



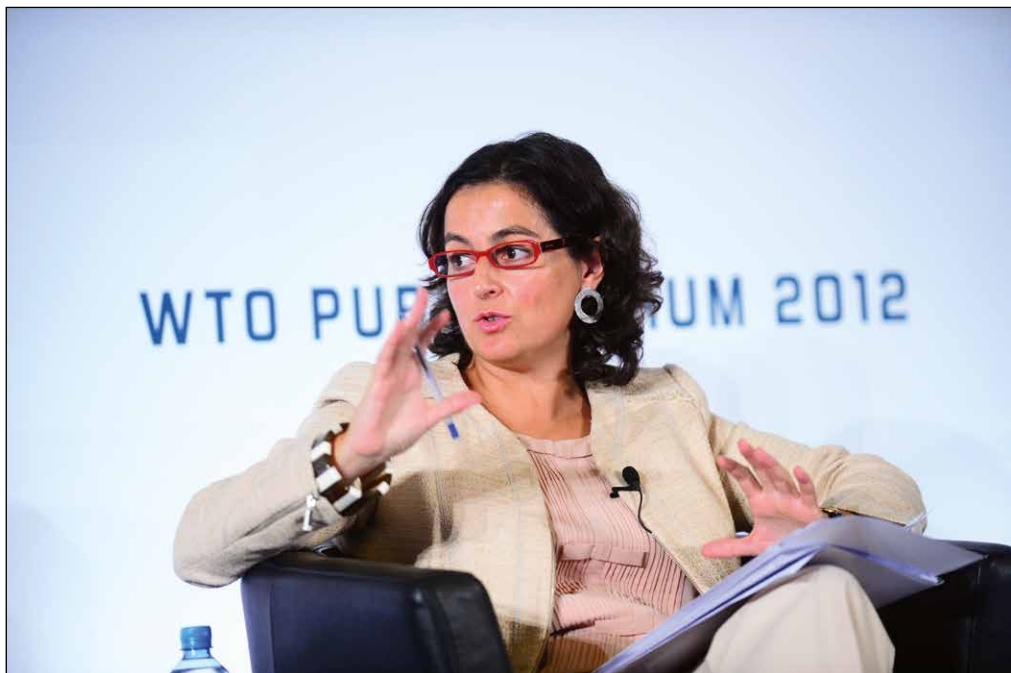
China becomes the 143rd member of the WTO at the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference, in Doha, in November 2001.

At the Eighth WTO Ministerial Conference in December 2011, ministers adopt the terms of accession for the Russian Federation (*right*) and Samoa (*below*).





The WTO Public Forum, the WTO's largest annual outreach event, focuses on the theme "Is Multilateralism in Crisis?" in September 2012.



Arancha González, WTO *chef de cabinet*, moderating a session at the 2012 WTO Public Forum.



The First Global Review of Aid for Trade at the WTO in November 2007: *left to right* IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno, UPU Director Edouard Dayan, IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, ADB Managing Director General Rajat Nag, ITC Executive Director Patricia Francis, UNECA Executive Secretary Abdoulie Janneh, WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy, OECD Secretary-General José Ángel Gurría, WTO Deputy Director-General Valentine Sendanyoye Rugwabiza, UNDP Administrator Kemal Derviş, World Bank President Robert Zoellick, ILO Director-General Juan Somavia and AfDB President Donald Kaberuka.



Director-General Pascal Lamy and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the Second Global Review of Aid for Trade in Geneva, in July 2009.



Members of the Appellate Body (with staff of the Appellate Body Secretariat) in March 2000: Julio Lacarte Muró (*fifth from left*), Florentino Feliciano (*sixth from left*), Said El-Naggar (*front centre*), James Bacchus (*sixth from right*), Claus-Dieter Ehlermann (*fifth from right*), Mitsuo Matsushita (*third from right*), Christopher Beeby (*far right*). Debra Steger, Director of the Appellate Body Secretariat, is front centre.



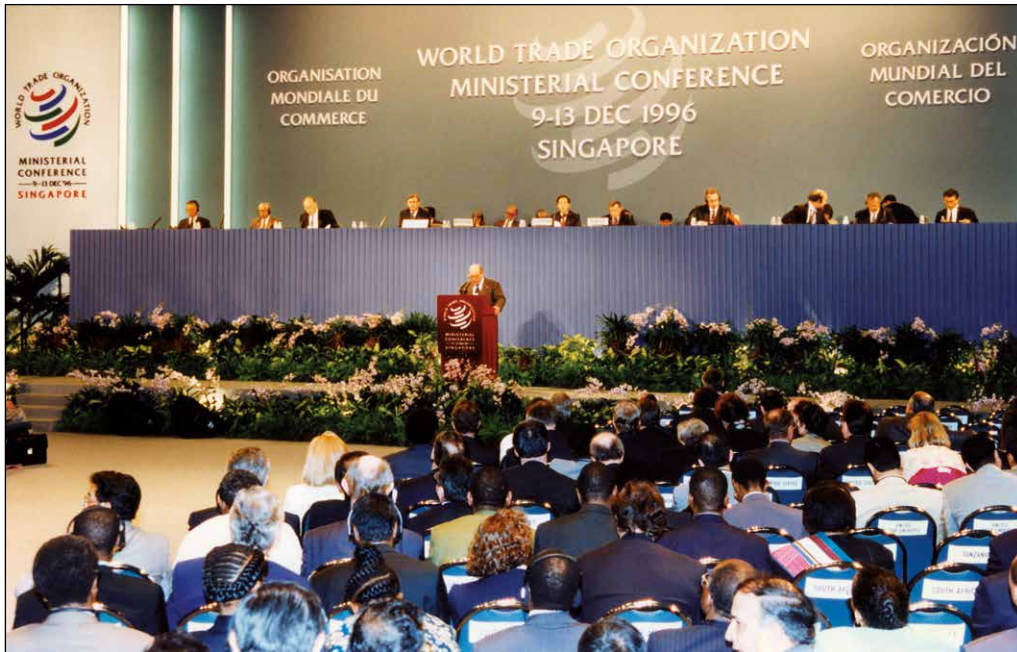
Appellate Body hearing in October 2002.



A dispute panel hearing is opened to the public for the first time through a video link on 12 September 2005.



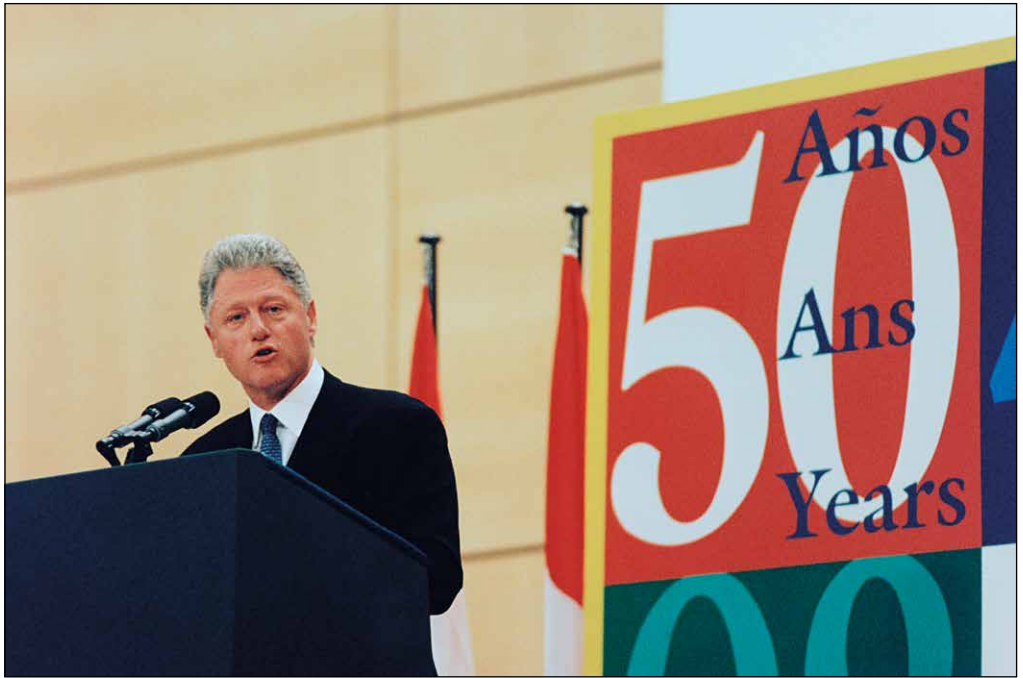
The European Union and 10 Latin American countries sign an agreement settling the banana case in November 2012, one of the longest-running disputes in the history of the multilateral trading system.



The First WTO Ministerial Conference is held in Singapore, 9 to 13 December 1996.



The Second WTO Ministerial Conference and 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the multilateral trading system is held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, 18 to 20 May 1998.



Above US President Bill Clinton speaking at the 50th Anniversary Commemoration on 19 May 1998, held in Geneva during the Second WTO Ministerial Conference (*below*).





Speakers at the Second WTO Ministerial Conference, in May 1998, include South African President Nelson Mandela (*above*) and Cuban President Fidel Castro Ruz (*right*).



UK Prime Minister Tony Blair and Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso at the 1998 WTO Ministerial Conference.