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DR CRAIG EMERSON

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Emerson to visit United States for Trade Talks

Trade Minister, Dr Craig Emerson, will visit Washington DC and New York from 20 to 22 September to promote global services trade reform, the Doha Round and Australian trade interests with the United States.

Dr Emerson will participate in a panel discussion at the Global Services Summit in Washington on 22 September. The Summit is a major event on the trade policy calendar.

Many of Australia's major trading partners will participate in the Global Services Summit, including Trade Ministers from India, New Zealand, Malaysia and Mexico. Dr Emerson will meet with the Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr Anand Sharma, and WTO Director General Pascal Lamy.

This visit will also provide an opportunity for Dr Emerson to hold introductory meetings with the Obama Administration – in particular US Trade Representative (USTR) Ron Kirk, Dr Michael Froman, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economic Affairs and Development – and Congressional leaders.

"I very much look forward to meeting my US counterpart, USTR Ron Kirk, and to discussing how to take forward trade policy priorities, including the Doha agenda and the Trans Pacific Partnership," Dr Emerson said.

"The Global Services Summit is a wonderful opportunity to meet with key international counterparts."

"This visit comes at an important time in the lead-up to the G20 Leaders' meeting in Seoul, which will review progress in the Doha Round.

"Australia is working closely with those seeking an ambitious outcome to the services trade talks in the WTO on how we can bring new energy to the Doha market access agenda.

"I'll be talking about some of these ideas with my colleagues in Washington."

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