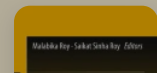


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chapter will analyse India's engagement in the Doha Round of trade talks in the light of its experience with the WTO regime. It will also look into the changing global economic landscape including the proliferation of the regional trade agreements and a regime of increasing commodity prices to analyse India's evolving negotiating position in the Doha Round.

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1. During the Great Depression of 1930s, between 1929 and 1933 global trade shrank 65 % in dollar value and 25 % in unit volume.
2. Available at:  
[https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/minist\\_e/min01\\_e/mindecl\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/min01_e/mindecl_e.htm).
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4. For example, see 'Doha: India accuses US of sacrificing world's poor at trade talks', The Guardian, July 31, 2008. Available at:  
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of finance ministers and central bank governors. Members of this group are: Argentina, Bolivia, Plurinational State of, Brazil, Chile, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Zimbabwe.

8. Members of this group are: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Plurinational State of, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, China, Congo, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Korea, Republic of, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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called Blue Box subsidies. Currently, there is no limit on Blue Box subsidies. Green Box subsidies are domestic support for agriculture that do not distort trade or at most cause minimal distortion. These subsidies are allowed without limit.

13. Special and Differential Treatment refers to provisions within the WTO that give developing and least developed countries (LDCs) special rights and allow developed countries to treat developing countries and LDCs more favourably than other WTO members. These special provisions include, for example, longer periods for implementing agreements and commitments, or measures to increase developing countries' trading opportunities.

14. For example, see Hermann ([2009](#)), FAO ([2011](#)).

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constitution, so far voting has not been used in the WTO.

19. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and the six states with which ASEAN has existing FTAs (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand).
20. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a proposed regional regulatory and investment treaty. As of 2014, twelve countries throughout the Asia Pacific region have participated in negotiations on the TPP: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the

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