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At the General Council meeting of 15-16 December 2003 the Chairman noted a general acceptance of his proposal to restart the work of the negotiating groups and the TNC as well as other bodies concerned with the Doha agenda. Following the General Council's approval of the new list of Chairs at its meeting on 11 February, I have been consulting as TNC Chair with the Incoming Chairs of the negotiating bodies in order to co-ordinate the resumption of work in these bodies in a way best suited to complement and build on the very useful informal discussions currently taking place among delegations. I have also consulted with the Chairman of the General Council in view of the need to advance the Doha Development Agenda as a whole.

On the basis of these consultations I am in a position to outline a programme of meetings for the bodies established by the TNC for the March-April period (attached). This programme envisages a meeting of the TNC in the third week of April. Chairs of the bodies concerned will of course be carrying out informal consultations to prepare for the meetings of their groups in order to ensure that meetings are as productive as possible. These meetings are designed to complement, rather than replace, direct negotiations among delegations.

I will continue to co-ordinate closely with these Chairs and with participants in furtherance of the TNC's overview role. As Director-General, I will also work in close co-operation with the General Council Chair to help ensure that other aspects of the DDA are advanced in accordance with the mandate and with due attention to the priorities expressed by Members.

TNC and bodies established by the TNC
Confirmed and tentative dates for March and April 2004

4 + 25 March:	Special Session of the Dispute Settlement Body
5 March:	Informal Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services
11 March:	Negotiating Group on Rules - Regional Trade Agreements
16 - 17 March:	Negotiating Group on Rules
22 March:	Special Session of the Committee on Agriculture
24 March:	Informal Open-ended Special Session of the Committee on Agriculture
26 March (a.m.):	Informal Open-ended Special Session of the Committee on Agriculture
26 March (p.m.):	Special Session of the Committee on Agriculture
29 March - 1 April:	[Negotiating Group on Market Access]
2 April:	Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services
5 or 6 April:	[Special Session of the Committee on Trade and Development]
7 April:	Special Session of the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
14 - 15 April:	Special Session of the Committee on Trade and Environment
16 April:	[Negotiating Group on Rules - Regional Trade Agreements]
Week of 19 April:	[Trade Negotiations Committee]