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The Polish Government would like to express its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for creating such favourable conditions for our conference to launch a new world trade order.

At the outset of my remarks, I would like to express also my Government's satisfaction with the successful conclusion of the most ambitious and most comprehensive round of negotiations ever conducted.

I believe that this success of the long years of arduous negotiations would have been even more difficult to reach without the personal contribution of the Directors-General of GATT, Mr. Peter D. Sutherland and Mr. Arthur Dunkel, as well as without the assistance of the efficient GATT Secretariat.

Poland welcomes the signing of the Uruguay Round Final Act, as well as of the Agreement establishing the WTO. The results of the negotiations mean for our country a greater stabilization of economic conditions in developing Poland's market economy, as well as more developed, more stable and broader relations with our trading partners. The radical transformation of the Polish economic system and the establishment of the Polish tariff schedule have brought us to a final normalization of the status of Poland in the GATT and we are looking forward to an early meeting of the Working Party on Poland which will finally modify Poland's Protocol of Accession thus reflecting Poland's achievements in building a market economy.

Poland has presented her comprehensive offer within the framework of the Uruguay Round negotiations and we consider it an important contribution to the trade liberalization process as the offer goes beyond the liberalization targets of the Round in many respects.

The Polish Government is of the opinion that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations has proven that it is possible to combine harmoniously global and regional liberalization and that they even may inspire each other. This conclusion is, in our opinion, optimistic in face of the noticeable world trend towards stronger regional integration and in face of Poland's intention to become a member of the European Union in the near future.

Poland strongly hopes that the newly created World Trade Organization will be of a universal character and that its membership will be open to any country of the world willing to pursue the policy of liberal trade. Poland also expects that WTO will pay close attention to current world economic and social problems in its everyday activities.

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While speaking about the future functioning of WTO we must not overlook the need for a close coordination of its activities with other organizations playing an important role in the world economy, like the IMF and the IBRD.

The Polish Government is looking forward to an early commencement of WTO activities, and we can assure you that it will actively participate in its work.