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# Overview

- Why open trade in environmental goods?
- DDA paragraph 31(iii)
- Main challenges
- Other considerations: NTBs, technology

# Why open trade in EGs?

- Remember conclusions during first day
  - Technological progress is key to sustainable growth
  - Overall effect of trade on the environment hinges on speed with and extent to which clean technologies are adopted

# Why open trade in EGs?

- Trade openness is correlated with adoption rates for technology
- Importance of trade given highly skewed distribution of R&D spending
  - G-7 countries account for 84% of global R&D spending, but 64% of global GDP (Keller 2004)

# Why open trade in EGs?

- Tariffs and NTMs limit green tech transfer (World Bank 2008)
- CDM projects are more likely to have a tech transfer component when host-countries' tariffs are low (Schmid 2012)
- Acquisition of manufacturing equipment in world markets was key for development of China's PV industry (de la Tour et al. 2011)
- Open trade in EGs helps developing countries adopt environmental policies at lower levels of per capita income than their predecessors (Lovely and Popp 2011)

# Doha Development Agenda: Paragraph 31(iii)

## Doha Ministerial Declaration (2000)

Paragraph 31(iii)

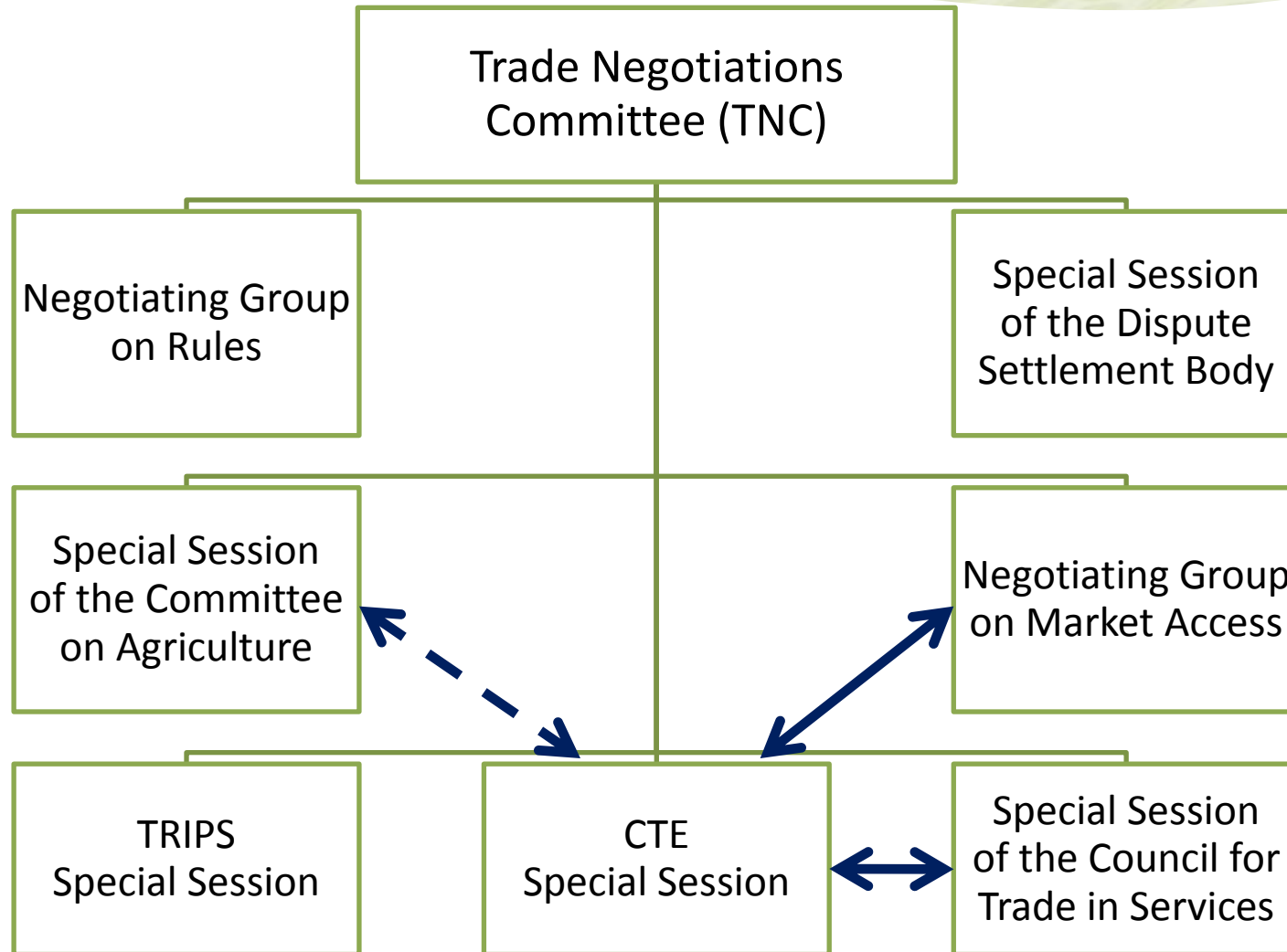
With a view to enhancing the mutual supportiveness of trade and environment, we agree to negotiations, without prejudging their outcome, on [...]

iii) the reduction or, as appropriate, elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers to environmental goods and services.

➔ Identification of environmental goods and services

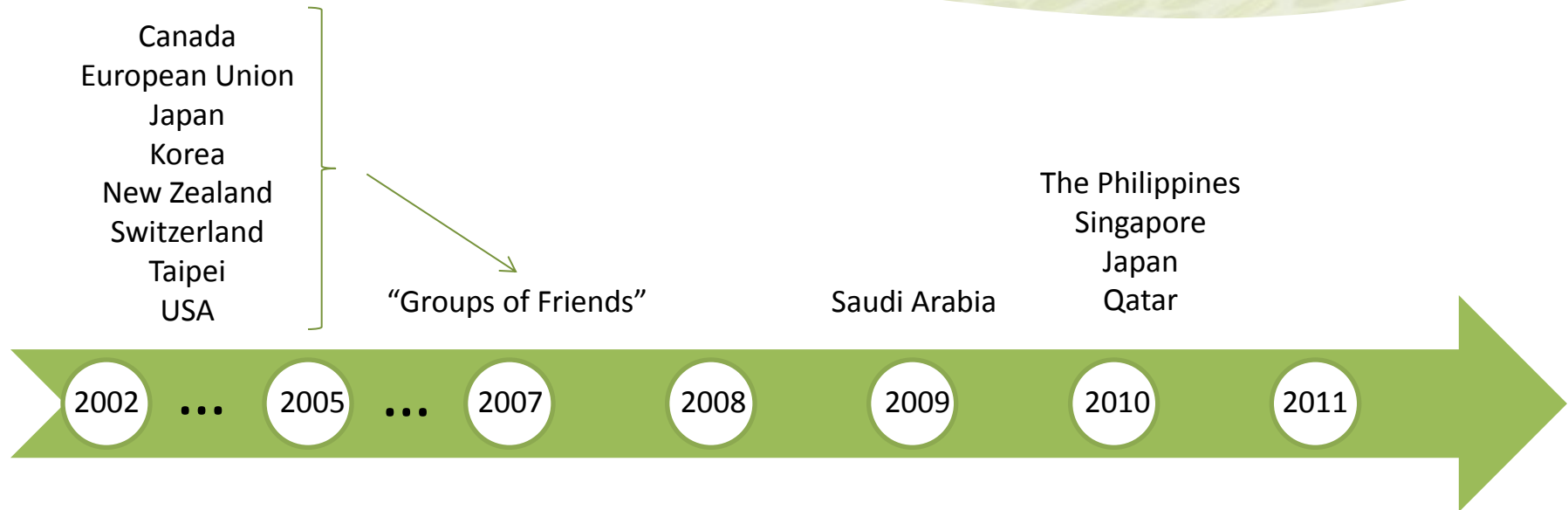
➔ Determination of modalities

# EGS Discussions in the CTESS





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## List approaches

- USA
- China
- Canada, EU

## Alternative approaches

- India
- Argentina
- Brazil

## Work Programme



## Revised Work Programme (new timelines)

## Mixed Approach

- Mexico, Chile
- Singapore, Australia,
- ... ..

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