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**The Multilateral Trading System:
A Brief Introduction to the Doha
Negotiations**

The History of GATT/WTO Negotiations

- ❑ Geneva 1947 (23 participants)
 - ❑ Annecy 1949
 - ❑ Torquay 1950
 - ❑ Geneva 1956
 - ❑ Dillon Round 1960-61
 - ❑ Kennedy Round 1964-67 (60) - + rules
 - ❑ Tokyo Round 1973-79 (99) - + rules
 - ❑ Uruguay Round 1986-93 (123) - + rules and birth of the WTO
 - ❑ Doha Round 2001- (over 145) - + rules
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Post-1995 Ministerials

- ❑ **Singapore 1996** (Singapore issues, plan of action for LDCs, ITA)
 - ❑ **Geneva 1998** (electronic commerce, implementation)
 - ❑ **Seattle 1999** (battle of Seattle)
 - ❑ **Doha 2001** (launch of Doha Round)
 - ❑ **Cancún 2003** (failed mid-term review)
 - ❑ **Hong Kong, China 2005** (keeping the show on the road)
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The State of Play in the Doha Negotiations

- From Doha to Cancún, to the July 2004 Package, to Hong Kong, China (December 2005), and to the end of the negotiations
 - Market access
 - Agriculture
 - Non-agricultural market access
 - Services
 - Development, S&D, implementation
 - Trade facilitation
 - Rules, regionalism

 - The Doha Work Programme
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Rules Negotiations and the Work Programme in the Doha Round

- ❑ Subsidies and unfair trade remedies
 - ❑ TRIPS
 - ❑ Environment
 - ❑ DSU negotiations
 - ❑ Development issues: S&D, implementation, TRIPS and public health, small economies, debt trade and finance, trade and transfer of technology, LDCs
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