

Special High-level Meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Talking Points: Effective use of trade to fight poverty “realizing the Doha development agenda”

1. Fundamental human rights and human dignity must be the basis upon which all trading practices are negotiated and implemented.
2. Trade agreements should be based on a “development agenda” as agreed in the Monterrey Consensus: i.e. must further the economic growth of poor countries and poor people.
3. Trade negotiations must be transparent, and provide equal voice for all parties at the decision making table.
4. No trade agreement shall undermine national jurisdiction over natural resources, food security, foreign investments, labor, environment and regulatory standards.
5. All trade negotiations must include representatives of traditionally marginalized groups, giving significant consideration to the perspectives of women.
6. Agricultural subsidies offered by developed countries need to be eliminated, when negotiating with developing countries. Protectionism, in the form of subsidies, causes undue harm and suffering to developing countries.

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