



Ten Years of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture: Problems and Prospects¹

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Ten years ago, governments inked the Beijing Platform for Action and committed

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transform non-
duties to their
equivalents (AVEs), another
contentious issue in the recent meeting of the Committee on Agriculture given the fact
that most non-
duties (i.e. straight tariffs not based on actual value of imports)
are found in the tariff structures of developed countries.

While successful in outlining detailed modalities on subsidy exemptions, the “July
framework” paid lip service to Special and Di

