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25 February 2024
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<td>• <strong>Mr. Saqr Ghobash</strong>, Speaker of the Federal National Council (FNC) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)</td>
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11:00 – 12:30  

*Abu Dhabi and beyond: Shaping and strengthening a multilateral trading system that delivers for all*

Interactive dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials

- **Mr. João Aguilar Machado**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the EU to the WTO
- **Mr. Djatmiko Wicaksono**, Director General, Ministry of Trade, Indonesia
- **Mr. Juan Antonio Coloma Correa**, President of the Senate, Chile

**Moderator:** **Mr. Bernd Lange**, Member of the European Parliament, co-Chair of the Steering Committee, PCWTO

12:30 – 14:00   | Lunch
Programme of the session

14:00 – 16:00  Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive themes:
Trade and climate change: A win-win interaction

Rapporteurs:
• Ms. Kathleen Van Brempt, Member of the European Parliament
• Mr. Ziya Altunyaldiz, Member of Parliament, Grand National Assembly, Türkiye

Moderator: Mr. Helmut Scholz, Member of the European Parliament

16:00 – 17:30  Discussion: Digital trade in the era of resilient economies

Rapporteurs:
• Mr. Jörgen Warborn, Member of the European Parliament
• Mr. Cedric Frolick, Member of Parliament, South Africa
• Ms. Meera Al Suwaidi, Member of the Federal National Council of the UAE

Moderator: Mr. Koffi Kra Paulin Kouassi, Member of the National Assembly, Côte d'Ivoire

17:30 – 18:15  Adoption of the outcome document

Presentation of the outcome document to the President of MC13

Rapporteur: Mr. Marwan O. Al Muhairi, Member of the Federal National Council of the UAE

Closing remarks: IPU, European Parliament, WTO and Federal National Council of the UAE

18:30  Cocktail reception