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CUTS should be congratulated for conceiving the idea of a publication to document, record and present the experience of developing country negotiators and then bringing that to fruition. This is preserving the history of multilateral trade negotiations as it unfolds based on first-hand accounts of those who are in the thick of it...offers important lessons that can be learnt from the last ten years of DDA negotiations to fine-tune the substance and process of the negotiations for their successful and development-oriented conclusion as a significant contribution to overcome the most dangerous challenge faced by the global economy in our time.

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The publication gives a substantive account of the evolution of the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations and the role of developing country coalitions and alliances. The reflections are those of the former and current developing country negotiators based on their first-hand experience of WTO negotiations, particularly on the development dimension. They have described the progress including developments at key moments like the WTO Ministerial Conference in Cancun (2003) and Hong Kong (2005); and have drawn lessons from negotiating strategies and tactics applied to-date by developing countries.

The sixteen chapters included in the publication give a rich resume of increasing and more effective developing country participation in the WTO. Authors have brought to fore the twists and turns of the decade long Doha Round, often based on their own experience and perspectives. Such intimate insights are rarely found in existing literature on the WTO negotiations. Authors have also offered suggestions to unlock the stalemate in the DDA and reach a balanced and development-friendly conclusion.

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