AGENDA
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35th Round Table on Sustainable Development

Trade and Environment Interactions: Governance issues

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Chair: Ms. Connie Hedegaard

28 June – George Marshall Room

19:30 Aperitif
20:00 Dinner followed by keynote speech by
Ms. Sandra Gallina
Director, DG Trade, European Commission

29 June – Room C

9:00-9:15 Opening remarks by Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General
9:15-13:00 Plenary
(coffee break at the discretion of the Chair)

Questions for Discussion

Round Table participants are invited to consider the following questions:

1. Why have trade rules (e.g. on subsidies) not been used to a larger extent to limit trade that benefits from environmentally harmful activities, and what could change this?

2. How can environment-related issues be taken up more effectively in trade agreements (multilaterally at the WTO or in plurilateral, regional and bilateral arrangements), with a view to improving environmental outcomes?

3. Is there a role for trade measures to support ambition of climate objectives in a fragmented world? For example, what could be effective trade-related elements of a “club” of countries on climate mitigation?

4. What risks arise from relying on the international trading regime to improve environmental outcomes? How can these risks be mitigated?