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Special and Differential Treatment

1. In keeping with the recognition that differential and more favourable treatment for developing country Members is an integral part of the negotiation, special and differential treatment in respect of commitments shall be provided as set out in the relevant provisions of this Agreement and embodied in the Schedules of concessions and commitments.

2. Developing country Members shall have the flexibility to implement reduction commitments over a period of up to 10 years. Least-developed country Members shall not be required to undertake reduction commitments.

1.2 General

1. The Decision on Implementation-related Issues and Concerns, adopted by the Doha Ministerial Conference, included a recommendation that urged Members "to exercise restraint in challenging measures notified under the green box by developing countries to promote rural development and adequately address food security concerns".¹

2. Special and Differential Treatment provisions were also included in the Decisions on Agriculture adopted by Members² at the Ninth Ministerial Conference in Bali in December 2013 and at the Tenth Ministerial Conference in Nairobi in December 2015.

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¹ [WT/MIN\(01\)/17](#), para. 2.1.

² See the document on Article 20 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Practice).