



Conference

“WTO Rules and Food Crisis in the Least-developed Countries”

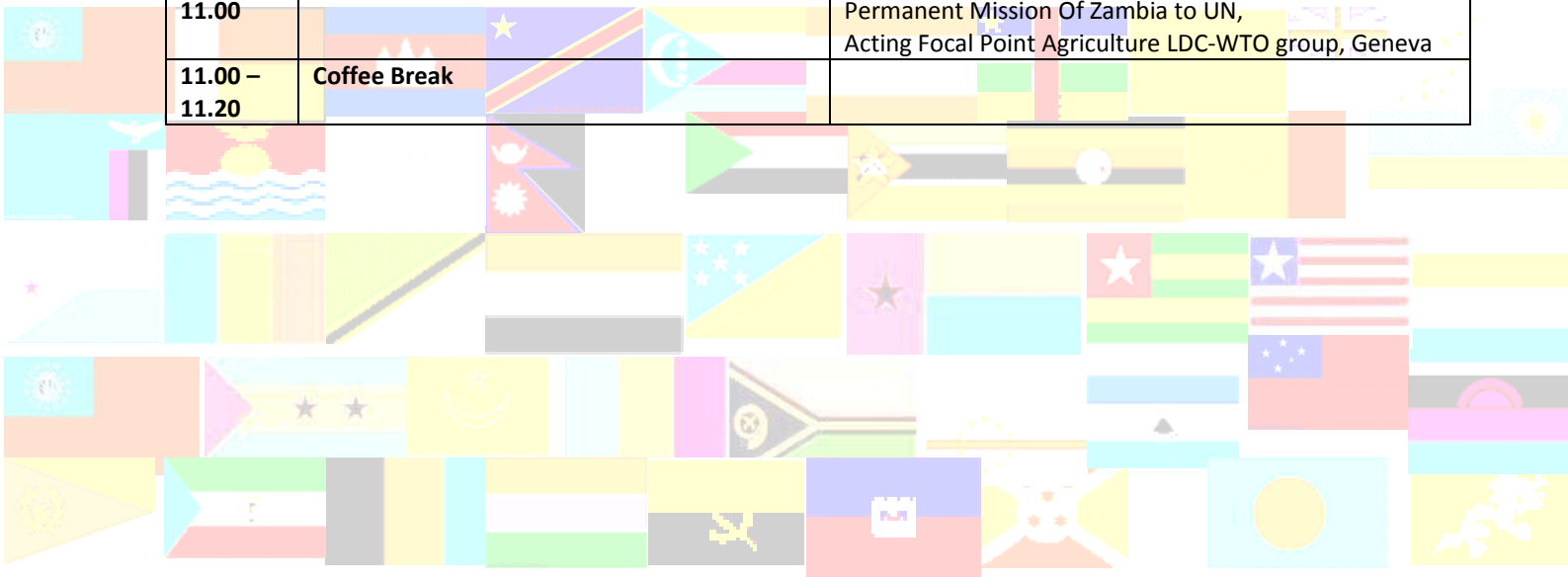
A Policy Reflection Co-organised by the LDC Group in the WTO
with CSEND Trade Policy Governance Group & Diplomacy Dialogue



Programme

Dates: 17th July 2008

08.30 – 09.15	Official Opening	<p>Officiated by HE Ambassador of Lesotho Mr. Mothea A. Maruping, Coordinator, LDC Group at WTO</p> <p>Opening by Co-Coordinator of the Conference, Dr. Lichia Yiu, President, CSEND</p> <p>Welcome words by Host Organisation HE Ambassador Prof. Dr Fred Tanner, Director, GCSP</p>
	Opening Words	HE Ambassador Mr. Mothea A. Maruping , Lesotho
	Major Themes of the Conference	Prof Dr Raymond Saner , Director, DD-CSEND, Geneva and Professor of Organisation and International Management, University of Basle
SESSION 1: Mapping the food crisis in the LDCs: Factors & Trends		Chair: HE Ambassador Dr Bhattacharya , Bangladesh
09.15 – 09.30	<i>Opening Statement and Comments</i>	HE Ambassador Dr Bhattacharya , Bangladesh
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Food Security: Are trade rules a problem or a way forward</i>	Dr Christian Haerberli , Senior Consultant, NCCR Trade Regulation, World Trade Institute (WTI)
10.00 – 10.20	<i>Food Crisis seen from LDC perspective</i>	Country Representative: Haiti , M. Jean-Claude Pierre, Ministre Conseiller, chargé d'affaires
10.20 – 10.50	<i>Food Security and Early Warning: Scenario seeing from the Technology Based Monitoring System Perspective</i>	Mr. Claude Heimo , Managing Director, Environment-Ecology-Forestry Switzerland and member of the Global Monitoring for Food Security Programme of the European Space Agency.
10.50 – 11.00	Discussion and Reflection	Rapporteur Session 1: Mrs Peggy Mlewa , First Secretary Permanent Mission Of Zambia to UN, Acting Focal Point Agriculture LDC-WTO group, Geneva
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee Break	



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SESSION 2: Food Security: Future Scenarios		Chair: HE Ambassador Prof Arsene Balihuta, Uganda Acting Chair: HE Ambassador Fisseha Yimer, Ethiopia
11.20 – 11.50	“Vers une nouvelle stratégie de développement”	HE Ambassador Jean Feyder, Luxembourg
11.50 – 12.20	<i>Will Free Trade solve the Food Crisis?: Scenario seen from International Trade Arrangement Perspective</i>	Carin Smaller Trade Information Project, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Geneva
12.20 – 12.50	“How can WTO rules and regulations contribute to food security”: Scenario seen from a LDC Perspective	Country Representative: Senegal M. Mbaye N’DIAYE , Premier Conseiller
12.50 – 13.20	“How can WTO rules and regulations contribute to food security”: Scenario seen from the Agricultural Sector Perspective	Dr. Ralf Peters , UNCTAD Representative, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities
13.20 – 13.30	Observations and Reflections	Rapporteur Session 2 M Eloi Laourou , 2 ^{ième} Conseiller, chargé des affaires économiques et commerciales, Bénin; Coordinateur pour l’organisation de ce séminaire.
13.30 – 13.40	Summary and Recommendations	General Rapporteur M.Falou Samb , CSEND- TPGP, Geneva
13.40– 13.45	Closing Ceremony	HE Ambassador of Lesotho, Mr. M. A. Maruping

