



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

Statement

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Honorable Mrs. Amina Mohamed, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Kenya and Chairperson of this Ministerial Conference

Director General of the WTO, Mr. Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo

My fellow Ministers

Representatives of International Organizations

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of Mozambique, let me join the previous speakers and express our gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of Kenya for the warmest and friendly hospitality accorded to us since our arrival.

I personally would like to commend the Chairperson for the excellent arrangements made for the organization of the meeting as well as the Director General, the Secretariat of the WTO and the entire team from the host country Kenya, for their dedications and

efforts in the preparations and leadership of this Ministerial Conference which for the very first time is taking place in Africa.

As Africans, we are proud for this unique occasion. Let us hope that we can also leave Nairobi proudly with our expectations accomplished to pave the way for the development of our countries for the wellbeing of our peoples.

We warmly welcome all the recent acceding members to the World Trade Organization. We hope that the others remaining African and other countries in the acceding process may complete the exercise and join the WTO as soon as possible.

Madame Chair,

Ladies and Gentlemen

The multilateral trading system remains the strongest force for growth and economic development. Therefore, it is crucial to conclude the Doha Round with its developmental dimension at the center of its agenda.

We recognize the importance of the role played by the WTO and we would like to emphasize the need to maintain its role as an appropriate forum for trade negotiations.

Therefore, we should continue negotiating under WTO principles, in a good faith to conclude the Round with results that can benefit all Members.

With the same spirit that we were able to advance in 2004, when the July package was agreed to salvage the multilateral trading system, we can now work together to find solutions and to overcome some of the impediments that are preventing us to move forward.

It is our expectation that, at the end of this Ministerial Conference, we will be able to agree on a comprehensive work program and a clear road map, which will lead us to a number of concrete actions to accelerate the conclusion of the Doha Round in its pro-developmental spirit.

Madame Chairperson,

We recognize that there are still many challenges. However, let us put our energies and walk together, in a good faith for our prosperity, especially for the poorest who have seen trade as an engine for their economic growth and development.

Mozambique would like to reiterate its commitments and full engagement to the Doha Development Round negotiating process and to add her voice to the statements presented by African, ACP and LDC groups.

I thank you for your attention

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