and subsequently to Council (meeting on 26 January 2009).

3. GSP + : Information on the beneficiary list

The Committee took note of the information from the Commission and had a first discussion on the matter, in particular on the list of countries eligible. A more detailed discussion would be held at the GSP Working Party (meeting on 14 January 2009).

4. ACTA: debriefing of the 4th round of negotiations

The Committee was debriefed by the Commission and Presidency on the 4th round of the negotiations. **DELETED**.

The issue will be discussed in the relevant working groups:

- criminal enforcement will be dealt with by JHA Counsellors by the end of January,
- civil enforcement and internet will be discussed in detail by the Working Party on Intellectual Property (meeting on 19 January 2009),
- border measures are on the agenda of the Customs Union Working Party (meeting on 21 January 2009).

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5. Market Access Strategy: Commission on the external dimension of the Lisbon strategy: Reporting on Market Access and setting the framework for more effective international regulatory cooperation

The Committee took note of the Commission's communication (m.d. 683/08). Several Member States asked for more precision on a number of issues.

The Presidency concluded that the Committee had endorsed the „way forward“ proposed in the Commission's Communication. The Committee would revert to the issue.

6. EU-Korea FTA, debriefing

The Commission informed the Committee about the last contacts between the Koreans and the Commission in Vienna and about the next steps, in particular the Ministerial talks to be held on 19 and 20 January in Seoul. **DELETED**(m.ds. 671/08, 675/08, 691/08 and 5/09) **DELETED**.

The Presidency concluded that the Committee had expressed its support for a successful outcome of the negotiations. The issue would be discussed in detail by the 133 Committee (Full Members) at its meeting on 23 January 2009. Furthermore, technical meetings would be organized by the Commission.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Ukraine - agricultural anti-crisis measures

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The Committee was informed of an Ukrainian Bill which would strike all imports and which would increase tariffs to levels before the WTO accession of the country. This Bill would have to be signed by the President in order to enter into force. Should this happen, Ukraine would have to notify the WTO and the issue would have to be dealt with by the WTO.

The Commission was carefully and closely monitoring the situation and had taken steps with the Ukrainian authorities (m.d. 685/08).