

WTO WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
Closing Remarks by DDG Xiaozhun Yi

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Good afternoon. You have had a busy and intense week. So, I will be brief. You have completed the 15th Trade and Public Health Workshop. Each of you was selected from a pool of 174 candidates from all over the world.

More than 30 speakers have shared their knowledge and experience with you; case studies have presented you with real-life questions on policy formulation; and you have visited the headquarters of one of the top manufacturers of medical technologies.

I hope that you have enjoyed and profited from this week. Please take the acquired knowledge home and make a difference. Engage with your colleagues in other government authorities, organize sessions to exchange information and coordinate initiatives to improve access to medical technologies and medicines.

Our work on trade and public health is constantly evolving. Each of us, from our own action sphere, needs to contribute to achieve the UN Sustainable Developing Goals. The close collaboration of colleagues from the WTO Secretariat, as well as the intense cooperation with the Secretariats of the World Health Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization illustrate that benefiting from each other's expertise in a complementary fashion is the golden recipe to achieve policy coherence.

I wish you a safe return home and a fruitful use of the acquired knowledge. Thank you.
