Resolution on the prospects for the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) following the Seventh WTO Ministerial Conference

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The Council took note of information provided by the Commission concerning the WTO Ministerial Conference (to be held from 30 November to 2 December) which takes place every other year in Geneva.

A note from the French Delegation states that unlike previous conferences, discussions will not focus solely on the Doha Round negotiations, but should also extend to issues linked to the WTO's functioning and its future.

Agricultural issues, which fall within the WTO's remit, will be a recurring theme during those discussions.

Consequently, France would ask the Commission to present an information item to the Council of Ministers describing the challenges linked to that Conference, its organisation and the representation envisaged by the Commission. France would like the Commission to clarify the messages it will convey and the measures planned during the Conference with regard to the agricultural challenges which have been identified.