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The Trade Policy Unit (TPU), created in 2007, brings together the trade and development policies of the Department for International Development (DfID [2]) and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS [3]). TPU continues the UK tradition of the past ten years of placing development at the centre of UK policy-making on trade. TPU's challenge is to build on this and to continue calling for trade deals that are beneficial to both the UK and to poorer countries, while working towards our dual objectives of global poverty reduction and UK competitiveness and market access.

DFID [2] is the part of the UK government that manages Britain's aid to poor countries, and works to eliminate extreme poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals, international targets agreed by the United Nations to halve world poverty by 2015. DFID is led by a cabinet minister, one of the senior ministers in the government, a demonstration of the UK government's determination to tackle poverty around the world. DfID works with governments of developing countries, charities, businesses and international bodies, including the World Bank, the UN agencies and the European Commission, partners who share its ambition to achieve the Millennium Development Goals

BIS [3] is responsible for building Britain's capabilities to compete in the global economy by building a regulatory environment that encourages enterprise, skilled people, innovation, and world-class science and research.

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