Thirty-first session of the Steering Committee  
11-12 February 2014  
European Parliament, Brussels

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

2. **Update on recent developments at the WTO**  
The "Bali Package" adopted by the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference was the first-ever deal that the WTO crafted since it adopted the Doha Development Agenda 12 years ago. The agreement reached in Bali became an important stepping stone towards the completion of the Doha Round. Members of the Steering Committee will be briefed and have a discussion on:  
   - The outcome deal reached in Bali and the ongoing work to implement the "Bali Package";  
   - Efforts to draw up, by the end of 2014, a clearly defined WTO work programme geared towards the completion of the Doha Round.

3. **WTO Dispute Settlement System: The secrets of its success**  
Dispute settlement is at the heart of the WTO's overall mandate and is vital for enforcing WTO rules and ensuring smooth trade flows. Members of the Steering Committee will be briefed by WTO experts on the internal workings of the WTO Dispute Settlement System, including a presentation of a few case studies, and will also receive an update on the ongoing negotiations to improve and clarify the Dispute Settlement Understanding.

4. **Future activities of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO**  
Members will exchange views on the possible content and form of the Conference sessions and other activities to be undertaken in 2014 and beyond, bearing in mind the calendar of WTO sessions as well as other major international forums.

5. **Preparations for the annual WTO Public Forum 2014**  
It has become customary for the WTO to organize Public Forums at the organization's premises in Geneva, in September-October of each year. The Forum's programme includes dozens of events of interest to parliamentarians. Moreover, the WTO would welcome a dedicated event, such as a panel discussion, organized specifically for members of parliament within the overall programme of the Forum. Members of the Steering Committee will exchange views on how to make best use of the opportunities offered by the WTO Public Forum, including a possible theme for a parliamentary panel.

6. **Adoption of a statement**  
In September 2011, the Steering Committee decided that it would be desirable to convey the views of parliamentarians to WTO negotiators in a more systematic way, including through the adoption by the Steering Committee of succinct declarations or statements at each of its future sessions. Members of the Committee will consider a draft statement, based on the information update received under agenda items 2 and 3.

7. **Any other business**
OPTIONAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- In the **morning of 11 February**, members of the Steering Committee are invited to take part in a meeting organized by the Committee on International Trade (INTA) and the Development Committee (DEVE) of the European Parliament, with the participation of the South Centre, on the subject of Economic Partnership Agreements between the European Union and African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions. The meeting is part of the regular work programme of INTA and DEVE, but is open to members of the Steering Committee, who are welcome to contribute to the question-and-answer exchange.

- In the **morning of 12 February**, members of the Steering Committee are invited to take part in an exchange of views with representatives of:
  
  (a) International Trade Centre;
  (b) Business Europe; and
  (c) European Trade Union Confederation

  The discussions will touch on WTO-related matters. It is part of INTA's regular work programme, but is open to members of the Steering Committee.

- Subject to confirmation, in the **evening of 11 February** members of the Steering Committee are invited to a dinner reception hosted by the European Parliament and taking place on its premises. Relevant details will be announced closer to the date of the meeting.