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BIAC letter to OECD Trade Ministers

Dear Minister,

Despite the progress achieved at the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong, negotiators left much work to be done to bring the negotiations on the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) to a successful and ambitious conclusion by the end of 2006. Bold political decisions to liberalise trade in agricultural products, industrial goods, and services are urgently needed to permit negotiators to meet important deadlines.

Time is running out. By 30 April, the formulas for cutting agricultural tariffs and subsidies as well as the full modalities for the liberalization of industrial goods must be finalised. By 31 July, countries have been requested to submit comprehensive draft schedules and revised services offers.

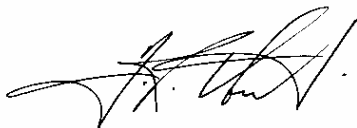
OECD business firmly supports the DDA. It is difficult to overstate the importance of a successful conclusion of the multilateral trade negotiations. WTO members have a common interest in a result that reinforces the primacy of the multilateral trading system and enhances the authority of the WTO. All WTO countries stand to gain from an ambitious and balanced final agreement. By delaying beyond 2006, negotiators risk failure of the round. This would squander the achievements made to date and would dissolve the substantial welfare gains ahead for both developed and developing countries. Furthermore, failure would undermine the multilateral world trade system, leaving only bilateral and regional trade deals, which are never more than a second-best option.

For OECD businesses the DDA holds a great promise. The international business community expects ambitious results in all negotiating areas, including the liberalisation of tariff and non-tariff barriers for industrial goods, market access for services, the substantial reduction of agricultural trade barriers, improved global trade rules, and an agreement on trade facilitation. Both OECD countries and developing countries must commit to a genuine liberalisation of their markets.

Meeting these goals may be difficult, but certainly achievable, if policy decision-makers exercise stronger leadership to break the deadlock in key negotiating areas.

We call on you and your colleagues from OECD countries to make the bold decisions necessary to conclude the round with ambitious and balanced results this year.

Sincerely,



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**** Note: Please find enclosed a list of BIAC's member organisations in the 30 OECD countries and the names of the companies most active across BIAC's 31 policy areas**

BIAC MEMBER ORGANISATIONS



Australia
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Korea
Federation of Korean Industries



Austria
Industriellenvereinigung



Luxembourg
Fédération des Industriels Luxembourgeois



Belgium
Fédération des Entreprises de Belgique



Mexico
Confederacion de Camaras Industriales de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos
Confederacion Patronal de la Republica Mexicana



Canada
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce



Netherlands
Vereniging VNO-NCW



Czech Republic
Svaz Prumyslu a Dopravy Ceske Republiky



New Zealand
Business New Zealand



Denmark
Dansk Industri
Dansk Arbejdsgiverforening



Norway
Naeringslivets Hovedorganisasjon



Finland
Elinkeinoelämän Keskusliitto EK



Poland
Konfederacja Pracodawcow Polskich
Polska Konfederacja Pracodawców Prywatnych



France
Mouvement des Entreprises de France



Portugal
Associação Industrial Portuguesa



Germany
Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie
Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände



Slovak Republic
Slovenská Obchodná a Priemyselná Komora
Asociácia Zamestnávateľských Zväzov a Združení Slovenskej Republiky



Greece
Syndesmos Ellinikon Viomichanion



Spain
Confederacion Espanola de Organizaciones Empresariales



Hungary
Magyar Munkaadói Zzervezetek Nemzetközi
Együttműködési Szövetsége



Sweden
Svenskt Näringsliv



Iceland
Samtök Atvinnulífsins



Switzerland
economiesuisse
Union Patronale Suisse



Ireland
Irish Business and Employers Confederation



Turkey
Türkiye Ticaret - Sanayi - Deniz Ticaret Odaları ve
Ticaret Borsaları Birliği
Türkiye İşveren Sendikaları Konfederasyonu
Türk Sanayicileri Ve İşadamları Derneği



Italy
Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana



United Kingdom
Confederation of British Industry



Japan
Nippon KEIDANREN



United States
United States Council for International Business

COMPANIES AND FIRMS MOST ACTIVE IN BIAC

BIAC's members are the major business organisations in the 30 OECD member countries, representing 8 million companies. Please find below a list of the companies and firms currently most active across the scope of BIAC's 31 policy groups:

3M	Basurto Santillana y Arguijo
463 Communications	Bata Shoe Organization
AB Volvo	Bayer
ABI	Bayer CropScience
ACE INA Holdings Inc.	Bell Canada
Aceitera El Gallo	Bertelsmann
Acus Consultores	Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.
Agilent Technologies	Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
Akcros Chemicals	BNP Paribas
Akzo Nobel	Boeing
Albemarle Europe	Borax Europe
Alcan Aluminium	BP Amoco
Alcatel	British American Tobacco
Allens Arthur Robinson	British Nuclear Fuels
ALSTOM	British Petroleum Company
Alston & Bird LLP	British Telecom
Altria Group	BT Group Regulatory Affairs
Amazon.com	FDPP - Enterprise Foundation
American Express Company	Calyon
Aon Trade Finance	Caspi & Co
Arcelor	Caterpillar
Arcelor Flat Carbon Steel	Centrum Rozwiazan Menedzerskich
Arnold & Porter	Charles Tennant & Company (Canada) Limited
Ascham Associates	Chase Manhattan Bank Corporation
Assonime	Chemopetrol Litvinov
Assozucchero	Chevez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cia
AstraZeneca	Ciba Specialty Chemicals
AT&T	Cisco Systems
Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics Pty	Citibank NA
Austropapier	Citigroup
AVENTIS	Chevron Neftegaz
Bailey Agriculture	Chevron Texaco
Baker & McKenzie	Clariant International
Barclays Bank	CLECAT
Barsalou Lawson	Clifford Chance Limited Liability Partnership
B.U.S. Berzelius	CMS Cameron McKenna
Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi	Coca-Cola
Bank One Corporation	Collier, Shannon, Scott
Banyu Pharmaceutical	CompTIA
BASF	CONFITARMA
	Coutrelis & Associés

Couzin Taylor LLP
Crédit Agricole
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
DaimlerChrysler
Danisco
Datev
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek
Debevoise & Plimpton
Degussa-Hüls
Deloitte & Touche
Delphi Automotive Systems Corporation
Deutsche Bank Group
Deutsche Telekom
Die Deutsche Bauindustrie
DMA
Dow AgroSciences
Dow Chemical Company
Dow Corning Corporation
Dresdner Bank
DSM Food Specialties
DuPont
DUBAL (Dubai Aluminium Co. Ltd.)
Dunapack Co.
Eastman Chemical Company
Eastman Kodak Company
EBay
EDF / DER
EDS Corporation
Ekokem Oy Ab
ENI
Enifin
Entrust France
EPC SA
ERAMET
Ericsson
Ernst & Young
ESAOTE
Evolution Markets
ExxonMobil Corporation
F. Hoffmann-La Roche
Fabrica de Jabon la Corona S.A. de C.V.
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
FIAT
FinLife Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen na Zycie
Ford Motor Company
Fortum Corporation
France Telecom
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Frontier Carbon Corporation
Fujitsu
Galaz, Yamazaki, Ruiz Urquiza, S.C.
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
Gaz de France
Genencor International
General Electric Company
General Motors Corporation
Genesis
Getronics Polska
Genzyme Corporate Affairs Europe
Ginthoer & Partner
Global Information Infrastructure Commission (GIIC)
Goldman Sachs
Gorlin Group
Gravel, Otto & Associés
Groupe Bull
GSK
H.C. Starck
Hermes Investments Management Ltd.
Hewlett-Packard Company
Hibiya Sogo Law Office
Hitachi
Hogan & Hartson LLP
Holland & Knight LLP
Howrey LLP
Hunton & Williams
Iberdrola Sistemas
IBM Corporation
IBRS
ICI
ICON Wirtschaftstreuhand
ICX – International Commerce Exchange
Iniciativa GEMI
Intel Corporation
Internet Law and Policy Forum
Interpharma
Investicni A Postovni Banka
IRBA International
IRIS Action
Johnson & Johnson
JOK Instruments
J.P. Morgan Chase & Company
Kaye, Scholer
Kim & Chang
Kobe Steel

KPMG
LAFARGE
Lagacé & Legault International
Landwell & Associés
Le Boeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP
Lehman Brothers
Lennox International
LG Investment & Corporation
Linklaters & Alliance
LKAB
Lloyds
Lonza
McDermott, Will & Emery
Martinez Lage & Asociados
Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.
MCI
Mercer Oliver Wyman
Merck & Co.
Microsoft
Minorco Services (UK)
Mitsubishi Corporation
Mitsui and Co.
Monsanto Company
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
Mostecka uhelna spolocnost
NABU
NCR
NEC Corporation
Nestlé
NewsCorp
Nippon Steel Corporation
NNR
Noranda
Norddeutsche Affinerie
Norsk Hydro
Novartis International
NS
NTT Europe
O2
O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Olivetti Tecnost
OMG
ONDEO Services
Oracle Corporation
Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP
Otwarty Rynek Elektroniczny
Packaging Council of New Zealand
Péchiney
PETROFINA
Pfizer
Philips International
Pioneer
Pirelli
Pohang Iron & Steel Co.
Pohjolan Voima Oy (PVO Group)
P.O.i.I. Fabwel
Polska Telefonía Cyfrowa
Poongsan Corporation
Pricewaterhouse Coopers
ProbusBNW Limited
Procter & Gamble
Projects and Investments
Quest International
Rankine Associates
Renault
Retarus Networks Services
Revisore Contabile
Rhodia
Rio Tinto
Rohm and Haas France
Royal Bank of Canada
Royal Bank of Scotland Group
Ruhrgas
Russian-Ukrainian Legal Group
RWE
RWE Thames Water
Sagem
Salans
Samsung
SANOFI
SAS
Satellite Communications Group
Schering
SEB
SEFI
SEKA S.A.
Sekona Partnerships
SFR-Cegetel
Shearman & Sterling
Shell International
Sidley Austin Brown & Wood
SIELTE
Siemens
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
SKB Banka D.D.
Solae

Solvay	Total
Sony Corporation	Toyota Motor Corporation
SPB Investment	UBS
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey	Umicore
STAR SPA	UMOE ASA
Stikeman Elliott LLP	Unilever
Suez	Unimil
Sullivan & Cromwell	Union de Credito Empresarial de Mexico
Sumitomo Chemical Deutschland	Unione Petrolifera
Swiazek Bankow Polskich	Unipetrol
Swisscom	United Parcel Service
Swissmem (VSM)	URS
Swiss Re	Valio
Swiss Reinsurance Company	VeriSign
Symantec Security Services	Verizon
Syngenta	Vertex
Taj	Vodafone
Taxware	Volkswagen
Telecom Italia	Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
Telefónica	Walt Disney Company
Telsy Elettronica e Telecomunicazioni	Westvaco Corporation
Telus Corporation	White & Case LLP
Thalès	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr
Thomas Swan & Co	WorldCom
Time Warner	XL Services UK Limited
Tiscali	Zeneca Pharmaceuticals
Tokyo Electric Power Company	Zurich Financial Services