The Missing Middle Ground, or is the United States the Issue?

A Key Word Analysis of the Official Speeches at the Opening of the WTO Summit in Cancun (Fifth Ministerial, 10-14 September 2003).

G8 and non-G8/G22 countries share:

Welcome to the Club! The introduction of Nepal and

Cambodia gives the G8 countries the opportunity to

world (with the exception of the G22, which may not

share aims, rules and process wih the rest of the

Formalities

Issues

Doha Round

Medicines Dispute Settlement

celebrate the formalities).

Welcome (new members)

Integrated Framework

Economic Growth

Leverage politics

Issues

United States

Liberalisation

Fairness

Special Products

Least-developed Countries

Doha Development Agenda Doha Declaration

globalization just rules European Union Formal Singapore Issues political conflict uruguay round Tittle progress Investment trade preferences Competition Policy environmental issues Transparency energy In-government Procurement global economy Trade Facilitation Other issues in the Singapore Issue Space doha round Trade-distorting singapore issues Industrial Tariffs trade-distorting doha declaration Livelihood human rights Education agridulture Doha Development Agenda economic growth Human rights industrial tariffs countries Forestry G8 Food Security north-south Ouota-free social concerns North-South success Atrade in services Rhetoric welcome ∟¢ommítment &communities \ integrated framework NAMA wto agreements benefits medicines intellectual property rights multilateral agreement on investment rhetoric food security developing country exports environment technical assistance accession market access education guota-free sustainable development dispute settlement ₹ores try financial assistance agricultural products ministerial declaration tariff reduction multilateral trading system **G22** Non-G8/G22 agricultural trade liberalization concerned competition cotton excellent consens us compuls ory licensing poverty GATS G22 and non-G8/G22 countries share: rural **liberalization** tariff fairness cancun humanitarian integration special products United States equity fish safeguard mechanism least-developed countries/ "HILLIAM HIV/AID\$ discrimination GDP vulnerable economies transparency in government G21 problems justice equitable summit declaration ministerial donference special and differential treatment humanity non-linear wto memburarade negotiations export subsidies protectionism development agricultural subsidies Product of the workshop_ Issue Network Interventions: The Problem of Information Formats. Cartagena, Colombia.

G8 and G22 countries share:

The main concerns shared by G8 and G22 actors are the "Singapore issues" enunciated in two

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The Singapore Issue Space

Whilst the G22 and the G8 talk about the 'big issues',

the G22 approaches the rest of the world with

the G8, in a classic case of leverage politics.

The G22 exerts pressure on the G8 by proxy.

perhaps the real issue: the relationship between least-developed countries and United States.

The G22 feels secure to speak of the United States

as the issue with the rest of the world as opposed to