

OTHER BUSINESS (AFTER ITEM 10): MERCI GENEVE DAY
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Thank you Mr Chairman.

I am conscious that we have had a very full agenda today, so I will be brief.

I just wanted to make you all aware that to mark the WTO's 20th anniversary we are planning to hold an open day on the 14th of June.

This has been done on numerous occasions in the past, but this time the aim is to say "thank you" to the local community in Geneva for hosting the WTO so gracefully for the last 20 years.

The day will therefore be called: "Merci Genève!"

Our doors will be open to welcome visitors. And, as with previous events, members are invited to come and to participate.

We encourage you to get involved – to set up stands in the international buffet for example, and to take the chance to interact closely with the local community. It's an opportunity to give your personal "merci".

The Information and External Relations Division will be organizing an information session in due course to provide you with further details.

I hope you will join in the spirit of the day and help us to say a loud thank you to the people of Geneva.