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CHARTING A COURSE FOR AN AMBITIOUS DOHA AGREEMENT IN 2006

Since the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was created in 1947, world trade has grown from \$80 billion to \$9 trillion. In this latest round of multilateral trade talks, the Doha Round, the potential gains from further liberalization are unprecedented for countries at all levels of development.

The World Bank estimates that elimination of global trade barriers in trade in goods alone would enhance global economic welfare by \$290 billion by 2015. The American Business Coalition for Doha (ABCDoha) believes the time is now to demonstrate our collective renewed commitment to the promise and potential of Doha. A Doha Round agreement must be:

Ambitious. Only a strong agreement will yield commercially significant results for American businesses, farmers, consumers and workers.

Balanced. All countries must contribute if all countries are to gain. At the same time, opportunities to maximize developmental benefits must be considered integrally across the negotiations to achieve an outcome in which all participants can feel invested.

Comprehensive. The Doha round cannot be considered a success unless it delivers commitments to far-reaching and comprehensive liberalization across services, industrial, and agricultural trade alike. ABCDoha calls upon leaders to confer a strong sense of importance and urgency to bringing the services talks across the finish line.

And, delivers:

Doha results. Doha is an historic opportunity. To maximize the potential of this round, we must continue to set our sights high.

Much more work remains to be done in a short amount of time. ABCDoha calls on the trade ministers to engage in creative and cooperative leadership to advance the talks at an aggressive pace to achieve successful conclusion of a high-standard agreement in 2006.

The American Business Coalition for Doha (ABCDoha) is an umbrella group representing the diverse interests of service-providers, manufacturers, agribusiness, customs facilitators, and many other stakeholders all dedicated to achieving an ambitious result from the Doha Round in 2006.

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