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International Trade

Session 4

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Welcome to the course on International Trade.

The fourth session of the course provides an introduction into the **main features of the WTO**, as the key organization of international trade.

The WTO has an effective **dispute settlement system**. Disputes are first dealt with by **ad-hoc panel**. In questions of law, there is an appeal to the **Appellate Body (AB)**. If the losing parties does not comply with the decision, the injured party may adopt, as **retaliation**, a unilateral measure against the condemned state it would otherwise not be entitled to adopt (it may increase tariffs, introduce quantitative restrictions etc.). However, the measure has to be proportionate.

Please watch the short e-learning video prepared by the WTO e-Campus on the „**Main features to the WTO**.” It is part of the WTO e-learning courses prepared for government officials from developing members and observers and is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sStzkdZ_7JA

Please watch the Trade Academy Flipped Classroom: **Intro to the WTO**. It was prepared by the Kommerskollegium, the National Board of Trade of Sweden. It is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MT0JZjzw6bc>

Finally, please read Chapter 8 (“Zoltán Víg: International Economic and Financial Organizations”) of Interstate relations (Zsuzsanna Fejes, Márton Sulyok, Anikó Szalai (eds.), Iurisperitus, Szeged 2019), at 131-149. This chapter **presents the most important international organizations in the field of international trade, including the WTO.**

It is available at http://acta.bibl.u-szeged.hu/69099/1/opera_iurisprudentiae_002_002_131-149.pdf

At the end of the session, please answer the following questions:

- What are the basic features of the World Trade Organization (WTO)? What are the objectives of the WTO?
- What are the main functions of the WTO?
- What are the main features of the WTO's dispute settlement system?