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Pat Ivory is Director of Trade Affairs at the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC) and has over 15 years experience representing the interests of business at national, EU and international level. He is the Irish member of the International Relations Committee of UNICE (the European Business Confederation). Pat is also a member of a number of international trade task forces and represented Irish business at the WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong in December 2005. In December 2003, Pat testified, on behalf of Irish and EU industry, before a hearing of the US International Trade Commission (ITC).

Pat holds an honours degree in Economics and research Masters in international trade (M.Litt.) from Trinity College Dublin. He also has an ACCA certified diploma in Financial Management.

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