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Policy Options to Promote Reform in Non Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) in an Era of Falling Demand, Rising Protectionism and Economic Uncertainty

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Participant presentations on interests in the NAMA trade reform – Day 2

Participants are requested to prepare a brief power point presentation on their country interests in trade liberalisation of industrial products, including in the NAMA negotiations in the WTO.

One presentation is required per country. Participants from each country will therefore need to coordinate with their fellow colleagues also attending the course to prepare the presentation. Representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat can present as a group.

Presentations are to be prepared in advance of the course. They will be delivered to the group on Day 2 of the program. They should last no more than 10 minutes.

Participants may wish to cover (some or all of) the following in their presentations:

1. The importance of trade in industrial products to the economy

- What contribution does the industry/manufacturing sector make to GDP and output in the economy?
- What share of trade is derived from manufacturing/industry compared with other sectors?
- What industries are the most important in the economy?

(Participants from the ASEAN Secretariat could present on the importance of manufacturing trade to ASEAN as a regional trading bloc)

2. Levels of protection

- What are the effective rates of protection for manufacturing? What are the bound and applied tariff rates in key industries?
- Have new trade measures been put in place in response to the global financial crisis?

(Participants from the ASEAN Secretariat could present on general levels of protection in manufacturing across ASEAN, focusing on one or two key industries. Responses by ASEAN Leaders in trade to the financial crisis could also be cited)

3. Trade policy framework

- What is the government's approach to market access negotiations in the WTO Doha Round (in NAMA)? On the extent and scope of tariffs cuts? On flexibilities or "policy space" for developing countries?
- What FTAs are in place/being negotiated? Do they provide for greater market opening than commitments in the WTO?
- Is the government currently undertaking domestic reforms to open any industries?

(Participants from the ASEAN Secretariat could present on FTAs negotiated by ASEAN as a regional trading bloc and outline the general approach of ASEAN economies to the WTO NAMA negotiations)

Suggested relevant sources

Participants are expected to seek our relevant sources in their own economies. Some general sources which may be useful are:

- WTO World Tariff Profiles for 2008 (can be downloaded at http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/publications_e/world_tariff_profiles08_e.htm)
- WTO Report to the Trade Policy Review Body on the Financial and Economic Crisis, 15 July (WTO website, document reference WT/TPR/OV/W/2, in pre-reading materials)
- Global Trade Alert (<http://www.globaltradealert.org>)
- WTO Trade Policy Reviews (accessible from WTO website)
- Asian Development Bank Free Trade Agreement Database (includes PNG) at <http://aric.adb.org/FTAbyCountryAll.php> and Comparative FTA Toolkit at <http://aric.adb.org/comparisonftacontent.php>