



Facts on the Doha Round

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U.S. is World's Most Open Economy to Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries

- **The World Bank and International Monetary Fund's *Global Monitoring Report* shows index values of import restrictiveness against low income countries of 6 for the United States, 7 for Canada, 15 for the EU and 24 for Japan (lower scores reflect less restrictions).**
- **Furthermore, the report says the U.S. economy is also the most open to least developed countries, with a score of 5 for the United States, 6 for Canada, 13 for the EU and 21 for Japan.**

“Removing barriers to trade that discriminate against developing countries is potentially a powerful tool to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Multilateral, reciprocal, nondiscriminatory trade liberalization offers the best approach for supporting development. Rapid conclusion of an ambitious Doha Round is therefore of great importance.”

Global Monitoring Report 2005
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For more information on this report, go to the World Bank's website at:
<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/GLOBALMONITORINGEXT/0,,pagePK:64022007~theSitePK:278515,00.html>