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to deal with this subject in a more comprehensive manner. This applies to multilateral rules of competition as well which are not yet covered in the WTO. The efforts made in these fields have our full support.

WTO Members have already made frequent use of the WTO dispute settlement procedures during its first years of existence. The Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) has contributed to a large degree to strengthening confidence in the WTO system of rules. The current review process should not put into question the WTO dispute settlement as such, it should rather be used to remedy certain weaknesses in the functioning of the system.

The WTO should give particular attention to a better integration of the least-developed countries into the multilateral trading system. Apart from additional efforts to implement the Plan of Action for least-developed countries adopted at the last WTO Ministerial Conference in Singapore, concrete measures to improve market access to LDC'

belong to the short-term winners of liberalization; many of them have still to prove their ability to compete.

In considering further steps of liberalization it appears to us of special importance to convince public opinion of the positive contribution of open markets to growth, prosperity and employment. On the other hand, however, the WTO community is called upon to increase its sensitivity for possible effects of trade on the environment