

## **Negotiations in Regional Trade Agreements**

Based on paragraph 29 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration at the invitation 14/11/2001 negotiators to clarify and improve the existing provisions of the WTO, which apply to regional trade agreements, has dealt a set of negotiations in two of the relevant regional trade agreements, namely:

### **1 - Procedural Issues**

A - improving transparency in regional trade agreements RTAs

B - improving procedures for the study of regional trade agreements by RTAs WTO.

Has been to reach a temporary Transparency Mechanism on improving the notification of regional trade agreements and studied as approved by the General Council on 14/12/2006, this mechanism is still working out in force to show any obstacles to discuss.

### **2 - Systemic Issues**

revolves around the negotiations on clarifying and improving WTO rules listed in Article 24 of the GATT agreement by clarifying a number of basic concepts and terminology in this area such as the concept of substantially all the trade 1994, Article V of the services agreement, enabling clause with the situation into account the developmental aspects In regional trade agreements