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Subject: Invitation to present at The City Law School Symposium on 30 Years of the WTO

Dear Samer,

I am pleased to invite you to participate as a speaker at our upcoming symposium, ***Cheers to 30 Years: Entering a New Era of Multilateral Trade Rules***, which will take place on Wednesday 29th October 2025 at Northampton Suites, City St Georges, University of London, London, United Kingdom. The symposium aims to bring together the World Trade Organization, academics, policymakers, legal practitioners and students to critically reflect on the impact of the multilateral trading system and its rules on international law.

We are looking to commence with an impactful presentation on the history and relevance of the WTO to set the tone for the dialogues regarding its 30 years of existence. In addition to this, we are also aiming to strengthen technical cooperation between City St Georges, University of London and the WTO so as to ensure more alignment between the work of our academics and WTO member states' needs.

As The City Law School becomes more specialised in international economic law, we are hoping that our experienced and knowledgeable academics could offer assistance to the work of the WTO in the future in their various technical assistance and other work or research programmes.

Given your position as the Chief of Section for Technical Assistance Coordination, Partnerships and Internship Programmes within the WTO's Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC), we believe your presence and involvement in this symposium will be instrumental in paving the way for better research and technical cooperation in the realm of world trade law.

We are pleased to offer you personally the coverage of your travel and accommodation expenses, with the exception of subsistence allowance, for the duration of your participation, as we believe that your physical presence would provide a better opportunity for interactions among our academics and students.

We sincerely hope you will consider this invitation favourably and contribute to what promises to be a highly impactful gathering. Please let us know your availability at your earliest convenience. Should you require any further information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact **cheryl.dine@citystgeorges.ac.uk** directly. Thank you very much for considering this invitation. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you to the symposium.

Kind regards,



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