A CALL TO LEADERSHIP

International Business Stakeholder Petition to National Leaders and WTO Members on the Doha Development Agenda

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As business stakeholders in the global economy and representatives of key economic drivers of worldwide trade,

We urge national leaders to achieve bold outcomes on industrial goods and services, particularly among developed and middle income countries, including a strategy to effectively address non-tariff barriers to trade. Agreement on improved trading rules, including trade facilitation and enhanced transparency provisions, alongside continued vigorous capacity building and technical assistance for poorer developing countries are also essential to realizing the full potential of the Doha Development Agenda.

We are committed to supporting a successful outcome to the Doha Development Agenda within our respective countries and to achieving results this year towards these vital objectives.

Signatories:

American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union

American Chamber of Commerce – Hanoi (Vietnam)

Asociacion Nacional de Industrias de Honduras

Australia Food and Grocery Council

Australian Industry Group

Australian Services Roundtable

Business Roundtable (USA)

Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance

Canadian Cattlemen's Association

Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Canadian Council of Chief Executives

Canadian Council for International Business

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

Confederação Nacional da Indústria (Brazil)

Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association

Coalition of Service Industries (USA)

Coordinadora de Organismos Empresariales de Comercio Exterior (Mexico)

Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand

Emergency Committee for American Trade (USA)

EuroCommerce (Europe)

European Services Forum

Federación de Cámaras y Asociaciones Industriales Centroamericanas

y República Dominicana (Central America and the Domincan Republic)

Grain Growers of Canada

Grocery Manufacturers of America (USA)

Japan Services Network

National Association of Manufacturers (USA)

National Foreign Trade Council (USA)

National Grain Trade Council (US/Canada)

National Pork Producers Council (USA)

National Retail Federation (USA)
New Zealand Food and Grocery Council
Nippon Keidanren (Japan)
Retail Council of Canada
The American Chamber of Commerce in Australia
The United States Council for International Business
UNICE¹ The Union of Employers' and Industrial Confederations of Europe
US-ASEAN Business Council (USA)
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Wheat Export Trade Education Committee (USA)

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