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20TH MAY 2009

DAY ONE: WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

8.30 – 9.00	Registration & Coffee
9.00 – 9.15	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Professor Robert McCorquodale, British Institute of International and Comparative Law The Rt Honourable Sir Francis G Jacobs KCMG QC, King's College London Professor John H Jackson, Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown Law</p>
9.15 – 10.45	<p>Panel 1: Product Safety and the WTO</p> <p>While contaminated food and drugs, toxic toys, and other unsafe products are making headlines, how do WTO rules affect the ability of governments to address concerns about product safety and efficacy? Does the Appellate Body report in <i>Canada/US-Continued Suspension of Obligations (EC-Hormones)</i> dispute provide any more guidance?</p> <p>Chair: Professor Jane Bradley, Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown Law</p> <p>Speakers: Professor Sungjoon Cho, Chicago-Kent College of Law Linda Horton, Hogan & Hartson, Washington DC Ahila Sornarajah, LL.M. candidate (2009) and IIEL Fellow, Georgetown Law</p> <p>Discussant: Dr Andrew Lang, London School of Economics</p>
10.45 – 11.00	Tea & Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30	<p>Panel 2: Testing the Limits of the TRIPS Agreement</p> <p>The U.S. challenge to China’s protection of intellectual property rights raises important questions about the adequacy of enforcement measures and the scope of Part III of the TRIPS Agreement. Is this case unique to China, or are there broader implications for future TRIPS disputes?</p> <p>Chair: Professor William Davey, University of Illinois</p> <p>Speakers: Professor Frederick Abbott, Florida State University Dr Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan, Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law Professor Tomer Broude, Hebrew University of Jerusalem</p> <p>Discussant: Jayashree Watal, WTO Secretariat</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	<p>Panel 3: Fragmentation of International Law: The ILC Study Three Years Later</p> <p>In early 2006, an International Law Commission Study Group issued a report on fragmentation of international law, contributing to the continuing debate on the role that international law plays in the interpretation of the WTO covered agreements. Since then, WTO rulings like the panel report in <i>EC-Biotech</i> and Appellate Body report in <i>Mexico-Soft Drinks</i> -- and the consideration given by national courts to WTO rulings -- have prompted further debate, which this panel will consider.</p> <p>Chair: Professor Marco Bronckers, WilmerHale, Brussels</p> <p>Speakers: Professor Don McRae, University of Ottawa Professor Pieter Jan Kuijper, University of Amsterdam Dr Ronnie R. F Yearwood, Durham University</p> <p>Discussant: Professor Piet Eeckhout, King’s College London Professor Giorgio Sacerdoti, Bocconi University, Member WTO Appellate Body</p>
15.00 – 15.30	Tea & Coffee Break
15.30 – 17.00	<p>Panel 4: View from the Bench and Bar Roundtable: A year in review</p> <p>Roundtable discussion of impact of recent WTO cases and developments (e.g. <i>India- Additional Duties</i>; <i>China-Auto Parts</i>; <i>EC-Bananas</i>; <i>US- Continued Zeroing</i>)</p> <p>Chair: Werner Zdouc, Appellate Body Secretariat, Geneva</p> <p>Speakers: Scott Andersen, Sidley Austin, Geneva Dr Joanna Gomula, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law Brendan McGivern, White & Case, Geneva Hunter Nottage, Advisory Centre for WTO Law</p> <p>Discussant: Professor Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute</p>

21ST MAY 2009

DAY TWO: THE WTO IN A BROADER CONTEXT

8.45 - 9.00	Tea & Coffee
9.00 - 10.45	<p>Panel 1: The Global Financial Crisis and the WTO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What has been accomplished through global cooperation since the Group of Twenty issued its first declaration on November 15, 2008 aimed at stabilizing financial markets and supporting the global economy, and what are the implications for the WTO in a “Bretton Woods II” regime?• Financial “Bailouts” and WTO Rules on Subsidies. When financially troubled industries – like the automobile industry – seek government support, how can a rescue package be designed to comply with WTO subsidy rules? <p>Chair: Dr Andrew Lang, London School of Economics</p> <p>Speakers: Professor Rosa Lastra, Queen Mary, University of London Dr Michael Waibel, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law Dr Lazaros Panourgias, European Investment Fund Professor Don Regan, University of Michigan</p> <p>Discussant: R. Michael Gadbaw, Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown Law</p>
10.45 – 11.15	Tea & Coffee Break
11.15 – 13.00	<p>Panel 2: Trade Agreements and Climate Change – Are we Making Progress?</p> <p>At the 8th Annual British Institute of International and Comparative Law WTO Conference, a panel examined some linkages between trade and environmental measures to combat climate change – merely touching the tip of the melting iceberg. Since then, governments have developed more detailed proposals aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This panel will examine some of those proposals in the context of WTO rules.</p> <p>Chair: Professor William Davey, University of Illinois</p> <p>Speakers: Rodney Neufeld, Canadian Mission Geneva Jan Bohanes, Sidley Austin LLP, Geneva Professor Laura Nielsen, University of Copenhagen</p> <p>Discussant: Professor Gabrielle Marceau, University of Geneva</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch

<p>14.30 – 16.30</p>	<p>Panel 3: The Doha Agenda – Can it Still Deliver Meaningful Results?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even with a breakthrough in the negotiations, will the results actually achieve the increased trade flows needed to spur the global economy and to deliver on Doha’s development promise? • What are the implications for acceding member states like Russia and new member states like Ukraine? <p>Chair: Dr Federico Ortino, King’s College London</p> <p>Speakers: David Hartridge, White & Case, Geneva Hunter Nottage, Advisory Centre for WTO Law Oleg Riabokon, Magisters, CIS</p> <p>Discussant: Professor Mary E Footer, Professor of International Economic Law School of Law</p>
<p>16.30 – 17.00</p>	<p>Wrap-up and Closing Remarks</p> <p>The Rt Honourable Sir Francis G Jacobs KCMG QC, King’s College London Professor John H Jackson, Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown University Law Center</p>