

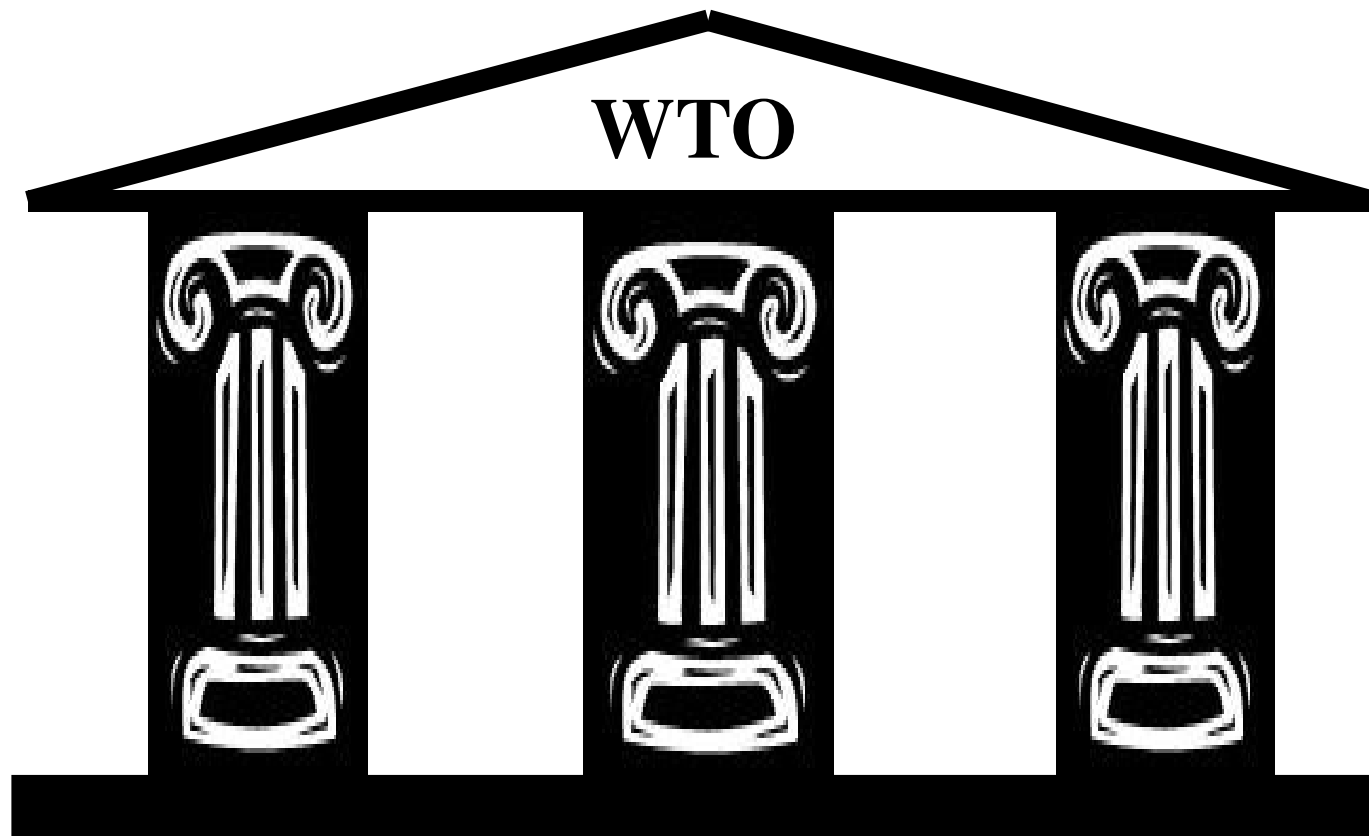
The WTO's Trade Policy Review Mechanism



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Surveillance at the WTO

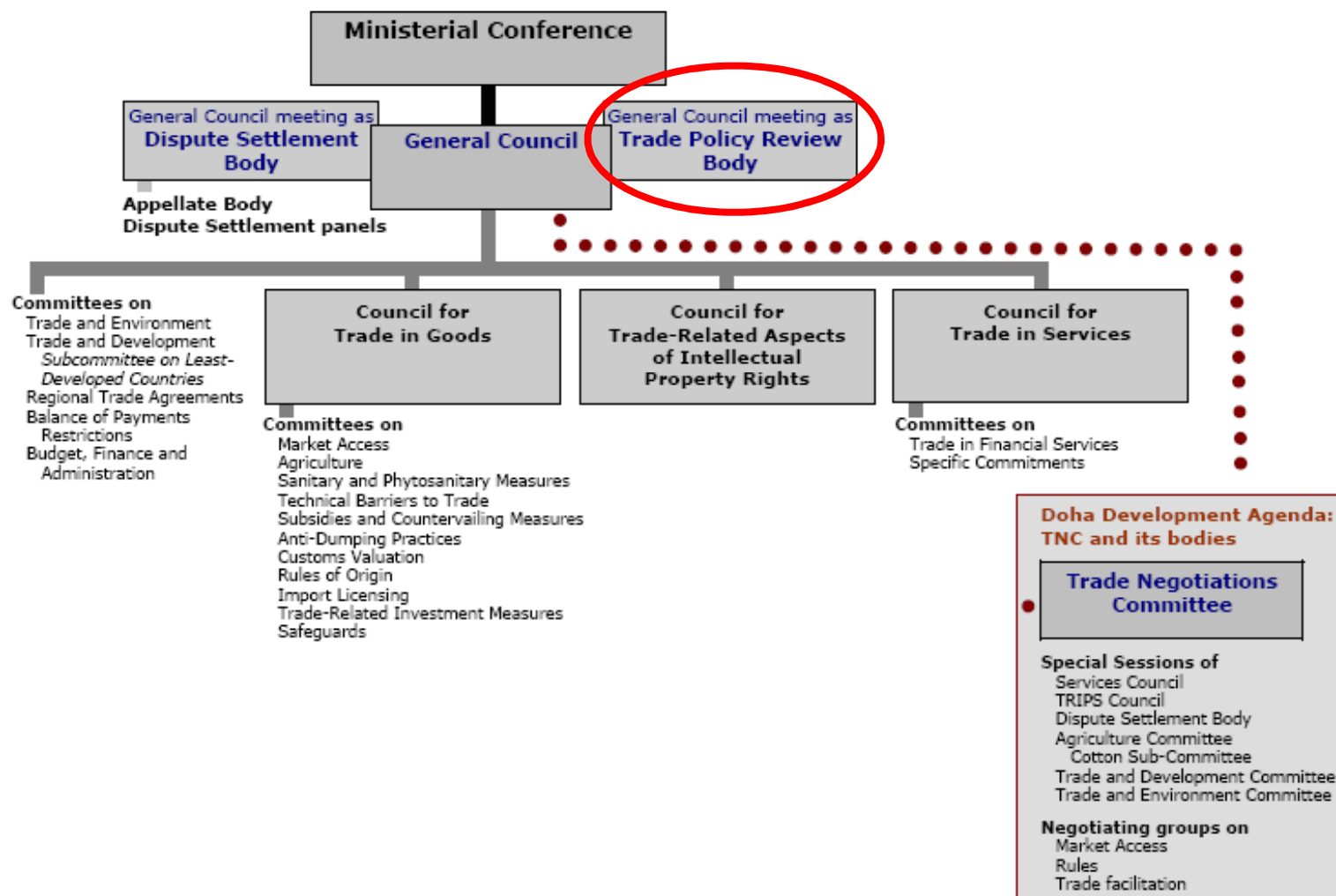


Negotiations

Surveillance

**Dispute
settlement**

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Legal Foundation



**Trade Policy Review Mechanism (TPRM)
established in the GATT in 1989.**



**Confirmed as an integral part of the WTO
in Annex 3 to the Marrakesh Agreement.**

Objectives

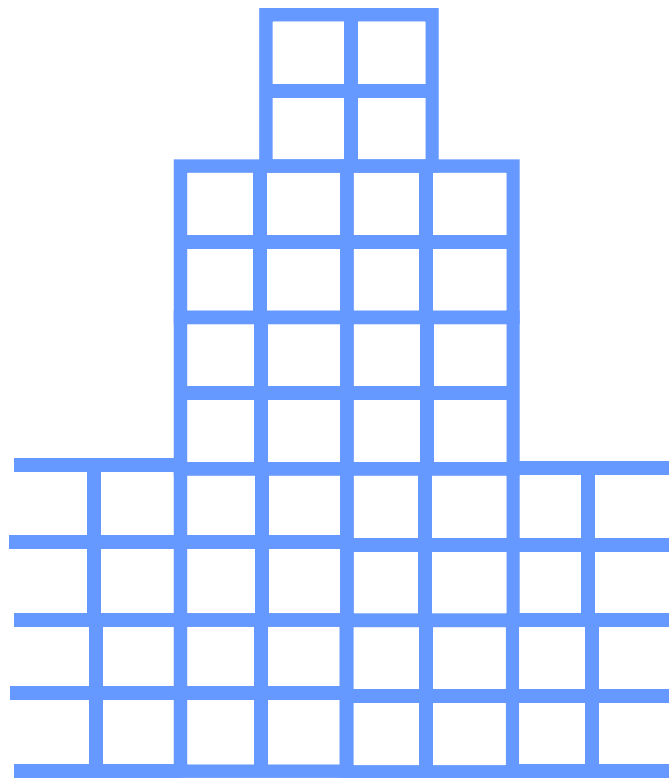
- ***Not intended as a basis for the enforcement of obligations, or for dispute settlement***
- ***Not intended to impose new rules on Members***

Objectives

- *Contribute to improved adherence to WTO rules*
- *Enable the regular collective appreciation and evaluation of trade policies and practices*
- *Achieve greater transparency in, and understanding of, trade policies and practices*
- *Examine the impact of trade policies and practices on the multilateral trading system*

Frequency of reviews

Determined by each Member's share of world trade in goods and services

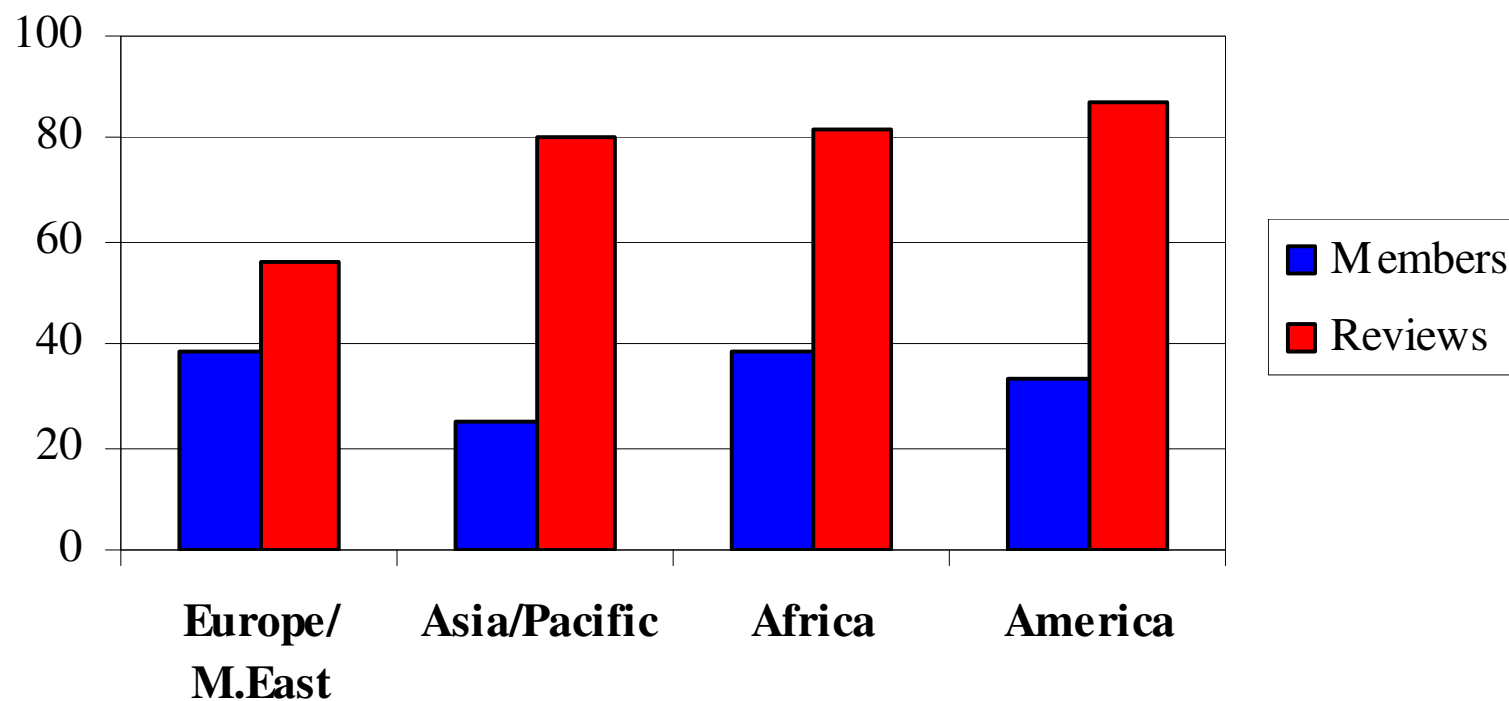


↻ 2 years

↻ 4 years

↻ 6 years

Reviews 1989-2009



Documentation

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Report by the Secretariat

This report, prepared for the seventh Trade Policy Review of Canada, has been drawn up by the WTO Secretariat on its own responsibility. The Secretariat has, as required by the Agreement establishing the Trade Policy Review Mechanism (Annex 3 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization), sought clarification from the Government of Canada on its trade policies and practices.

Any technical questions arising from this report may be addressed to Ms. Catherine Hennis-Pierre (tel. 739 5640), Mr Angelo Silvy (tel. 739 5249), Mr. Karsten Steinfatt (tel. 739 6759), and Mr. Raymundo Valdés (tel. 739 5346).

Document WT/TPR/G/112 contains the policy statement submitted by the Government of Canada.

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Report by the Government

Pursuant to the Agreement Establishing the Trade Policy Review Mechanism (Annex 3 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization), the policy statement by the Government of Canada is attached.

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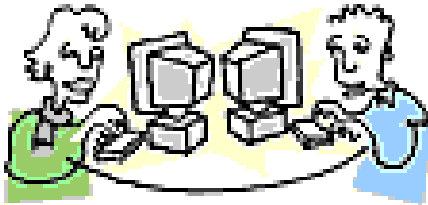


The Review Meeting



- **First session:**
 - **Written answers**
 - **Chair**
 - **Member under review**
 - **Discussant**
 - **Delegates**
- **Second session:**
 - **Answers by Member**
 - **Discussant**
 - **Delegates**
 - **Chair's concluding remarks**

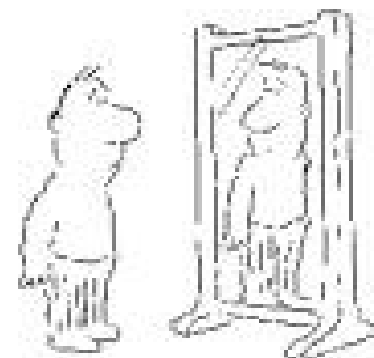
Output



- **Chairperson's concluding remarks**
- **Secretariat and Government Reports**
- **Minutes of the meeting**
- **Questions and replies**



Benefits



- Dialogue & transparency
- Adherence to rules
- Trends
- Internal debate
- Inter-institutional cooperation
- Technical assistance