

April 25, 2007

The Honorable Susan C. Schwab
United States Trade Representative
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20508

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 the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA), reflecting consensus on the proposed Agreement.

Sincerely,

George M. Keller
Chair, Industry Trade Advisory Committee
on Small and Minority Business (ITAC 11)

The U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA)

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Advisory Committee Report to the President, the Congress and the United States Trade Representative on **The U.S.-Panama 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 hereby submits the following report.

II. Executive Summary of the Committee Report

The committee supports the expansion of international trade opportunities that will occur with the passage of the U.S.-Panama TPA.

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 and minority business.

V. Advisory Committee Opinion on Agreement

ITAC 11 is in general agreement with the text as proposed. ITAC 11 supports the expansion of international trade opportunities afforded small, medium and minority businesses under the TPA. We believe the TPA, in most areas, will enhance these opportunities while affording protections to businesses in the U. S. and Panama.

VI. Membership Committee of ITAC 11

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