

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Tariffs** are usually associated with protectionism, a government's policy of controlling foreign trade to support the interests of its own citizens. Although generally viewed as distortions to the free market, they can be highly effective in helping to increase and maintain the country's economic health.
- **Simple mean applied tariff** is the unweighted average of effectively applied rates for all products subject to tariffs calculated for all traded goods.
- If simple mean is taken, the tariff rates of four member countries, namely **Syria** (6.7), **Mozambique** (7.7), **Comoros** (7.8) and **Azerbaijan** (8.3), were less than the average of developing countries, 8.8.
- Furthermore, 17 member countries had tariff rates below the world average of **6.6**
- With a simple mean tariff rate of 2.4 in year 2009, **Turkey** is the only member country applying a rate lower than that of the developed countries, 3.2, on average.
- On the other extreme, **Iran**, **Tunisia**, **Maldives** and **Djibouti** have been applying tariff rates above 20%.

