

Editor's note

This special issue of the *World Trade Review* marks the 10th anniversary of the creation of the World Trade Organization as part of the agreements reached during the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations. The Editorial Board is pleased to present the reflections of all the former Director-Generals of the WTO on the organization's achievements and shortcomings over the past decade, as well as their thoughts on its future direction.

In addition, as WTR readers are probably aware, Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi asked a special Consultative Board, led by former DG, Peter Sutherland, to examine the state of the WTO as an institution, to study and clarify the institutional challenges facing the trading system, and to consider how the WTO could be reinforced and equipped to meet them. The Sutherland Report – entitled 'The Future of the WTO: Addressing Institutional Challenges in the New Millennium' – was issued in 2004 and has generated a great deal of attention. (The report is available on the WTO's website at: http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/10anniv_e/future_wto_e.pdf.) As part of this special issue, leading trade economists and lawyers have contributed to a symposium that considers the issues and recommendations in the report.