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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### 24 February 2024

09:00 – 12:30	Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee ( <i>in camera</i> )
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Steering Committee ( <i>in camera</i> ): Finalization of the outcome document

### 25 February 2024

09:30 – 10:00	Group photo
10:00 – 11:00	Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Saqr Ghobash</b>, Speaker of the Federal National Council (FNC) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)</li><li>• <b>Ms. Tulia Ackson</b>, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)</li><li>• <b>Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala</b>, Director-General of the WTO</li><li>• <b>Ms. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme</b>, Chairperson of the WTO General Council</li><li>• <b>Mr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi</b>, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE</li></ul>
11:00 – 12:00	<b><i>Abu Dhabi and beyond: Shaping and strengthening a multilateral trading system that delivers for all</i></b>  Interactive dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Zulkifli Hasan</b>, Minister of Trade, Indonesia</li><li>• <b>Ms. Rebecca Miano</b>, Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry, Kenya</li><li>• <b>Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis</b>, Executive Vice President for An Economy that Works for People, European Commission</li><li>• <b>Mr. Juan Antonio Coloma Correa</b>, President of the Senate, Chile</li></ul> <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mr. Bernd Lange</b> , Member of the European Parliament, co-Chair of the Steering Committee, PCWTO
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

- 14:00 – 16:00 Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive themes:  
**Trade and climate change: A win-win interaction**
- Rapporteurs:
- **Ms. Kathleen Van Brempt**, Member of the European Parliament
  - **Mr. Ziya Altunyaldiz**, Member of Parliament, Grand National Assembly, Türkiye
- Moderator: **Mr. Helmut Scholz**, Member of the European Parliament
- 16:00 – 17:30 Discussion: **Digital trade in the era of resilient economies**
- Rapporteurs:
- **Mr. Jörgen Warborn**, Member of the European Parliament
  - **Mr. Simanga Mbuyane**, Member of Parliament, South Africa (TBC)
- Moderator: **Mr. Koffi Kra Paulin Kouassi**, Member of the National Assembly, Côte d'Ivoire
- 17:30 – 18:15 **Adoption of the outcome document**
- Presentation of the outcome document to the President of MC13**
- Address by Mr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi**, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE
- Rapporteur: **Mr. Marwan O. Al Muhairi**, Member of the FNC, UAE
- Moderator: **Ms. Meera Al Suwaidi**, Member of the FNC, UAE
- Closing remarks:** IPU, European Parliament, WTO and FNC/UAE
- 18:30 Cocktail reception