



The Tenth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization

Draft Statement to be delivered by

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(Three minutes Speech)

Excellencies,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to be here in this very beautiful city, Nairobi and to have the opportunity to deliver this statement.

First of all, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend our profound thanks and sincere appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Kenya for its warm welcome and the excellent arrangements made for this conference.

I would like to congratulate the Chairperson of this conference, Minister Amina Mohamed, the Director General of the WTO, Mr. Roberto Azevedo, and three Vice-chairs, for their able leadership. We highly appreciate their concerted efforts in making this conference fruitful.

Excellencies, Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year's Ministerial Conference is unique and historic as it is conducted in Africa for the first time, and also celebrates the WTO's 20th Anniversary. We also welcome the three new Members of the WTO since the last MC - Yemen, Seychelles, and Kazakhstan, and congratulate Liberia and Afghanistan for completing their accession processes for WTO membership.

Let me touch briefly on the Current State of Play. Despite members' engagement and intensified efforts, only a limited outcome seem to be achieved. Even though this falls short of Members' expectations, we nevertheless acknowledge and appreciate any positive outcomes. Nairobi is not the end of the road, and we still have opportunities to preserve the Credibility of Multi-literal Trading system.

Myanmar has always been very supportive of the multilateral trading system. In this regard, despite our supply-side constraints, Myanmar has already sent the notification on the acceptance of the Protocol of Amendment to insert the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement into Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement on 7 December. Myanmar has been striving to overcome our challenges and constraints, and we hope that international organizations, donor countries and other development partners can work alongside us to improve the socio- economic condition of our people.

Excellencies, Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Within the context of WTO, EIF is a gateway to Aid for Trade for the LDCs. Myanmar fully welcomes the EIF Phase (II) and my delegation will be working closely with other EIF members to strengthen cooperation.

In conclusion, I would like to express my profound thanks again to the Government of the Republic of Kenya for their excellent arrangements for the conference and the warm hospitality extended to me and my delegation.

I thank you...

