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Selection of the Executive Director of the Executive Secretariat for the Enhanced Integrated Framework

The EIF has an Executive Director! Ms Dorothy Tembo, Zambia, who many of you know, has been selected as the EIF Executive Director to head the up-coming EIF Executive Secretariat.

Ms Tembo joins the EIF Executive Secretariat (ES) from her current positions as the Chief Trade Negotiator and Director, Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia. In her capacity as the Director of Foreign Trade, Ms Tembo has also served as Zambia's IF Focal Point and brings into the ES first hand experience and understanding of the IF implementation.

Ms Tembo possesses a broad understanding of economic implications of international trade policy on development and has experience in analytical research on international trade and development issues related to her native Eastern and Southern African region and the Multilateral Trading System as a whole. Her theoretical and practical understanding covers a broad range of areas including trade negotiations, economic integration, economic environmental reviews, trade and industrial policy and investment as well as administering trade-related technical assistance programmes aimed at enhancing her country's participation in the regional and multilateral markets. The experience has been acquired through the consultancy work undertaken; work experience with the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry; and other Inter-Governmental, Non-State and Private Sector Institutions. Ms Tembo has not only been a resource person for Government and Private Sector on research and analysis, but as part of the capacity building programmes, has also provided on the job training to middle management staff in the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry on bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations. Her exposure as Zambia's Chief Trade Negotiator and Director of Foreign Trade over the past four years has contributed tremendously to her experience.

Ms Tembo led the Zambian team at technical level during their tenure as Coordinator of the LDCs within the WTO framework for a period of eighteen months which commenced in the early part of 2005. The LDCs during Zambia's tenure saw the Hong Kong WTO Ministerial Meeting deciding among other issues the principle agreement of extending Duty and Quota Free market access to the group, the setting in motion of the Aid for Trade Agenda and the endorsement of commencing the work on the IF enhancement.

The PIU wishes to extend their heartfelt congratulations to Ms Tembo and are looking forward to receiving this remarkable lady in Geneva to steer the EIF to a success!