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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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[https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news15\\_e/hod\\_01jun15\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news15_e/hod_01jun15_e.htm).

4. For example, see 'Doha: India accuses US of sacrificing world's poor at trade talks', The Guardian, July 31, 2008. Available at:

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2008/jul/31/wto.india>.

5. The Cairns Group is a group of countries which negotiated for a more open agricultural trade regime since the Uruguay Round of trade talks. Members of the Cairns Group are: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand and Uruguay. Hungary (now part of the European Community) and Fiji were founding members of the

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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.
9. Members are: Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Namibia, Philippines, South Africa, Tunisia, Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.
10. However, in 1999 India increased its bound rates through Article XXVIII tariff

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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](#)).

15. A Swiss Formula for tariff reductions is given by the equation:

$$Z = CX / (C + X)$$

where

$X$  = initial tariff rate

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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 United States, and Vietnam.
21. 'A Setback for Free Trade: Strangled at Birth', The Economist, August 1, 2014; 'World Trade: The Indian Problem', The Economist, November 21, 2013.
22. Available at: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=101827>.

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