



Media Release

Business calls for strong OECD thought leadership in “Getting Trade Back on Track”

Paris, 23rd October, 2019 – Business at OECD released its flagship publication “Getting Trade Back on Track: Business priorities for future OECD work on trade” in the context of this week’s fall 2019 OECD Trade meetings. The paper strongly calls upon the OECD to reinforce its evidence-base on the benefits of trade, and gives a considered assessment of key trade topics concerning the leading business federations in all 36 OECD member countries and beyond.

“Businesses in OECD countries remain committed to a global rules-based trade and investment system that opens markets and removes barriers and unfair trading practices.” said Business at OECD Trade Committee Vice Chair Rob Mulligan (USCIB). “As many trade and investment regimes do not yet address today’s most pressing challenges, the potential to significantly boost our economies through further trade initiatives is enormous.”

“It is important that the OECD continues to provide the evidence-base to enable governments to address trade distorting measures. Assisting the design of policies that level the playing field and reconciling trade liberalization with other key objectives can make a critical contribution to meet the global challenges business faces today.’ said Business at OECD Trade Committee Vice Chair Pat Ivory (Ibec).

The publication is released in the context of ongoing trade policy tensions among OECD members and non-member countries, and provides consensus business views on trade policy questions to be addressed going forward.

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