Lead Article

Doha Round in the WTO: Progress and Prospects

Abstract
The paper makes an attempt to understand the reasons behind the undue delay in the completion of the Doha Round of Negotiations in the WTO. It is nearly a decade since the Round was launched in September 2001 but the progress has been slow and tedious. The stalemate is largely due to the reluctance of both developed and developing countries to move from their established positions on issues related to trade-distorting agricultural subsidies and non-agriculture market access (NAMA), i.e. reduction in industrial tariffs. Further, the paper has detailed the current state of play in the negotiations and the need for both developed and developing countries to complete the Round. The future of WTO as a facilitator of the multilateral trading regime has also been discussed.

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