

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0088/06
pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure
by Enrique Barón Crespo, on behalf of the Committee on International Trade
to the Commission

Subject: Suspension of the negotiations on the Doha Development Agenda (DDA)

Can the Commission explain the causes of the failure of G6 trade ministers to find an agreement on modalities in agriculture and non-agricultural market access in Geneva on 23-24 July and of the subsequent decision to suspend sine die the negotiations on the DDA?

Can the Commission provide an assessment of the current situation and of the likelihood of the DDA negotiations resuming at a later stage?

Can the Commission evaluate the possible impact of the suspension of the DDA on developing countries and explain whether it intends to take any initiative to make up for the loss of opportunities suffered by these countries as a result of this suspension?

Can the Commission evaluate the possible impact of the suspension of the DDA on EU trade policy, in particular with respect to a programme of bilateral and regional negotiations?

Can the Commission evaluate the possible impact of the suspension of the DDA negotiations on the multilateral trading system, in particular with respect to the operation of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism and a future institutional reform of the WTO?

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