

WTO NEGOTIATIONS ON PROHIBITING HARMFUL FISHERIES SUBSIDIES FROM THE CHAIR'S PERSPECTIVES

THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2021

16.00-17.15

Online (via Zoom)

Brief Description

The Chair of the Negotiating Group on Rules, Ambassador (of Colombia) Santiago Wills, have been invited to share his views on the negotiations on fisheries subsidies at the WTO. His presentation aims to explain the current state of the negotiations and he would focus on the following points:

First, how did the negotiations got here - he will share his understanding of the history of the fisheries subsidies negotiations at the WTO, including since he took the role of Chair;

Second, where are the negotiations now - where the process stands at this moment and highlight what are, in his view, some of the main issues in the negotiations;

And third, where do we go now – a few words about the process going forward.

Speaker Biography

Mr. Santiago Wills is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Deputy Permanent Representative to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) since August 2019. Mr. Wills has extensive knowledge on international trade, particularly on the multilateral trade regulation, the mechanisms and procedures on dispute settlement – multilateral and bilateral – and on international trade policy making. Before joining the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the WTO, he served as Director of International Trade and Investment Protection at the Law Firm Lewin & Wills (Bogota, Colombia). In addition to his previous experience in the private sector and in International Organizations, such as the WTO, he has held different public sector positions. Mr. Wills has served for the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Relations as Counselor of Foreign Relations posted in the Colombian Embassy before Canada, and for the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism of Colombia, as Adviser to the Deputy Minister of Trade. Over the past 10 years, Mr. Wills has been lecturer on WTO Law, International Trade, and International Dispute Settlement Mechanisms at Los Andes University (Colombia), and has published several academic articles on such topics, as well as numerous media articles. Santiago is currently a Member of the Academic Board of the *John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO Law*, and has judged said competition for over 10 years. Mr. Wills holds a Law degree from Los Andes University (Bogota, Colombia) and two Masters Degrees on International Economic Law from the University of Barcelona (*LL.M on International Economic Law and Policy – IELPO – and Masters on Advanced Legal Studies with emphasis on International Economic Law*).





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