INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS

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The GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS...

...would push 100 million people back below the poverty line, wiping out seven years of progress (Zoellick)

...could cause upwards of 10 million people in Asia to die prematurely (Timmer)
GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

A result of long-standing imbalance in international agricultural trade

Protectionism

Inequities in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Eliminate export subsidies, reduce domestic subsidies
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2. Cut agricultural tariffs; provide Special Products; and institute Special Safeguard Mechanisms
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3. Ensure that legitimate measures are not used as technical barriers to trade
CONCLUSION

Developed countries must:

• make efforts to rectify gross trade imbalance.

• honor their commitments to do away with trade-distorting practices (export and domestic subsidies)

• create incentives for developing countries to re-engage in agriculture