

The Honorable Susan C. Schwab
United States Trade Representative
Executive Office of the President
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Ambassador Schwab:

Pursuant to Section 2104 (e) of the Trade Act of 2002 and Section 135 (e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, I am pleased to transmit the report of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business ("ITAC 11") on the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of ITAC 11.

Sincerely,

John Allen
Co-Chairman, ITAC-11

cc: ITAC 11 Committee Members
Industry Trade Advisory Center, USDOC

The United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement

**Report of the
Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11)**

September 19, 2006

Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11)
Advisory Committee Report to the President, the Congress and the United States Trade
Representative on **The United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.**

I. Purpose of the Committee Report

Section 2104 (e) of the Trade Act of 2002 requires that advisory committees provide the President, the U.S. Trade Representative, and Congress with reports required under Section 135 (e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, not later than 30 days after the President notifies Congress of his intent to enter into an agreement.

Under Section 135 (e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the report of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations and each appropriate policy advisory committee must include an advisory opinion as to whether and to what extent the agreement promotes the economic interests of the United States and achieves the applicable overall and principle negotiating objectives set forth in the Trade Act of 2002. The report of the appropriate sectoral or functional committee must also include an advisory opinion as to whether the agreement provides for equity and reciprocity within the sectoral or functional area. Pursuant to these requirements, ITAC-11 (formerly known as ISAC-14) on Small and Minority Business hereby submits the following report.

II. Executive Summary of Committee Report

Enclosed is a review of the committee, submitted for your review, both in terms of the final document as well as the procedures for implementations and resolution of any disputes. The committee applauds the efforts of USTR and Commerce to open freer trade with Colombia. ITAC-11 supports the basis and overall concept of the United States and Colombia Free Trade Promotion Agreement and continues to support the expansion of free trade throughout the area.

III. Brief Description of the Mandate of ITAC-11

The objective of the committee is to provide timely policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and USTR regarding trade barriers, implementation, and overall concern as it pertains to the operations and international competitiveness of small and minority business.

IV. Negotiating Objectives and Priorities of ITAC-11

The priorities of the committee are to represent the views of small business with the objective to enhance job growth and exports of goods and services by this business sector of the U.S. economy. As a further objective, the committee expresses an ongoing concern that cross-border trade be as fair as possible, transparent, and open to small business.

V. Advisory Committee Opinion on Agreement

Members of ITAC 11 agree with the text as proposed. ITAC 11 supports the expansion of international trade opportunities afforded small, medium and minority business under the Trade Promotion Agreement. We believe the proposed agreement will enhance trade opportunities while affording protections to small, medium and minority businesses in the United States and Colombia.

VI. Membership of ITAC-11 Committee

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President
Customs Advisory Services, Inc.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. John Allen
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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