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CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ROLE OF MARKETS AND TRADE: LEVERAGING CO-BENEFITS

High-level meeting with
three international trade institutions

Speakers:

Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, ITC

Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Mr. Karl Brauner, Deputy Director General, WTO

Mr. Tim Groser, Minister of Trade and Climate Change, New Zealand

Mr. Mahama Ayariga, Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana

Ms. Siti Nurbaya Bakar, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia

Mr. Luis Enrique Berrizbeitia, Executive Vice President, the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

Ms. Margarita Astralaga, Director of the Environment and Climate Division (IFAD)

Mr. Henry Neufeldt, Head of the Climate Change Unit at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)

Moderator: **Mr. Franz Perrez**, Ambassador, Chief Negotiator Climate Change, Switzerland

About the event:

The event brings together the three international trade institutions – UNCTAD, WTO and ITC – and their United Nations and non-United Nations partners. The development agenda is an increasingly important component of climate change policies as recognized by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change under the term ‘complementary benefits’.

Trade, along with finance and technology, has an important role to play in leveraging the various complementary benefits. At the same time, climate policies can and do influence trade among countries, promoting more sustainable emission patterns and greater resilience for enterprises, in particular for small businesses.

As COP21 concludes, trade-related issues will certainly find their way on to the agenda of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation, which works on cross-cutting issues. The international trade institutions can certainly contribute to and benefit from this work.

