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WORLDS APART: DIVERGING PERSPECTIVES ON WHAT THE "DOHA AGENDA" MEANS FOR DEVELOPMENT

<p><u>Rich Nations</u> Call It the "<i>Doha Development Round</i>"</p>	<p><u>Poor Nations</u> Call It the "<i>Everything but Development</i>" Round</p>
<p>"Our work here can mark a new era in economic cooperation between developing and developed nations. On a range of issues, such as agricultural liberalization and reduction of tariffs on non-agricultural goods, we've shown how our interests can converge with the developing world."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 11/14/01 <hr/>	<p>"There isn't a lot on development, but this is the deal that was worked out...Everybody feels there's a necessity for the world economy for this round to be launched."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan's Ambassador to the WTO Munir Akram, quoted in <i>The Washington Post</i>, "142 Nations Reach Pact on Trade Negotiations", 11/15/01 <hr/>
<p>"Nobody got everything they wanted. This was a grown-up negotiation in which everyone compromised and the result is an agreement that's very good for developing countries and for developed countries as well."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Trade Minister Patricia Hewitt, quoted in the <i>Washington Post</i>, "142 Nations Reach Pact on Trade Negotiations", 11/15/01 <hr/>	<p>"The WTO's fourth ministerial meeting concluded on Wednesday with ministers from 142 countries drawing up the Doha development Agenda for new trade liberalisation talks...The negotiating agenda is seen as more of a victory for the European Union and the U.S. than for the developing countries, with the EU's ambitions failing only in the Singapore issues."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Hindu</i>, "WTO Talks End in Agreement", 11/16/01 <hr/>
<p>"Developing nations made out well because the agreement was likely to open markets in industrial countries to their leading exports. It will also open doors for multinational corporations, especially those that provide financial and environmental services, and for agriculture exports."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The New York Times</i>, "Nations Back Freer Trade, Hoping to Aid Global Growth", 11/15/01 <hr/>	<p>"But officials from those [developing] countries were less than thrilled with what they got in today's agreement...the commitment is vague, and developing countries were disappointed that they didn't get the immediate speedup in tariff reductions on textiles and apparel that was envisioned in the Uruguay Round."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Washington Post</i>, "142 Nations Reach Pact on Trade Negotiations", 11/15/01 <hr/>
<p>"The Doha Development Agenda... is a good start toward rebalancing. The agenda and the implementation program recognize the special needs and concerns of developing countries."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Clark, Canadian WTO delegation, <i>The Ottawa Citizen</i>, "WTO brokers last-minute deal", 11/15/01 	

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