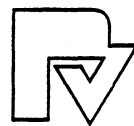


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This book is a compilation of the presentations made at that conference. The book, published in Ukrainian and English languages, discusses many aspects of Ukraine’s accession to the WTO and implications of WTO membership afterwards.

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Abbreviations

AMS	Aggregate Measure of Support
BEEPS	Business Environment and Enterprise Performance Survey
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CCP	Counter-Cyclical Payments
CEEC	Central and Eastern European Countries
CEFTA	Central European Free Trade Agreement
CEPR	Center for Economic Policy Research
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CIT	Countries in Transition
COMECON	Council for Mutual Economic Aid
CPER	Center for Privatisation and Economic Reform in Agriculture
CU	Customs Union
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
ERAD	Economic Research and Analysis Division (WTO)
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
FAIR	Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FSRI	Farm Security and Rural Investment
FTA	Free Trade Agreements
FYR	Former Yugoslav Republic (Macedonia)
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross domestic product
GOU	Government of Ukraine
GTAP	Global Trade and Analysis Project
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IGC	International Grains Council
IIPA	International Intellectual Property Alliance
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPR	intellectual property rights
IRIS	Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector
KC	Czech crown (currency)
MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MFN	most-favored-nation
MTR	Mid-Term Review
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NIS	New Independent States
NME	Non-Member Economies

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OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PDR	People's Democratic Republic (Lao)
PSE	Producer Support Estimate
RTA	Regional Trade Agreement
S&D	Special and Differential Treatment
SOE	State Owned Enterprises
SPS	Agreement on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary
TACIS	Technical Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States
TBT	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
TPRM	Trade Policies Review Mechanism
TRIMs	Trade-related investment measures
TRIPS	Trade-related intellectual property rights
TRQ	tariff rate quota
UAH	Ukrainian Hryvnia
UEPLAC	Ukrainian-European Policy and Legal Advice Centre
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UR	Uruguay Round
URAA	Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture
US	United States
USA	United States of America
USD	US Dollar
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
USTR	United States Trade Representative
VAT	Value-added tax
WB	World Bank
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation
WTO	World Trade Organisation