



ITCB elects a new chairman to succeed Mr. Harbinson, decides to hold 2003 Session in Cairo

At its special session on 25th September 2002, ITCB Council of Representatives elected H.E. Mr. K.M. Chandrasekhar Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the WTO to be the chairman of the Bureau in succession to Mr. Stuart Harbinson of Hong Kong-China. The change was necessitated due to Mr. Harbinson's appointment to the WTO.

Members paid glowing tributes to Mr. Harbinson's leadership and his extraordinary contributions to the Bureau since 1999. "I found work at the ITCB to be the most fulfilling", said Mr. Harbinson.

"We shall continue to work in cooperation, towards shaping the future contours of trade policy relating to the sector" said the incoming chairman, responding to welcoming remarks.

The Council also accepted with gratitude the Government of Egypt's invitation to host ITCB's 2003 session in Cairo in the first half of the year. It decided to establish the dates for the session in due course.