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Til underretning for Folketingets Europaudvalg vedlægges konklusioner fra  
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oktober 2004 vedrørende WTO-forhandlingerne i Doha-runden.

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## **External Trade - Doha Development Agenda - Council Conclusions**

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"1. The Council considers that the approach to the DDA based on a broad agenda including ambitious trade opening, strengthened trade rules and a specific focus on the needs and interests of developing countries in order to promote their integration into the world trading system remains at the heart of the EU position in the ongoing negotiations.

2. The Council agrees that the negotiating framework adopted by the General Council of the WTO constitutes a good basis for the next stage of the DDA negotiations. The Council underlines that the negotiating framework advances only part of the DDA-negotiations and that all elements of the DDA negotiations must be brought to the same level of ambition and specificity. It is therefore necessary to intensify the work on several issues, in particular those not, or only partly, addressed in substance in this framework.

3. The Council reconfirms the importance of achieving a balanced outcome of the Doha Round and in this respect stresses the principle of the single undertaking as reconfirmed in the framework agreement.

4. At the same time and in all areas, EU offensive as well as defensive interests need to be taken into account. In order to attain a balanced outcome, specific attention to EU interests in the field of inter alia NAMA, services, trade facilitation and rules is needed. The Council emphasises that all WTO partners need to make contributions, commensurate with their level of development.

5. On Agriculture, the Council reaffirms the importance of a satisfactory outcome as regards EU sensitivities in agricultural market access, the importance of full parallelism on the elimination of all forms of export subsidies, the need for major reform in other industrialised countries, the need to preserve the reforms of the CAP and the need to make progress on other issues of interest to the EU, such as non-trade concerns and geographical indications.

6. The Council therefore requests the Commission to continue the active and constructive role of the EU in pursuing the forthcoming negotiations on the basis of the various conclusions adopted by the Council since 1999 in relation to these negotiations in close consultation with the 133 Committee. The Council will continue to follow closely these negotiations and invites the Commission accordingly to keep in touch with the Council on any significant developments in this matter."