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## Introduction

The aims of this paper are threefold: to summarize the costs of current merchandise trade distortions to developing and other economies; to examine some scenarios that might emerge as part of an eventual Doha Development Agenda agreement, particularly with respect to agriculture; and to draw out implications for the strategies developing countries might adopt in the WTO's Doha round of multilateral trade negotiations.

More specifically, the paper shows what the world economy could look like in 2015 without and with a successful conclusion to Doha, how far Doha could take the world towards where it would be in the absence of all distortions to merchandise trade, and what contribution could be made by the various elements of a Doha package. For present purposes we make use of the World Bank's recursive dynamic model of the global economy known as LINKAGE (see van der Mensbrugghe 2004), which has formed the basis for the World Bank's standard decade-long projections of the global economy and its earlier trade analysis (e.g., World Bank 2002, 2004). We also use the latest version (6.05) of the GTAP Database, which includes the tariff preferences enjoyed by many developing countries (see [www.gtap.org](http://www.gtap.org)). The distinction is made in our results between effects on developing countries as compared with more advanced economies, but in doing so it is necessary to take into account not only the World Bank's country classification based on income level but also the self-nominated one practiced in the WTO (in which even customs territories as advanced as Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan claim developing country status and so are eligible for Special and Differential Treatment (SDT) including lesser tariff cuts and longer phase-in periods than what is eventually agreed for developed countries under Doha).

Our analysis suggests most of the potential gains from multilateral reform are from agriculture but, because of huge gaps between WTO-bound and applied rates of protection, there would be little real agricultural reform globally as a result of the Doha round – especially by

developing countries – unless WTO Members are willing to make very substantial cuts to their bound tariff rates and domestic farm subsidy commitments. Without that, the gap between agricultural and manufacturing protection is likely to widen, as is the gap between developed and developing country protection rates, thereby limiting the welfare gains from reform to a small number of more-advanced economies. We therefore explore the effects of a more ambitious agricultural reform package, and of developing countries participating more fully in the Doha round rather invoking SDT to avoid reform. In both respects we show how much closer the world could get to exploiting the full benefits of trade if these more-ambitious reform commitments were to be made and implemented over the next decade.

The paper begins with an overview of the key elements of a prospective Doha agreement, focusing especially on the agricultural elements. It then describes the model of the global economy to be used to analyze the consequences of such an agreement, and of alternative more-ambitious reforms including a move to complete free trade (which provides a helpful benchmark). The estimates of protection and subsidy rates for each region are a crucial part of the data in the global model, and so they are examined before turning to the key results of the simulations. After discussing some qualifications, the paper concludes by drawing out implications for developing countries.

### **Key elements of a prospective Doha agreement**

To what extent are trade and subsidy reform commitments likely to emerge from the Doha round? In addressing that question, it needs to be kept in mind from the outset that WTO trade negotiators are seeking agreement on reductions not to the applied tariffs and subsidies but rather to members' legally bound import tariffs, agricultural export subsidies and bound commitments on domestic support to farmers. These bound rates are higher than applied rates in nearly all countries, but especially so in most developing countries. Hence if cuts to bound rates are sufficiently small, or the gap between bound and applied rates sufficiently large, no actual reform need take place from an agreed set of bound rate reductions.

The Doha round was launched at the WTO Trade Ministerial meeting in Doha in late 2001, but the following Ministerial meeting, in Cancun in September 2003, ended with acrimony and without an agreement on how to proceed. At Cancun, developing countries made it

abundantly clear that further progress would not be possible without a commitment by developed countries to significantly lower their agricultural subsidies (including importantly for cotton, despite its relatively minor role in developed country agriculture – see Sumner 2005). An intense period of consultations in July 2004 ended in the early hours of 1 August with a Decision on how the Doha Work Programme should proceed (WTO 2004). The so-called July Framework agreement that emerged from that Decision reiterates the importance of keeping development at the heart of the Doha agenda, and it particularly stresses agricultural reform as key to that. In its Annexes, the Decision provides guidance as to how a Doha agreement might be structured, with frameworks for establishing modalities for agriculture and for non-agricultural market access, as well as providing recommendations for trade in services. What emerged with respect to the three agricultural pillars has since been the subject of careful scrutiny because – as in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture – the devil will be in the details.

### *Agricultural market access*

Jean, Laborde and Martin (2005) examine the consequences of different tariff-cutting formulae, bearing in mind the tariff rate quotas (TRQs) described in the paper by de Gorter and Kliaugas (2005), the prevalence of preferences for developing countries as described in Bouet Fontagné and Jean (2005), the need to accommodate “Sensitive” and “Special” farm products, and the Special and Differential Treatment outlined in the July Framework. For present purposes, tariff cutting is implemented at the 6-digit HS level of commodity disaggregation and involves a detailed comparison of each country's bound tariff, which is what negotiators focus on, with the applied MFN tariff on a given bilateral trade flow, which is what modelers need to deal with. The gap between bound and applied MFN tariffs is the so-called binding overhang, and it can blunt significantly the impact of any negotiated outcome – so much so that, in some Doha scenarios, countries are not required to change their applied tariffs at all. Once the detailed tariff analysis was conducted, the results were aggregated up to the GTAP and Linkage models’ regional and sectoral levels by the CEPII staff in Paris.<sup>1</sup> Note that the applied tariff cuts vary not only by sector, but also by trading partner – and may involve smaller cuts on imports from those developing countries currently enjoying non-reciprocal preferential access to richer countries’ markets (Hoekman and Ozden 2005).

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<sup>1</sup> Centre d’ Etudes Prospectives et d’Informations Internationales, at [www.cepii.org](http://www.cepii.org)



Jean et al. (2005) evaluate the consequences for 2001 applied rates of different approaches to liberalization, and particularly different degrees of tops-down progressivity in the bound tariff cuts, as well as different degrees to which developing countries participate in reform. They look first at a proposal similar to the Harbinson progressive reduction formula (see WTO 2003b), with marginal tariff rate reductions of 35% for tariffs below 15 percent, 65% for tariffs above 90 percent and 60% for tariffs within the 15-90 percent bracket.<sup>2</sup> Developing country tariff cuts also follow the progressive-tax-style tiered formula, but for them Harbinson suggests four rather than three brackets, with inflexion points placed at tariff levels of 20, 60 and 120 percent, so as to be consistent with Harbinson's criterion of cutting by an average of 25%, 30%, 40% and 45%, respectively, in those four brackets.

That set of tariff cuts, it turns out, would lead to very little import liberalization, because bound tariffs in many countries exceed applied rates by such large margins. As a result, Jean et al. focus on a set of reforms that involve cuts in applied agricultural protection rates that are at least 10 percentage points greater, namely a 45%, 70% and 75% bound rate cutting rule for developed countries and a 35%, 40%, 50% and 60% cutting rule for developing countries. Consistent with the Framework, we assume least developed countries<sup>3</sup> make no reduction commitments in either of these two cases.

Jean et al. then examine, and we model, the consequences of:

- allowing lesser tariff cuts for self-nominated “Sensitive” farm products assuming countries would take into account the importance of the commodity, the height of the existing tariff, and the gap between the tariff binding and the applied rate in deciding which products to grant such treatment, comparing situations in which countries are allowed to treat 2 percent of agricultural and food tariff lines as sensitive and so subject to just a 15 percent tariff cut;
- including “Special” agricultural products just for developing countries, by adding another 2 percent of agricultural tariff lines as special and so subject to just a 15 percent tariff cut; and

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<sup>2</sup> This approach provides cuts in average tariffs -- without the discontinuities created by the proportional cuts involved in the Harbinson formula -- that are more or less comparable with those generated by Harbinson's proportional reductions of 25%, 30% and 60%, because the larger cuts on higher tariffs apply only on the portion of the tariff above 15 or 90 percent, respectively.

<sup>3</sup> The so-called least developed countries (LDCs) group is a special classification of 50 developing countries defined by the United Nations (<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/WebFlyer.asp?intItemID=2161&lang=1>).

- adding a tariff cap of 200 percent, consistent with the suggestion in paragraph 30 of the Framework agreement that the role of a tariff cap be explored.

### *Agricultural domestic support*

Reductions in domestic support have been a particular concern of developing countries. This reflects the fact that the developed countries are the major providers of such assistance, and many developing countries are concerned about the ability of their producers to compete with developed country farmers receiving large amounts of domestic support from their governments. While the marked asymmetry between industrial and developing countries is a concern, there is evidence, from Hertel and Keeney (2005) and from Hoekman, Ng and Olarreaga (2004), that the benefits to developing countries from reductions in developed-country domestic support may be substantially smaller than the potential gains from reductions in market access barriers. None the less, disciplining such support is crucial not just to prevent policy reversals but also to ensure that when tariffs are lowered, import protection is not simply replaced by equally or more-distorting domestic measures.

The base from which reductions in domestic support will take place is the commitment on the total bound Aggregate Measure of Support (AMS) agreed under Article 6 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture. The July 2004 Framework agreement proposes tiered reductions in the total bound AMS, with larger reductions by Members with higher initial AMS levels. How much would actual distorting support need to be reduced under various degrees of reduction in each country's total *bound* AMS? It turns out that extraordinarily large reductions in bound AMS are required before any reductions in actual support would occur – an outcome required by paragraph 9 of the Framework. If all countries with AMS notifications above 20 percent of the value of production cut their bound protection by 75%, and all others by 60%, only four members would have to cut *applied* rates as of 2001: the US by 28%, Norway by 18%, the EU15 by 16%, and Australia by 10%. Since the EU and Australia have already made cuts beyond that amount, the only significant country that would be affected is the US. Therefore, the offer of an initial reduction of 20% in bound AMS (see Paragraph 7 of Annex A of the July Framework, in WTO (2004)) will have no direct impact.

### ***Agricultural export subsidies***

Farm export subsidies are inconsistent with GATT rules, so for that reason alone they deserve to be eliminated. The empirical analysis summarized in Hertel and Keeney (2005) shows that they are now only a small part of agricultural support programs. That is true even when implicit subsidies in the form of food aid and export credits are included. A gradual phasing out over the next decade of both explicit and implicit forms of farm export subsidies should therefore be a politically feasible component of a comprehensive Doha agreement. Their elimination in isolation could harm a few food-importing and aid-dependent developing countries, but the poor net buyers of food in those countries can be assisted in far more efficient forms of aid than via these measures.

### ***Non-agricultural market access***

Negotiations in the area of non-agricultural tariffs have been lagging those on farm products. There has been a clear indication that developing countries wish to make lesser tariff cuts than developed countries and that least-developed countries expect to not have to make any cut commitments. A Doha round is unlikely to involve all non-agricultural bound tariffs being cut by more than 50 percent, so we assume there will be that degree of cut by developed countries and 33 percent by developing countries other than least-developed ones (from whom no cuts are being demanded). However, since that bound cut may lead to very little reduction in applied rates by developing countries, given their high tariff bindings relative to their applied tariffs, a more ambitious scenario involves them committing to more reform (in return for which they could seek reciprocity in the form of further cuts in developed countries' agricultural and textiles tariffs). The most optimistic possibility is that developing (including least developed) countries agree to cut non-agricultural bound tariffs as much as developed countries (that is, by the 50 percent we assume). Especially if that were coupled by more-ambitious cuts in agricultural tariffs, developed countries could well respond with larger commitments themselves not only in trade but also with development aid.

### ***Services trade***

WTO members have been very slow in coming forward with Doha proposals to reform services trade. At this stage it seems likely that, as with the Uruguay Round, countries will make

few meaningful commitments to genuinely open up their services sectors as part of the Doha round. For that reason, and because services trade is less-adequately represented in trade models than is goods trade, we have chosen to assume there will be no barrier reductions in this sector resulting from the Doha round – despite the fact that, as indicated in Hertel and Keeney (2005), gains from services reform could well be enormous, including for developing countries.

### **The global LINKAGE model for assessing effects of future trade reform**

The model used for this analysis is the World Bank's global dynamic computable general equilibrium (CGE) model, known as LINKAGE (van der Mensbrugghe 2004). It is a relatively straightforward CGE model but with some characteristics that distinguish it from standard comparative static models such as the GTAP model (described in Hertel 1997). A key difference is that it is recursive dynamic, so while it starts with 2001 as its base year it can be solved annually through to 2015. The dynamics are driven by exogenous population and labor supply growth, savings-driven capital accumulation, and labor-augmenting technological progress (as assumed for the World Bank's *Global Economic Prospects* report in 2004). In any given year, factor stocks are fixed. Producers minimize costs subject to constant returns to scale production technology, consumers maximize utility, and all markets – including for labor – are cleared with flexible prices. There are three types of production structures. Crop sectors reflect the substitution possibility between extensive and intensive farming; livestock sectors reflect the substitution possibility between pasture and intensive feeding; and all other sectors reflect standard capital/labor substitution (with two types of labor, skilled and unskilled). There is a single representative household per modeled region, allocating income to consumption using the extended linear expenditure system. Trade is modeled using a nested Armington structure in which aggregate import demand is the outcome of allocating domestic absorption between domestic goods and aggregate imports, and then aggregate import demand is allocated across source countries to determine the bilateral trade flows.

There are various sources of protection in the model. The most important involves bilateral import tariffs. There are also bilateral export subsidies. Domestically, there are subsidies only in agriculture, where they apply to intermediate goods, outputs, and payments to capital and land.

Three closure rules are used. First, government fiscal balances are fixed in any given year.<sup>4</sup> The fiscal objective is met by changing the level of lump sum taxes on households. This implies that losses of tariff revenues are replaced by higher direct taxes on households. Second, the current account balance is fixed. Given that other external financial flows are fixed, this implies that ex ante changes to the trade balance are reflected in ex post changes to the real exchange rate. For example, if import tariffs are reduced, the propensity to import increases and additional imports are financed by increasing export revenues. The latter typically is achieved by a real exchange rate depreciation. Finally, investment is driven by savings. With fixed public and foreign saving, investment comes from changes in the savings behavior of households and from changes in the unit cost of investment. The latter can play an important role in a dynamic model if imported capital goods are taxed. Because the capital account is exogenous, rates of return across countries can differ over time and across simulations. The model only solves for relative prices, with the numéraire, or price anchor, being the export price index of manufactured exports from high-income countries. This price is fixed at unity in the base year and throughout the projection period to 2015.

The newest version of the LINKAGE model, Version 6.0, is based on the latest release of the GTAP dataset, Release 6.05. Compared with Version 5 of the GTAP dataset, Version 6 has a 2001 base year instead of 1997, updated national and trade data and, importantly, a new source for the protection data (see [www.gtap.org](http://www.gtap.org) for details). The new protection data come from a joint CEPII (Paris)/ITC (Geneva) project. The product of this joint effort, known as MAcMaps, is a HS6 tariff level detailed database on bilateral protection that integrates trade preferences, specific and compound tariffs and a partial evaluation of non-tariff barriers such as tariff rate quotas (TRQs).<sup>5</sup> The new GTAP database has lower tariffs than the previous database. This is because of the inclusion of bilateral trade preferences, as well as the major reforms between 1997 and 2001 such as continued implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements, and China's progress towards WTO accession which alone contributed to the ratio of global exports plus imports to GDP rising from 44 to 46 percent over those four years.

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<sup>4</sup> For the sake of simplicity they are fixed in US\$ terms at their base year level, minimizing potential sustainability problems; but this implies they decrease over time as a percentage of GDP for expanding economies.

<sup>5</sup> More information on the MAcMaps database is available in Bouët et al. (2004) and at <http://www.cepii.fr/anglaisgraph/bdd/macmap.htm>.

The version of the LINKAGE model used for this study is comprised of a 27-region, 25-sector aggregation of the GTAP data set. There is a heavy emphasis on agriculture and food, comprising 13 of the 25 sectors, and a focus on the largest commodity exporters and importers.

### **The subsidies and import protection dataset**

The main source of protection resides in tariffs or border barriers, although some countries – particularly high-income countries – also have significant agricultural production and export subsidies. The average import tariff for agriculture and food in 2001 is 16.0 percent for high-income countries and 17.7 percent for developing countries, while for manufactures other than textiles and clothing it is 8.3 percent for developing countries and just 1.3 percent for high-income countries. The averages of course obscure large variations across countries and commodities. For example, if high-income countries' tariffs on temperate farm products are at a near-prohibitive 100 percent, but zero on tropical products such as coffee, the import-weighted average agricultural tariff could be quite low. Even at a relatively aggregated level, the variations can be quite sharp. For example, India has an average tariff in agriculture and food of 82 percent on imports from East Asia, but only 20 percent on imports from Sub-Saharan Africa. Also, high-income countries' agricultural tariffs on goods from low-income countries are lower than on imports from the high- and middle-income countries, while imports of textiles and clothing from low-income countries face a higher average tariff than imports from middle- or high-income countries.

### **Estimates of welfare impact of current protection policies**

The LINKAGE model provides a baseline projection of the world economy first to 2005 and then to 2015 assuming no other policy changes. Deviations from that baseline in 2015, due to phased partial or total liberalization from 2005, are then examined.

One benchmark against which to measure the prospective benefits of Doha is that which would come from freeing merchandise trade completely over the 2005-2010 period. That leads to global gains by 2015 of \$287 billion per year, according to the LINKAGE model. Another benchmark is the reform incorporated in the pre-simulation experiment for the period from 2001

to end-2004, due to the final stages of Uruguay Round implementation including the phase-out of the Multifibre Arrangement (MFA), the accession of China and Taiwan to the WTO, and the eastern enlargement of the European Union from 15 to 25 members.<sup>6</sup> The impacts of those reforms on import tariffs are non-trivial. Had those three reforms not been implemented, the dynamic gains in 2015 from freeing global merchandise trade would have been \$341 billion instead of \$287 billion, or an extra \$54 billion per year. Nearly half of that difference is due to the removal of MFA quotas and hence should be considered part of the Uruguay Round's legacy – assuming safeguards by high-income countries or export restraints by China do not replace textile and clothing quotas from 2005.<sup>7</sup>

Table 1 reports the distribution across regions of the standard economic welfare or real income (equivalent variation) effects of removing all merchandise trade barriers and agricultural subsidies globally. Of the \$287 billion gain in income that reform would generate for the global economy per year by 2015, two-thirds would accrue to the high-income countries. However, as a share of national income, developing countries (as self-defined by WTO members) would do twice as well, with an average increase of 1.2 percent compared with 0.6 percent for high-income countries. The results vary widely across developing countries, ranging from little impact in the case of Bangladesh and Mexico to 4 or 5 percent increases in parts of East Asia. The second column of numbers in Table 1 shows the amount of that welfare gain due to changes in the international terms of trade for each country. For developing countries as a group the terms of trade effect is negative, reducing somewhat the gains from improved efficiency of domestic resource use (especially in China and India). That effect would dissipate over time, however, as developing countries diversify their exports in the course of their industrialization.

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<sup>6</sup> These are the key internationally agreed and bound policy changes. We do not include unilateral and unbound policy changes such as recent reforms in EU and US farm programs.

<sup>7</sup> To get a sense of how important preferences are to developing country and global welfare, we re-ran the model for 2001, prior to the pre-simulation experiment, without those preferences in place. The estimated global welfare gains from reform are then \$382 billion instead of \$341 billion, and the developing country gains are \$150 billion instead of \$113 billion. That is, the inclusion of preferences in the database reduces the estimated gains to global, developing country and high-income country welfare by 11, 25 and 2 percent, respectively. Much of the difference is attributable to Sub-Saharan Africa, whose reduction is almost 50 percent. The 25 (and especially 50) percent numbers overstate the difference for developing countries, however, for two reasons. One is that we assume there are no rules of origin or other impediments to developing countries fully utilizing their preferences. The second is that we also assume importers in the preference-providing rich countries do not use their power to gain a disproportionate share of the rent from that preferential access. In practice neither of these assumptions hold, according to recent case studies (e.g., Olarreaga and Özden 2005, Özden and Sharma 2004).

There are several ways to decompose the real income gains from full global trade reform so as to better understand the sources of the gains for each region. One way is to assess the impacts of developing country liberalization versus industrial country liberalization in different economic sectors; another is to decompose by policy instrument. The latter gives results very similar to those from the GTAP model reported in Hertel and Keeney (2005), who estimate that market access barriers explain 93 percent of the welfare effects of agricultural policies, with domestic support and export subsidy removal contributing only 5 and 2 percentage points, respectively.<sup>8</sup>

Our results when decomposed by sector are provided in Table 2. They suggest global liberalization of agriculture and food contributes 63 percent of the total global gains (similar to Hertel and Keeney's 66 per cent). This is consistent with the high tariffs in agriculture and food (17 percent global average) versus other sectors, but is nonetheless remarkable given the low shares of agriculture in global GDP (4 percent) and global merchandise trade (9 percent). Seventenths of those gains are accounted for by the farm policies of high-income countries, and those policies also account for the majority of the overall gains to high-income countries. For developing countries, as much of their gain from farm reform would come from South-South agricultural liberalization as from developing countries getting unrestricted access to high-income country markets. That is almost equally true in manufacturing in aggregate, despite the big gains from textiles and clothing reform (\$14 billion from market access in high-income countries compared with \$9 billion due to South-South textiles trade growth). In other words, reform by developing countries is equally as important in terms of economic welfare gains to the South as reform by high-income countries. It is clear that reforming agricultural policies in both sets of countries, not just in high-income countries, is crucial for developing countries. Notice also that developing country gains from high-income country reform are only half as large from textiles as from agricultural policies.

Politicians have an eye also on what happens to their country's volume of output and exports in sectors whose protection is cut, and on earnings of constituents. Contrary to much rhetoric from protectionist groups, the full liberalization results suggest little change in the high-income countries' shares of global output and exports of processed food, beverages and tobacco,

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<sup>8</sup> Hoekman, Ng and Olarreago (2004) reach a similar conclusion from estimating the effects of halving each of the three types of agricultural distortions, in their case using partial equilibrium analysis.



and of other manufactures. Only for primary agriculture are the changes noticeable: the export share falls by more than one-quarter, from 53 to 38 percent (including intra-EU trade) – but the output share falls by only one-sixth, from 30 to 25 percent. In absolute terms, agricultural and food output in high-income countries would decline but only by 0.1 percent per year over the projection period to 2015 following a move to free trade in all merchandise, instead of rising by 1.6 percent per year. Agricultural and food exports are enhanced much more than output in each region, so the global share of agricultural and food production exported rises, from 9.5 to 13.2 percent (or from 6.6 to 11.6 percent when intra-EU trade is excluded). Also of interest is what happens to exports net of imports by sector. The expected continued decline in net imports of food and agricultural products by middle-income countries as a group in 2015 would be dramatically reversed, while for low-income countries its net exports of those goods would grow only a little faster – but its net exports of textiles and clothing would increase dramatically. Net exports of other manufactures by developing countries, by contrast, would fall to nearly zero (Anderson, Martin and van der Mensbrugge 2005a, Tables 12.5, A12.6 and A12.7).

What impact would the removal of cotton trade distortions and subsidies (which raise producer prices by more than 50 percent in the US and even more in the EU) have in this context of freeing all merchandise trade and agricultural subsidies? The price of cotton in international markets is estimated to be considerably higher in 2015, including for US exports because its subsidies would no longer depress that price. However, the volume of US cotton exports shrinks when those subsidies are removed, raising the price for other countries' exports. The price rise would not apply equally to all cotton exporters however, because of product differentiation as captured in the Armington elasticities. For Brazil and Australia, the rise is 8 percent, while for Sub-Saharan Africa it averages less than 2 percent (relative to the numéraire, which is the average price of exports of manufactures from high-income countries). However, cotton exports from Sub-Saharan Africa would be a huge 73 percent larger under this full liberalization scenario. The share of all developing countries in global cotton exports would be 85 percent instead of 56 percent in 2015, vindicating their efforts to ensure cotton receives specific attention in the Doha negotiations (see Sumner 2005 and Baffes 2005).

The above results are for full trade liberalization. Smaller changes can be expected to result from partial reforms of the sort being negotiated currently under the Doha Development Agenda. It is to those that attention now turns.

## Prospective Doha scenarios: estimating their consequences

### *The scenarios*

What will the Doha package ultimately contain? So as to focus on the agricultural component in particular, we assume no reform in services. We also assume agricultural export subsidies are eliminated by 2015, and that domestic support for agriculture is cut in just four economies: by an average of 28 percent for the U.S., 18 percent for Norway, 16 percent for the EU and 10 percent for Australia (relative to 2001 levels, as explained above). More difficult to determine are the likely nature and extent of reductions in market access barriers, so a number of scenarios are considered initially for agricultural and food products in isolation of non-agricultural tariff cuts, before incorporating also some non-agricultural market access.<sup>9</sup> Throughout this section, the WTO usage of the term ‘developing countries’ applies when allocating Special and Differential Treatment (SDT) in the form of lesser commitments to reform, which means Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan are all able to enjoy SDT despite their high-income status.

The experiments begin for *Scenario 1* with a progressive or tiered reduction formula with marginal agricultural tariff rate reductions of 45%, 70% and 75% within each of the three bands defined by the Harbinson (WTO 2003b) inflection points of tariff rates of 15 and 90 percent for developed countries (that is, for low agricultural tariffs the marginal rate of reduction is 45%, for medium-level tariffs it is 70%, and for the highest tariffs it is 75%), and for developing countries the reductions are 35%, 40%, 50% and 60% within each of their four bands (except least developed countries are not required to undertake any reduction commitments). Even these large cuts to bound tariffs (which are greater than those proposed in the Harbinson draft because we found its cuts were too light to have much impact) would lead to the average applied tariffs on agricultural and food products in 2015 being only one-third lower globally (10.0 instead of 15.2 percent) and 12.5 instead of 14.2 percent for developing countries.

*Scenario 2* examines the consequences of including “Sensitive” farm products as allowed for in the July Framework, with developed countries allowed to treat 2% of their HS6

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<sup>9</sup> As suggested in the Girard Text (see WTO 2003a), we assume that in the absence of a bound tariff on a good it will be treated as being double the applied MFN rate.

agricultural tariff lines as sensitive and thereby subject to just a 15 percent tariff cut (as a substitute for the TRQ expansion mentioned in the Framework Agreement), and double those proportions of products for both developing and least developed countries, in part to incorporate also their demand for “Special” products treatment.<sup>10</sup> This would lead to the average agricultural tariff falling only to 13.5 percent in both high-income and developing countries.

*Scenario 3* considers the effects of adding to Scenario 2 a tariff cap of 200% such that any product with a bound tariff in excess of that limit will be subjected to a reduction down to that cap rate, which leads to average cuts in agricultural tariffs of 18 percent for both developed and developing countries. This would lead to the average agricultural tariff falling in 2015 considerably more for high-income countries (to 11.5 percent) and but only very slightly more (to 13.3 percent) for developing countries.

*Scenario 4* adds to Scenario 1 the cuts in non-agricultural tariff bindings of 50 percent in developed countries, 33 percent in developing countries, and zero in least-developed countries. That lowers the average tariff on all merchandise from 2.9 percent in the baseline to 1.6 percent for high-income countries and from 8.4 to 7.5 percent for developing countries.

Finally, *Scenario 5* makes developing (including least-developed) countries full participants in the round, undertaking the same reductions in bound (but not necessarily applied) tariffs as the developed countries in Scenario 4. That lowers the average tariff on all merchandise for developing countries from 8.4 to 6.8 instead of 7.5 percent, a cut of almost one-fifth in this case instead of just one-ninth as in Scenario 4.

### *Estimated welfare and trade effects of those scenarios as of 2015*

The welfare consequences of implementing these various reforms over the 2005-2010 period and allowing the global economy to adjust to 2015 are summarized in Table 3(a) in dollar terms and in Table 3(b) as percentage changes in real income in 2015.

Column 1 of Table 3(a) suggests that agricultural liberalization using the harmonizing formula (Scenario 1) would generate a global gain of \$75 billion even without the inclusion of non-agricultural tariff reform. But almost all those benefits accrue to the reforming high-income countries (with whom we include protective Korea and Taiwan as well as Hong Kong and

<sup>10</sup> As described in Jean, Laborde and Martin (2005), “Sensitive” farm products are chosen for each country by taking into account the importance of the product, the height of its existing tariff, and the gap between its bound and applied tariffs in that country.

Singapore in this and subsequent tables) such that developing countries would gain only \$9 billion because their tariff binding overhang is so great as to lead to almost no cuts in their applied tariffs. Were countries allowed to have lesser cuts for even just 2 percent of their farm products they declare to be “Sensitive” (and another 2 percent in developing countries for their “Special” farm products), those global gains would shrink to just \$18 billion and developing countries as a group would be worse off (Scenario 2). If such exceptions are to be made, it would be important to exploit the opportunity – provided for in the July 2004 Framework – to put a cap on bound tariffs. Scenario 3 shows that even if the cap was as high as 200%, that would restore at least half of the welfare gain foregone by allowing such exceptional treatment for “Sensitive” and “Special” farm products.

The final two scenarios add non-agricultural tariff cuts to the agricultural reforms in the preceding scenarios. In scenario 4, lesser cuts are provided for developing countries’ non-agricultural tariffs, as is the case for all the preceding agricultural cut scenarios. Even so, the gain to developing countries doubles by adding these non-farm reforms, relative to Scenario 1 where only agriculture is cut, contributing one-third of the extra boost to global welfare (\$7.1 billion out of the \$21.6 billion difference between the global gains from Scenarios 1 and 4). In Scenario 5, the developing (including least-developed) countries fully engage in the reform process, foregoing the lesser cuts provided for in Scenarios 1 to 4. That boosts theirs and global welfare substantially, because their cuts in bound tariffs lead to considerably larger cuts in applied tariffs. Nonetheless, the global average merchandise tariff hardly changes if there were just agricultural reform, whereas it falls by almost one-third or 1.5 percentage points when manufacturing is included in the reform package.

Retaining lesser cuts for developing countries as in Scenario 4 would yield a global gain of \$96 billion from Doha merchandise liberalization, which is a sizable one-third of what is on the table (the potential welfare gain from full liberalization of \$287 billion, reported in Table 1). But for developing countries the gain would be only \$16 billion, which is less than one-fifth of that group’s potential gain shown in Table 1 of \$86 billion. If developing countries forego the option of reforming less than developed countries, that raises their gain by 42 percent, or an extra \$7 billion. Much of those gains go to the largest developing economies, but note that, in percentage terms, Sub-Saharan Africa also gains substantially if it liberalizes more – contrary to the presumptions of many commentators. By contrast, in Scenario 4 the ‘Rest of Sub-Saharan

Africa' countries simply are not liberalizing enough to get sufficient efficiency gains to offset the terms of trade losses suffered either as net food importers, or as recipients of tariff preferences that have eroded with the decline in high-income countries' MFN tariffs, or because of the combined export growth from reforming economies with similar export compositions.<sup>11</sup>

How big would be the consequences of partial reform for farm output and employment growth over the Doha implementation period post-2004? If there was completely free trade, farm output would decline (instead of growing slightly) in just the EU and Japan while growing slower in a few other highly protective countries – but, for most countries/regions, farming activities would expand. The Doha Scenario 4 would involve much less reform than a move to free trade, and hence a much slower loss of farm output for the EU and Japan – but also less output growth than under free trade for the vast majority of countries where farm output would be greater. For most of the protective economies, Doha Scenario 4 would simply slow the growth of farm output a little over the coming decade. The farm employment picture is somewhat different. Typically, economic growth leads to declines in not only the relative importance of agriculture but also in absolute numbers employed in farming once a country reaches middle-income status. Thus it is not surprising that numerous middle- and high-income countries are projected to lose farm jobs over the next decade in our baseline scenario. For the most protected farm sectors, that rate of farm employment decline would more than double if the world were to move to completely free trade; but it would increase only slightly under Doha Scenario 4. For most developing economies, though, farm employment would grow a little faster under that Doha scenario as compared with the baseline, allowing them to absorb more workers on their farms (Anderson, Martin and van der Mensbrugge 2005a, Table 12.17).<sup>12</sup>

How does this get reflected in agricultural net income (value added by the farming sector)? Table 4 shows, not surprisingly, that agricultural value added would fall in those regions with the highest agricultural protection (Europe, Northeast Asia and to a lesser extent the US). However, in the Doha reform scenario none of the developing countries/regions shown in Table 4 would suffer a decline in agricultural net income, despite the lowering of their own agricultural tariffs. The reason for their farmers faring better than protected rich-country farmers – even

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<sup>11</sup> For more details of our results for Sub-Saharan Africa, see Anderson, Martin and van der Mensbrugge (2005c).

<sup>12</sup> This finding of only small intersectoral labor movements in response to partial trade reform is consistent with econometric evidence of adjustments to past trade reforms (see, e.g., Wacziarg and Wallack 2004).

though the average agricultural tariff in developing countries is nearly as high as that in high-income countries (14.2 percent compared with 15.9 percent in the baseline) – is because a much larger proportion of developing country agriculture is internationally competitive and so does not have to be protected from imports. This result has clear implications for poverty alleviation, given that perhaps as many as 70 percent of the world’s poor are in farm households in developing countries.

The trade consequences of Doha Scenario 4 are summarized in Table 5. The first column shows that by 2015, annual developing country exports would be greater by \$41 billion for agricultural products, \$25 billion for textiles and clothing, and \$12 billion for other manufactures. Their total increase of \$78 billion is somewhat smaller than that for high-income countries (\$135 billion), but that difference is less when expressed in percentage terms (a 2.6 percent increase for developing countries, compared with 3.1 percent for high-income countries). This takes global merchandise trade one-fifth the way to where it would be if the move was to completely free trade in merchandise.<sup>13</sup>

Of more interest to trade negotiators are the changes in *bilateral* trades: they want to see the extent to which such an exchange of market access would be ‘balanced’. Not surprisingly, developing countries expand their exports of agricultural and textile products to high-income countries more than they expand their imports of those products from high-income countries. But the opposite is true of other manufactures, so that for merchandise trade in total the difference is not great: in f.o.b. terms developing countries in 2015 would sell \$62 billion more to high-income countries and would buy \$55 billion in return under Doha Scenario 4 (see columns 2 and 3 of Table 5). This small gap might be tolerated by high-income countries as a concession to development, but otherwise it could be narrowed by developing countries reforming more in goods or giving more than they get from high-income countries in terms of opening up services trade.

## Caveats

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<sup>13</sup> It also raises the share of agricultural and food production that is exported globally, from 9.5 to 10.0 percent, which is one-seventh of the way towards its share of 13.2 percent under the free trade scenario. Even in the protected countries this ratio rises a little or, in the case of Europe, falls only very slightly. This is because of farm resources moving from currently protected import-competing sub-sectors to more-competitive farming sub-sectors. See Anderson, Martin and van der Mensbrugge (2005a, Table 12.18).

Results such as those presented above are always dependent on the assumptions, data and parameters underlying them and so are subject to numerous qualifications. One that is particularly important to highlight has to do with the way preferences are treated in the Version 6 GTAP database. In previous versions of that database, only key *reciprocal* preferences were included (notably between members within the EU, NAFTA, ASEAN and Australia-New Zealand regional integration arrangements), whereas the new Version 6 includes *non-reciprocal* tariff preferences provided by developed countries for their imports from developing countries under numerous arrangements such as the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), the EU's provisions for former colonies under the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) program and more recently for Least Developed Countries under the Everything But Arms (EBA) agreement, and likewise the US's Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI). We have assumed that there are no rules of origin (ROOs) or other compliance requirements which discourage developing countries from taking full advantage of those preferences (even though we know such requirements often lead to underutilization); and we have assumed perfect competition between traders in the two sets of countries, which determines how rents from those preferences are shared between the exporting and importing countries (even though we know the developed country importers often have more market power than the developing country exporters of standard commodities such that the latter receives a smaller share of the rents than our analysis generates).<sup>14</sup> We therefore overstate the extent of preference erosion that would occur for especially least-developed countries, and so understate their gains from multilateral trade reform. If instead those non-reciprocal preferences were excluded from the database, we would overestimate the preference-receiving countries' gains from developed country trade reform. So until we have a better way to incorporate these real-world aspects of

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<sup>14</sup> Evidence that the preference margin is often eroded by complex rules of origin, and that the rent is shared between importing and exporting countries with the latter getting less the more trade is concentrated on standard commodities, can be found in Olarreaga and Ozden (2005) and Ozden and Sharma (2004). A recent partial equilibrium study found that in practice export revenue losses from preference erosion are likely to be limited to a small subset of countries, primarily small island economies dependent on exports of sugar, bananas and, to a far lesser extent, textiles and clothing (Alexandraki and Lankes 2004).

preference schemes, the reader should simply be aware that the welfare gains would be higher (or losses less) for least-developed countries than indicated above.<sup>15</sup>

Imports of agricultural products subject to tariff rate quotas (TRQs) are handled less than perfectly in the World Bank's LINKAGE model and the GTAP database, in two respects. First, in the Version 6 GTAP database the treatment of tariffs applied on TRQ commodities depends on the extent to which the quota is filled: if the quota is less than 90 percent filled, the in-quota tariff is assumed to apply on these commodities; if the quota is between 90 and 99 percent filled, the effective tariff is assumed to be the average of the in-quota and out-of-quota tariffs; and if the quota is more than 99 percent filled, then the out-of-quota tariff is applied. Second, where TRQs are non-binding and hence the in-quota tariff is used, and preferences are provided to developing countries, such a preference may well be illusory. If imports increased, for example, the out-of-quota tariff may kick in. Furthermore, de Gorter and Kliaug (2005) identify cases where the out-of-quota tariff has been applied at the margin even though the quota was not filled. This provides an additional reason to expect that we have overstated the costs of preference erosion.

Another important caveat worth stressing is that the above results do not incorporate the fact that trade reform typically boosts factor productivity. If instead we were to assume productivity is positively related to changes in sectoral openness, as specified in World Bank (2002) and Anderson, Martin and van der Mensbrugghe (2005b, Table 17.3), then the estimated global gains from freeing merchandise trade increase by one-third.<sup>16</sup> More importantly, they increase by two-thirds for developing countries, because the initial protection rates are so much higher there. For this reason even more than because of our treatment of preferences, the welfare gains from the reforms presented in this paper should be taken as very much lower-bound estimates.<sup>17</sup>

The above analysis does not include costs of adjustment to reform, but these are typically far less than commonly assumed. Indeed, the structural changes that take place over time in the

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<sup>15</sup> The extent of overstatement would not be large though, since the difference in the low-income countries' estimated benefits even from full liberalization is only \$2 billion p.a. when non-reciprocal preferences are excluded instead of included in the LINKAGE model's database, or \$8 billion when middle-income countries are also included (van der Mensbrugghe 2005). A further complication is that the ACP non-reciprocal preference scheme is scheduled to be replaced from 2008 with reciprocal Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) between regional groupings of those countries and the EU.

<sup>16</sup> The trade-related productivity increase is limited to the manufacturing sectors in this simulation, unlike World Bank (2002) where agricultural productivity was also allowed to respond to changes in openness.

<sup>17</sup> Other reasons for the above results to be considered lower-bound estimates are that we assume constant returns to scale and perfect competition in all sectors rather than increasing returns of imperfect competition in some.



normal course of economic growth are shown above to be typically very much larger than the small changes that would accompany gradual and partial trade liberalization. Furthermore, adjustment assistance scheme (financed by foreign aid in the case of low-income countries) are a way to help fund adjustment to tariff and subsidy cuts – and they are just one-off payments, whereas the benefits of reform continue into the future.

### **Implications for developing countries**

The good news in this paper is that there is a great deal to be gained from liberalizing merchandise – and especially agricultural – trade under Doha, with a disproportionately high share of that potential gain available for developing countries (relative to their share of the global economy). Moreover, it is the poorest people in developing countries that appear to be most likely to gain from global trade liberalization, namely farmers and unskilled laborers in developing countries. To realize that potential gain, it is in agriculture that by far the greatest cuts in bound tariffs and subsidies are required. However, the political sensitivity of farm support programs, coupled with the complexities of the measures introduced in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture and of the modalities set out in the Doha Framework Agreement of July 2004, ensure the devil will be in the details of the final Doha agreement. It is for that reason that ex ante empirical analysis of the sort provided above is a prerequisite for countries engaged in the Doha round of negotiations.

Among the numerous policy implications that can be drawn from our analysis, several are worth highlighting. First, with global gains of the order of \$95-120 billion per year at stake from implementing the July Framework Agreement, even if no reforms are forthcoming in services, and even if the counterfactual would be the status quo rather than protectionist backsliding, the political will needs to be found to bring the round to a successful conclusion, and the sooner the better. Multilateral cuts in tariff bindings are helpful also because they can lock in previous unilateral trade liberalizations that otherwise would remain unbound and hence vulnerable to reversals to higher protection; and they can be used as an opportunity to multilateralize previously agreed preferential trade agreements and thereby reduce the risk of trade diversion from those bilateral or regional arrangements.

Second, agricultural reforms need to be significant if the Doha agreement is to be pro-development and pro-poor. Outlawing agricultural export subsidies is the obvious first step. That will bring agriculture into line with the basic GATT rule against such measures, and in the process help to limit the extent to which governments encourage agricultural production by other means (since it would remove one option for, and hence raise the cost of, surplus disposal). Concurrently, domestic support bindings must be cut very substantially to reduce binding overhang. In so doing, the highest-subsidizing countries need to reduce their support, not just for the sake of their own economies but also to encourage developing countries to reciprocate by opening their markets as a quid pro quo. An initial installment of a 20 percent cut in domestic support is nothing more than a start towards getting rid of that overhang. Even more importantly, agricultural tariff bindings must be cut hugely so that some genuine market opening can occur. Allowing lesser cuts for even just a few “Sensitive” and “Special” farm products is undesirable as it would reduce hugely the gains from reform, given the tariff peaks currently in place. If it turns out to be politically impossible not to designate some products as “Sensitive” and “Special”, it would be crucial to impose a cap such that any product with a bound tariff in excess of, say, 100 percent had to reduce it to that cap rate.

Third, expanding non-agricultural market access at the same time as reforming agriculture is essential for a balanced exchange of “concessions” -- and it needs to be more than just textiles and clothing (which also benefit developing countries disproportionately) even though they are the other highly distorted sector. The additional benefits of other merchandise and services being included are that the trade expansion could be many times greater for both rich and poor countries, and the welfare gains are substantially larger for developing countries.

Fourth, South-South “concessions” also are needed, especially for developing countries as that is where half their potential benefits lie. That means reconsidering the extent to which developing countries liberalize. Since developing countries are trading so much more with each other now than in the 1980s, they are the major beneficiaries of reforms within their own regions. Even least developed countries should consider reducing their tariff binding overhang at least, since doing that in the context of the Doha round gives them more scope to demand “concessions” (or compensation for preference erosion or other contributors to terms of trade deterioration) from richer countries than if they hang on to the opportunity, provided in the July Framework, not to engage in reform.

What emerges from our analysis is that developing countries would not *have* to reform very much under Doha, because of the large gaps between their tariff bindings and applied rates. But to realize more of their potential gains from trade, they would need to commit to additional trade (and complementary domestic) reforms, and to invest more in trade facilitation. High-income countries could encourage them to do so not only by being willing to open up their own markets more to developing country exports but also by providing more targeted aid. To that end, a new proposal has been put forward to reward developing country commitments to greater trade reform with an expansion of trade-facilitating aid, to be provided by a major expansion of the current Integrated Framework which is operated by a consortium of international agencies for least developed countries (Hoekman and Prowse 2005). This may well provide an attractive path for developing countries seeking to trade their way out of poverty. As well, it is potentially a far more efficient way for developed countries to assist people in low-income countries than the current systems of tariff preferences.

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**Table 1: Impacts on real income from full liberalization of global merchandise trade, by country/region, 2015**

(changes relative to the baseline, in 2001 dollars and percent)

	Real income gain p.a. (\$billion)	Gain due just to change in terms of trade (\$billion)	as percent of baseline income in 2015
Australia and New Zealand	6.1	3.5	1.0
EU 25 plus EFTA	65.2	0.5	0.6
United States	16.2	10.7	0.1
Canada	3.8	-0.3	0.4
Japan	54.6	7.5	1.1
Korea and Taiwan	44.6	0.4	3.5
Hong Kong and Singapore	11.2	7.9	2.6
Argentina	4.9	1.2	1.2
Bangladesh	0.1	-1.1	0.2
Brazil	9.9	4.6	1.5
China	5.6	-8.3	0.2
India	3.4	-9.4	0.4
Indonesia	1.9	0.2	0.7
Thailand	7.7	0.7	3.8
Vietnam	3.0	-0.2	5.2
Russia	2.7	-2.7	0.6
Mexico	3.6	-3.6	0.4
South Africa	1.3	0.0	0.9
Turkey	3.3	0.2	1.3
Rest of South Asia	1.0	-0.8	0.5
Rest of East Asia	5.3	-0.9	1.9
Rest of LAC	10.3	0.0	1.2
Rest of ECA	1.0	-1.6	0.3
Middle East and North Africa	14.0	-6.4	1.2
Selected SSA countries <sup>a</sup>	1.0	0.5	1.5
Rest of Sub-Saharan Africa	2.5	-2.3	1.1
Rest of the World	3.4	0.1	1.5
<b>High-income countries</b>	<b>201.6</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>WTO Developing countries</b>	<b>141.5</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Developing countries (World Bank definition)</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>-29.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Middle-income countries	69.5	-16.7	0.8
Low-income countries	16.2	-12.9	0.8
East Asia and Pacific	23.5	-8.5	0.7
South Asia	4.5	-11.2	0.4
Europe and Central Asia	7.0	-4.0	0.7
Middle East and North Africa	14.0	-6.4	1.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	4.8	-1.8	1.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	28.7	2.2	1.0
<b>World total</b>	<b>287.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>

<sup>a</sup> The selected Sub-Saharan African countries (for which national modules are available in the LINKAGE Model) include Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Source: Authors' World Bank LINKAGE model simulations

**Table 2: Regional and sectoral source of gains from full liberalization of global merchandise trade, developing and high-income countries, 2015**

(Change in real income in 2015 relative to baseline scenario)

	Gains by region in \$billion			Percent of regional gain		
	<i>Devel- oping</i>	<i>High- income</i>	<i>World</i>	<i>Devel- oping</i>	<i>High- income</i>	<i>World</i>
<b>Developing countries liberalize:</b>						
<i>Agriculture and food</i>	28	19	47	33	9	17
<i>Textiles and clothing</i>	9	14	23	10	7	8
<i>Other merchandise</i>	6	52	58	7	26	20
<i>All sectors</i>	43	85	128	50	42	45
<b>High-income countries liberalize:</b>						
<i>Agriculture and food</i>	26	109	135	30	54	47
<i>Textiles and clothing</i>	13	2	15	15	1	5
<i>Other merchandise</i>	4	5	9	5	2	3
<i>All sectors</i>	43	116	159	50	57	55
<b>All countries liberalize:</b>						
<i>Agriculture and food</i>	54	128	182	63	64	63
<i>Textiles and clothing</i>	22	16	38	25	8	14
<i>Other merchandise</i>	10	57	67	12	28	23
<i>All sectors</i>	86	201	287	100	100	100

<sup>a</sup> Small interaction effects are distributed proportionately and numbers are rounded to sum to 100 percent

Source: Authors' World Bank LINKAGE model simulations

**Table 3: Change in real income in alternative Doha scenarios, 2015**

(a) Dollar change (in 2001 \$billion compared to baseline scenario)

	Scen. 1	Scen. 2	Scen. 3	Scen. 4	Scen. 5
Australia & New Zealand	2.0	1.1	1.2	2.4	2.8
EU 25 plus EFTA	29.5	10.7	10.9	31.4	35.7
United States	3.0	2.3	2.1	4.9	6.6
Canada	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.0
Japan	18.9	1.8	12.9	23.7	25.4
Korea and Taiwan	10.9	1.7	15.9	15.0	22.6
Hong Kong and Singapore	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	1.5	2.2
Argentina	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.6
Bangladesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Brazil	3.3	1.1	1.1	3.6	3.9
China	-0.5	-1.5	-1.1	1.7	1.6
India	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.2	3.5
Indonesia	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.2
Thailand	0.9	0.6	0.8	2.0	2.7
Vietnam	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6
Russia	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.8	1.5
Mexico	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-0.2
South Africa	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7
Turkey	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.4
Rest of South Asia	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7
Rest of East Asia	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.6
Rest of LAC	3.7	0.5	0.4	3.9	4.0
Rest of ECA	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7
Middle East & N. Africa	-0.8	-1.2	-1.2	-0.6	0.1
Selected SSA countries	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Rest of Sub-Saharan Africa	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
Rest of the World	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6
<b>High-income countries</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>96.4</b>
<b>WTO Dev. countries</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>47.7</b>
<b>Developing countries (WB)</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>22.9</b>
Middle-income countries	8.0	-0.5	1.0	12.5	17.1
Low-income countries	1.0	0.1	0.0	3.6	5.9
East Asia and Pacific	0.5	-0.8	0.6	4.5	5.5
South Asia	0.4	0.3	0.4	2.5	4.2
Europe and Central Asia	0.1	-0.9	-0.9	0.8	2.1
Middle East & N. Africa	-0.8	-1.2	-1.2	-0.6	0.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.4	1.2
Lat. America & the Carib.	8.1	2.3	2.1	7.9	9.2
<b>World total</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>119.3</b>



**Table 3: Change in real income in alternative Doha scenarios, 2015 (continued)**

(b) Percentage change compared with baseline

	Scen. 1	Scen. 2	Scen. 3	Scen. 4	Scen. 5
Australia & New Zealand	0.35	0.20	0.20	0.42	0.48
EU 25 plus EFTA	0.29	0.11	0.11	0.31	0.36
United States	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.05
Canada	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.10	0.11
Japan	0.38	0.04	0.26	0.48	0.51
Korea and Taiwan	0.86	0.13	1.26	1.19	1.79
Hong Kong and Singapore	-0.02	-0.03	-0.04	0.35	0.52
Argentina	0.32	0.26	0.26	0.34	0.39
Bangladesh	-0.06	-0.03	-0.04	-0.10	-0.09
Brazil	0.50	0.16	0.17	0.55	0.59
China	-0.02	-0.06	-0.04	0.07	0.06
India	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.25	0.40
Indonesia	0.05	0.07	0.01	0.37	0.44
Thailand	0.43	0.29	0.38	0.99	1.33
Vietnam	-0.20	-0.09	-0.16	-0.83	-0.97
Russia	-0.06	-0.16	-0.15	0.16	0.31
Mexico	-0.02	-0.04	-0.04	-0.11	-0.02
South Africa	0.06	0.17	0.17	0.25	0.49
Turkey	0.25	0.02	0.02	0.26	0.55
Rest of South Asia	0.13	0.05	0.14	0.17	0.39
Rest of East Asia	0.02	0.01	0.36	0.09	0.22
Rest of LAC	0.44	0.06	0.04	0.46	0.47
Rest of ECA	-0.06	-0.09	-0.08	-0.22	-0.26
Middle East & N. Africa	-0.07	-0.10	-0.10	-0.05	0.01
Selected SSA countries	0.21	-0.02	-0.05	0.19	0.26
Rest of Sub-Saharan Africa	0.02	-0.13	-0.14	-0.02	0.13
Rest of the World	0.19	0.00	0.02	0.26	0.28
<b>High-income countries</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.30</b>
<b>WTO Dev. Countries</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.40</b>
<b>Developing countries (WB)</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.22</b>
Middle-income countries	0.10	-0.01	0.01	0.15	0.21
Low-income countries	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.18	0.30
East Asia and Pacific	0.01	-0.02	0.02	0.13	0.16
South Asia	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.21	0.36
Europe and Central Asia	0.01	-0.09	-0.09	0.08	0.21
Middle East & N. Africa	-0.07	-0.10	-0.10	-0.05	0.01
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.06	-0.01	-0.02	0.10	0.27
Lat. America & the Carib.	0.29	0.08	0.08	0.29	0.33
<b>World total</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.28</b>

*Source:* Authors' World Bank LINKAGE model simulations

**Table 4: Impact of reform scenarios on agricultural value added, 2015**

(changes in value added relative to baseline, 2001 dollars and percent)

	<b>\$billion</b>		<b>percent change</b>	
	Full global liberalization	Scenario 4	Full global liberalization	Scenario 4
Australia and New Zealand	6.4	2.4	25.6	9.8
EU 25 plus EFTA	-39.1	-20.4	-26.4	-13.8
United States	-18.2	-6.3	-15.0	-5.2
Canada	3.4	0.9	23.3	5.8
Japan	-17.7	-7.4	-39.5	-16.6
Korea and Taiwan	-9.5	-3.4	-33.3	-12.1
Hong Kong and Singapore	0.1	0.0	7.5	1.4
Argentina	6.1	1.7	33.8	9.4
Bangladesh	-0.5	0.0	-4.4	0.4
Brazil	15.1	5.5	46.3	16.7
China	0.3	1.8	0.1	0.4
India	-17.1	0.4	-8.1	0.2
Indonesia	0.8	0.5	2.7	1.7
Thailand	3.8	1.1	25.0	7.2
Vietnam	0.8	0.0	13.6	0.3
Russia	-1.4	-0.2	-6.5	-0.8
Mexico	0.9	1.2	2.5	3.2
South Africa	0.5	0.1	9.6	1.2
Turkey	-2.0	-0.1	-7.2	-0.3
Rest of South Asia	-0.6	0.8	-1.3	1.8
Rest of East Asia	-0.2	0.5	-0.7	1.9
Rest of LAC	22.9	8.4	30.2	11.1
Rest of ECA	-1.1	-0.1	-1.8	-0.2
Middle East and North Africa	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.9
Selected SSA countries	1.5	0.3	9.1	1.7
Rest of Sub-Saharan Africa	2.3	0.8	5.4	1.9
Rest of the World	3.1	1.0	16.4	5.4
<b>High-income countries</b>	<b>-74.6</b>	<b>-34.2</b>	<b>-19.4</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
<b>Developing countries (WB)</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Middle-income countries	45.3	20.9	5.3	2.4
Low-income countries	-9.7	3.9	-2.5	1.0
East Asia and Pacific	5.5	3.9	1.1	0.8
South Asia	-18.1	1.2	-6.8	0.5
Europe and Central Asia	-4.5	-0.3	-4.0	-0.3
Middle East and North Africa	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.9
Sub-Saharan Africa	4.3	1.1	6.7	1.8
Latin America and the Caribbean	45.0	16.7	27.4	10.2
<b>World total</b>	<b>-39.0</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

Source: Authors' World Bank LINKAGE model simulations

**Table 5: Changes in bilateral trade flows from Doha Scenario 4 (agricultural reform plus non-agricultural tariff cuts), 2015**

(Difference in bilateral trade flows at FOB prices in 2015 compared to the baseline, \$billion) <sup>a</sup>

<i>Exporter:</i>	<i>Importer:</i>		
	<i>World</i>	<i>High-income countries</i>	<i>Developing countries</i>
	<b>Agriculture and food</b>		
World	56	46	9
High-income	15	15	-0
Developing	41	31	10
	<b>Textiles and clothing</b>		
World	41	28	12
High-income	16	5	11
Developing	25	23	2
	<b>Other manufacturing</b>		
World	117	68	49
High-income	105	60	44
Developing	12	8	5
	<b>All merchandise trade</b>		
World	213	142	71
High-income	135	80	55
Developing	78	62	16

<sup>a</sup> Aggregations exclude intra-EU trade

Source: Authors' World Bank LINKAGE model simulations