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**GLOBAL SERVICES COALITION URGES WTO MEMBERS TO LOOK TO G20
TO ADVANCE DOHA ROUND**

**Delegation Emphasizes the Economic Development Benefits of Services Trade and
Investment**

(GENEVA, SWITZERLAND) The Global Services Coalition today wrapped up one-and-one-half days of meetings with key WTO delegations to discuss progress in the Doha Round and particularly to demonstrate support for talks being held this week to explore a “cluster” approach to develop expanded market opportunities and removal of barriers to services trade, starting with this week’s discussions on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and related services.

The Coalition called upon G20 Leaders, as well as APEC Leaders, to use their upcoming meetings to move the Doha Round forward, strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system, and put the services negotiations on equal footing with those on agriculture and NAMA.

“The message of last month’s Global Services Summit in Washington was loud and clear,” the Coalition said. “G20 leadership in Seoul next month is critical to successfully concluding the Doha Round. We have reiterated that message in our meetings here in Geneva, and stressed that the G20 should give special emphasis to progress in services.”

“As Director General Lamy said in his report to the Trade Negotiations Committee last week, ‘The Services negotiations received a substantial political boost at the Global Services Summit held last month in Washington.’ The Coalition now seeks to translate that energy into progress at the bargaining table.”

“WTO members have given short shrift to services negotiations,” the Coalition said. “This has occurred partly for tactical reasons, but it also reflects a tremendous under-appreciation of the importance of services for the productivity and competitiveness of the goods and agriculture sectors across all economies, developing and developed. A significant package of

service sector reforms would nearly double the global trade and GDP gains from the WTO negotiations, according to the Peterson Institute for International Economics.”

Without services, neither agricultural nor manufactured goods can be transported, financed, insured, delivered, advertised, or sold. In short, commerce, and with it, growth, stops. In a statement issued last month, the Coalition pointed out that in the decade to 2005, worldwide employment in the service sector grew from 34% to 39%, and that in the current economic environment, increased international trade and investment in services will drive economic recovery and growth. (The paper is available at <http://uscisi.org/2010Summit/GSC%20Statement%20on%20Development%20FINAL.pdf>).

The Coalition ended its meetings with the Geneva delegations encouraged that there had been useful and productive bilateral meetings on the cluster approach and its application to ICT and ICT related services, and emphasized the need for delegations to extend these discussions to other service sectors that play vital economic development roles.

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