What is DDA?
On its Significance in the Future Trade Regime

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Categories of Negotiation Round

1. Market Access
   Cf. Kennedy Round (1964-'67)

2. Regulations
   Cf. Tokyo Round (1973-'79), Uruguay Round (1986-'94)

3. Enlargement of Areas
   Cf. Uruguay Round (1986-'94)

As for DDA?
Characteristics of DDA

• Market Access Round

  1999: Emphasis on enlargement of area Singapore issues (investment rules, competition policy etc.), trade and environment

  2007: Two Main Areas – Agricultural products and non-agricultural market access (NAMA)
Why has DDA been so Delayed?

• Narrow Down the Agendas: *Exclusion of “trade and” issues* – competition policy, investment rules

• Narrow Down the Players
  1. Developing countries (LDCs)
  2. NGOs
     → G4 or G6

• Barely Touched Agendas – *politically sensitive*
  1. Subsidies on agricultural products
  2. Tariff capping for agricultural products
  3. NAMA for developing countries

*DDA has been advancing, but very slowly!*
Questions Remain

- US: *Defense*: Agricultural support
  *Offence*: Tariff capping for agricultural products, NAMA

- Developing Countries, India in particular:
  *Defense*: NAMA
  *Offense*: Agricultural support

- *How to Reconcile* – US is the Key Player
What is DDA?

• The result of DDA will not change the present structure of the WTO

• NAMA and negotiations of agricultural products will expand the liberalization of trade

• Substantial liberalization of trade in services will again not have been done and will be taken to the next round
On the Future Trade Regime

• **Present Structure of Trade Regime**
  - Trade of goods, trade in services and intellectual property rights – WTO + FTAs
  - Investment rules, environmental protection, labor rights, etc. – outside the WTO

• **How to Change this Structure**
  - Depend on the next round
    DDA has shown that such change is very difficult