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Personal Profile Dr. Karl Brauner is a lawyer by profession, with university degrees from Germany and the United Kingdom (Cambridge). After working as Assistant Professor at the University of Bielefeld and practising law in North-Rhine Westphalia, he started his ministerial career in the legal department of the Federal Ministry of Economics in Bonn in 1983. In 1986-87, he worked at the German Mission to the United Nations in New York. Further postings abroad were in Greece and Australia. At the Economics Ministry, his responsibilities covered a range of issues, such as budget, human resources and general administration. He was also involved in the move of the government from Bonn to Berlin. For the last 12 years before joining the WTO, Mr Brauner was Director-General for external economic policy. During that time, he was Germany's member in the European Union's Trade Policy Committee and took part in all WTO ministerial conferences since the launch of the Doha Development Agenda.