

Folketingets Europaudvalg

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Udvalget udbeder sig - i fire eksemplarer - ministerens besvarelse af følgende spørgsmål:

65. Ministeren bedes redegøre for regeringens holdning til opfordringen fra ILO kommissionen "World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization" om, at revidere eksisterende aftaler og globale regler om handel og investeringer med henblik på at give udviklingslande større politisk råderum, jf. afsnit 367 i rapporten "A fair Globalization: creating opportunities for all" (2004), hvori det hedder:

"367. We strongly urge that all these global rules be reviewed to allow greater policy space for developing countries to adopt measures to accelerate their development in an open economic environment. In addition, the policies of international organizations and donor countries must shift more decisively from external conditionality to national ownership of policies. They should recognize more firmly the need to balance rights, equity and efficiency. At present this is mainly recognized in the WTO provisions for Special and Differential Treatment, and we propose a strengthening of that provision in the next section on multilateral trade rules."

66. Ministeren bedes redegøre for regeringens holdning til opfordringen fra ILO kommissionen "World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization" om, at der gradvist bør udvikles en balanceret international investeringsaftale, og at aftalen skal give fleksibilitet for landene til at drive en udviklingsorienteret investeringspolitik, jf. afsnit 399 i rapporten "A fair Globalization: creating opportunities for all" (2004), hvori det hedder:

"399. We believe that efforts should then be stepped up to find a generally agreed forum, in which to work out a balanced development framework for FDI, perhaps starting with a "Policy Development Dialogue" of the type proposed in Part IV. Any such framework should be negotiated as a separate and coherent entity, and not be tied to concessions on the trade negotiating agenda at the WTO. It should provide a stable, predictable and transparent framework for investors; balance private, workers', and public interests, rights and responsibilities - both foreign and domestic; and ensure a fair, transparent and appropriate dispute resolution procedure. It would need to allow flexibility and policy space for countries to manage investment in a way that ensures that the benefits are realized, and the adverse effects, such as the crowding out of domestic investment, are minimized or controlled."

67. Ministeren anmodes om at redegøre for Danmarks holdning til EU's aktuelle forslag om at forhandle en plurilateral investeringsaftale i WTO-regi. Ministeren bedes i relation hertil forholde sig til den bekymring, der udtrykkes fra ILO kommissionen "World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization" om, at udviklingslande vil være i en vanskelig forhandlingsposition i forhandlinger, der ikke har multilateral karakter, jf. afsnit 396 i rapporten "A fair Globalization: creating opportunities for all" (2004), hvori

det hedder:

396. In the absence of coherent multilateral rules, the present framework for FDI regulates this domain in a piecemeal and fragmented way through Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs), regional agreements such as NAFTA and other WTO agreements (the General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS), SCM and TRIMs). The recent surge in the number of BITs shows that the desire to protect and promote FDI is strong, regardless of whether or not consensus can be reached on a multilateral framework. We are concerned that developing countries may be accepting unfavourable terms in BITs as a result of unbalanced negotiations with stronger developed country partners.

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