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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

24 February 2024

09:00 – 12:30	Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (<i>in camera</i>)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Steering Committee (<i>in camera</i>): Finalization of the outcome document

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09:30 – 10:00	Group photo
10:00 – 11:00	Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Saqr Ghobash, Speaker of the Federal National Council (FNC) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)• Ms. Tulia Ackson, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)• Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO• Ms. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme, Chairperson of the WTO General Council• Mr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE
11:00 – 12:00	<i>Abu Dhabi and beyond: Shaping and strengthening a multilateral trading system that delivers for all</i> Interactive dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Zulkifli Hasan, Minister of Trade, Indonesia• Ms. Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry, Kenya• Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice President for An Economy that Works for People, European Commission• Mr. Juan Antonio Coloma Correa, President of the Senate, Chile <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Bernd Lange, Member of the European Parliament, co-Chair of the Steering Committee, PCWTO</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

- 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. Simanga Mbuyane**, Member of Parliament, South Africa (TBC)
- 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**
- Address by Mr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi**, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE
- Rapporteur: **Mr. Marwan O. Al Muhairi**, Member of the FNC, UAE
- Moderator: **Ms. Meera Al Suwaidi**, Member of the FNC, UAE
- Closing remarks:** IPU, European Parliament, WTO and FNC/UAE
- 18:30 Cocktail reception