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*(Speaking as an Observer)*

I would like to express our gratitude and deep appreciation thanks to His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, the Government, and the People of Qatar for their warm hospitality and excellent facilities and arrangements for the conference.

Attaining the universality of the multilateral trading system, would undoubtedly be a major objective. It would indeed entail inclusive global partnership and affirming that human rights including the right to develop and freedom from poverty and, exclusion are universal, indivisible and interdependent. We want to see human rights safeguards built into TRIPS, agreements, together with the resource rights of indigenous societies.

It is unfortunate that the benefits of global markets integration are accruing to the powerful. Smaller and poorer countries share little and in most cases encounter net losses. The potential benefits of such process on the issues of growth and equity are yet to be vigorously demonstrated.

We feel assured by the fact that GATT had always been in its practice following the view of application of its articles and reinterpreting them in the light of experience. In this context, we seek to affirm that developing and LDCs will not be required to undertake any commitment and concession inconsistent with their individual development, financial and trading needs. We also seek flexible application of the right to special and differential treatment.

Sudan is pursuing vigorously market-based economic reforms, that involve deep process of economic restructuring, upholding private property rights, due process of law and access to judicial review. We are opening our economy to partners in trade and development from all over the globe.

Our historical situation demands that market reforms should provide the tools for expanding and consolidating our national production capacities.

We understand that enlightened social policies are essential to consolidate this historical undertaking; the kind of social policies designed to alleviate poverty and fight discrimination and exclusion.

We call upon our partners to facilitate and accelerate the process of accession of all aspirant weaker countries and to demonstrate powerful and sympathetic support for that matter.

We wish to emphasize that industrialization and focusing on the multifunctionality of agricultural development lay in the heart of our agenda.

Finally we extend our warmest congratulations to the People's Republic of China, to the WTO and to the world at large for the accession of the People's Republic of China to the WTO. Indeed a new dimension has been laid by such historic accession, not merely because of China's size or weight in global trade but essentially for greater symbolic and actual status of the People's Republic of China in the midst of the developing nations and its unique contributions to the world's civilization.

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