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The World Trade Organization has been the watchdog of the global trading system. Numerous challenges now confront the WTO. There has been a stalemate in the Dispute Settlement Body over the appointment/reappointment of members. The increasing use of “national security” exception poses a threat to the very stability of the system. Furthermore, the negotiating function of the WTO has been failing.

As the multilateral trading system faces its deepest crisis and as Members’ skepticism about the system rises, there is an urgent need to save the rules-based trading system from disintegrating. The narrative should now focus on the modernisation of the WTO. This discussion will focus on the specific concerns as outlined above, in the larger scheme of preserving a rules-based multilateral trading system.

PROGRAMME

Welcome Address: Dr. James J. Nedumpara, Head and Professor, Centre for Trade and Investment Law

Keynote Address: Dr. Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary, Government of India

Chair: Mr. Rajeev Kher, Former Commerce Secretary, Government of India

Discussants:

- Mr. David Shark, Former Deputy Director General, WTO
- Mr. Anwarul Hoda, Chair Professor, Trade Policy and WTO Research Programme, ICRIER and Former Deputy Director General, WTO
- Mr. Patrick Macrory, Director, International Trade Law Center and Partner, Appleton Luff
- Mr. Gary Horlick, International Trade Attorney (Video Address)
- Dr. Harsha V. Singh, IKDHVAJ Advisers LLP, Former Deputy Director General, WTO
- Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies
- Dr. Borzu Sabahi, Partner, Curtis, Mallet Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP

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