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in review**

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Headline News

EU-WTO: In WTO review of trade policy EU will stress support for multilateral trade system (25/10/2005)

During the review of the EU's trade policy conducted by the WTO this week, the EU will stress its role in strengthening the multilateral trade system and in pushing ahead the on-going WTO negotiation under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA). Key developments in the EU's trade policy will also include integration of ten new EU Member States in the EU's trade system as well as a major overhaul of the EU's agricultural policy with positive effects for the other WTO members and in particular developing countries.

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/1296&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Other News

EC proposes €250 mil to improve access to modern energy services in ACP (28/10/2004)

The European Commission has adopted a proposal to set up a €250 million Energy Facility to increase access to modern energy services for people in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP). This is a significant contribution to the EU Energy Initiative that was launched at the World Summit for Social Development in Johannesburg in 2002. The proposed facility is designed to have an important catalytic effect in generating additional funds for energy. The facility will: (i) promote energy initiatives, provide information and build research and management capacity in ACP countries; (ii) provide the missing link in financing sustainable Energy projects and activities.

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/1322&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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EU-WTO: WTO gives thumbs up to EU trade policy

The EU was praised at its seventh trade policy review for its instrumental role in the promotion of the WTO negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) and the strengthening of the multilateral trading system. The WTO also commended the EU for the results of its agricultural and fishery reforms. EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy said that "Today the WTO gave an "A" grade to EU trade policy. This confirms that the international community perception of the EU trade policy is more positive now than ever before. This good result is also a clear acknowledgement of the instrumental role played by the EU in putting the DDA back on track."

Ahead:

- 29/10/2004 – Signing Ceremony Constitutional Treaty, Rome
See: http://www.eu2004.nl/default.asp?CMS_ITEM=49B81D08DD1346A694C3BAF93CE62816X1X55268X52
- 15/11/2004 – President T Mbeki to visit the European Commission, Brussels

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