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CONFERENCE, HELD IN NAIROBI, KENYA**
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Madam Chair;

Honourable Ministers;

Your Excellencies Ambassadors;

Distinguished Guests;

Good morning/ Good afternoon.

Madam Chair,

At the outset allow me to express my delegation's and that of my Government's congratulations to the Government and people of the Republic of Kenya for hosting this Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) for the first time ever in the African soil. We are indeed grateful for the warm hospitality accorded to my delegation since our arrival in this beautiful city of Nairobi. It is our sincere hope that Kenya will continue to do us proud and we hope that, under your chairmanship this conference will have a meaningful outcome that will ensure cohesion of the organisation – WTO.

Madam Chair,

Let me take this opportunity to commend the Republic of Liberia and Kazakhstan for the endurance and hard work that led to their accession to this noble institution today. This is a testimony of how we believe in multilateralism and the WTO.

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Madam Chair;

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate the Director General of the WTO; the entire staff, and the whole WTO fraternity for celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the organization since its inception in 1995. I wish to acknowledge the commendable work towards strengthening of the multilateral trading system for the past 20 years. Despite these remarkable efforts, the organisation is still marred with global challenges such as economic disparities and the growing inequalities between the North and the South. Today, I call upon all of us present here, to amass our collective efforts in addressing these challenges.

Madam Chair;

Historically, International trade has proven to be an engine of economic growth and has remained on top of the agenda for the international community. You may recall that, this September the Heads of States and Governments adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development, which reaffirmed the importance of promoting a universal, rule based, open, non-discriminatory, equitable multilateral trading system under the WTO, including the conclusion of Doha Development Round of negotiations.

Madam Chair,

My delegation note with concern, the slow progress of the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) launched in 2001, which the developing and LDCs had anticipated that it will provide a good opportunity in rectifying some of the international trading rules which create barriers to trade and continue to undermine the development dimensions of poor members, particularly the poorest within the WTO.

Madam Chair,

You may recall that some of the Developed Countries were the prime movers and shakers behind the launch of the Doha round in 2001 as a way of supporting developing and LDCs to be integrated in the multilateral trading system. This was to be achieved through a developmental reform of Agriculture and others areas under negotiations. Thus Tanzania does not expect the industrialised countries now to walk away from the from the Doha architecture. I believe, the Trans-Atlantic trade giants would maintain their decision made at the 8th October, 2015 General Council Meeting and that their still ready to address the outstanding issues in Agriculture and other areas of interest to developing countries instead of bringing new issues. In view of this, my delegation calls for a credible package of development deliverables based on mandate of the DDA and a clear roadmap for addressing the remaining issues post Nairobi.

Madam Chair;

In the Ninth WTO Ministerial Session that took place in Bali Indonesia, we were made to believe that, if we agree to conclude the Trade Facilitation Agreement it would pave the way for the DDA to be concluded in the areas of interest to us, particularly Agriculture, NAMA and Services. A decision was made that members would develop a work programme to achieve that decision. However, to date we have not been able to fulfil this desire. I wish to call upon all the delegations present here today to not let Nairobi be a repeat of Bali whereby members were made to believe that once the TFA was concluded, would have meant the end of DDA. We are optimistic that there will be no graves for the DDA here in Nairobi as put very well by the Chairperson of this Ministerial her very powerful and moving speech during the opening of the MC-10.

Madam Chair;

Finally, on behalf of my delegation, I fully endorse all issues raised by the LDCs, African Group and ACP Group that re-emphasize the centrality of development as a major outcome of this Ministerial Conference.

I thank you for your kind attention.