



FMG Newsletter - March 2022

FMG Welcomes 5 New Members and a New Friend of FMG

New Members to FMG:

[Victor do Prado](#), former Director of Council and Trade Negotiations Committee at the WTO, and former deputy Chief of Staff to Director-General Pascal Lamy

[Axel Addy](#), former Minister of Commerce and Industry of Liberia and Chief Negotiator of Liberia's historic accession to the WTO

[Maxim Medvedkov](#), trade policy advisor at the WTO Expertise Center and a professor at the Higher School of Economics University in Moscow (HSE Moscow), former Russia's chief trade negotiator

[Pradeep S Mehta](#), founder Secretary General of the Jaipur-based Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International)

[John M Weekes](#), Management Board member of the Advisory Centre on WTO Law, former senior business advisor at Bennett Jones

New Friend to FMG:

[Brad McDonald](#), Deputy Chief for Trade Policy in the IMF External Policies Division

Latest Activities:

- Mar 28: [FMG Online Brainstorming Session "Rethinking S&D in the WTO"](#)
- Mar 15: [FMG "Trade Policy Preview" \(T-PP\) Session on Pakistan](#)
- Mar 14: [FMG Internal Discussion on Russia-Ukraine Situation and the WTO](#)
- Mar 11: [FMG Internal Briefing on MC12 and the WTO Reform](#)

Latest Publications:

- [The WTO in Crisis: Closing the Gap between Conversation and Action or Shutting Down the Conversation?](#) (Patrick Low)
- [2021 – The Year Trade Turned to Women](#) (Mia Mikic)
- [Arriving at an equitable response to the pandemic](#) (Pradeep S Mehta)
- [Rethinking special and differential treatment in the World Trade Organization](#) (Peter Draper)

Established in 2016 in Geneva, the Friends of Multilateralism Group (FMG) is a think tank of independent experts firmly committed to promoting multilateralism and shared growth within the multilateral trading system (MTS).

FMG endeavors to buttress efforts by Members, both delegations and capital officials, on WTO reform and other issues of importance to the MTS and help them restore the centrality of the WTO for the governance of trade and investment. provides high-quality, independent and expert advice through a series of activities and products, including research, debates, consultations and policy advice, to help build a positive eco-system to inform and support potential compromises and landing zones for the sustainability of the multilateral trading system.

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