



**Republic of Sudan
Ministry of Trade**

Statement

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- **H.E. Ms. Susana Malcorra- Argentina Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and chairperson of the Eleventh WTO Ministerial Conference**
- **H.E. Mr. Roberto Azevedo – WTO Director-General**
- **Honourable Ministers, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen**

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Sudan, allow me to present our congratulation to the Government of Argentina for hosting the WTO 11th Ministerial Conference, and to **H.E. Ms. Susana Malcorra**, for chairing the topmost decision- making body of the multilateral trading system.

It gives me great honor to introduce this distinguished gathering some developments of the economic situation in Sudan and the reforms my government has undertaken simultaneously with accession process.

Honorable Ministers Ladies and Gentlemen,,,

The new government of the National Reconciliation has formed last May as one of the outcomes of the three-years national dialogue in 2014, with main objectives to achieve Sudan's economic growth and increasing production, reinforcing competitiveness in the exports of non-oil products as well as creating stability and sustainable development.

The Government of Sudan believes the implementation of this strategy with its focus on increased exports is critical to Sudan's future prosperity, and WTO accession process is key part of this strategy.

The Government of Sudan has adopted several programmes for economic reforms since 2015, to review the general policies of the state targeting financial, monetary, production and commercial services, by strengthening its structure and institutions for promotion of the citizens' life; In addition to the legislative reforms which include a review of the legislations that provide an attractive environment for investment and facilitate the procedures for doing business.

Madam Chairperson,

The Government of Sudan welcome the resolution of United States on 6th of October for lifting the two decades of economic and trade sanctions against Sudan which had negative impact in Sudan's economy and the lives of the ordinary people of Sudan.

We believe this resolution will contribute towards increasing trade, attracting foreign direct investment and end the economic isolation that affected the Sudanese citizens for two decades.

Madam Chairperson,

Sudan has renewed its engagement proactively in the accession process since July 2016, as a part of the overall economic state strategy and adopted an ambitious road map to join the WTO by this MC11.

During the years 2016/2017, Sudan has submitted more than 32 accession documents, more than one hundred piece of legislations, answered more than 500 questions, and conducted the 3rd and 4th Working Party meetings respectively.

Sudan has conducted bilateral negotiations with seven countries on the Market Access Offers on Goods and Services, and signed the bilateral agreement protocol with India last November, and concluded with Kenya during the 4th Working Party meeting.

We believe Sudan is geared up towards accession process conclusion, and we recognize that substantial work still remains to be done. However, my Government is committed to fulfill its part of the procedures for the accession to WTO.

Madam Chairperson,

Sudan appreciates the support from the Government of Japan, People Republic of China; In addition to the technical assistance provided by the WTO secretariat, International Trade Centre and UNCTAD to support Sudan's accession process , and We aspire for continues cooperation with all members states to join the World Trade Organization in the near future.

Sudan delegation welcomes the G90 Ministerial Decision on Special and Differential Treatment on Accession of LDCs to secure a share in the growth of international trade that commensurate with their level of economic development , based on 2002 LDCs accession guidelines and the 2012General Council Decision.

In conclusion Madam Chairperson, Sudan delegation wishes a successful substantive outcome of the Argentina Ministerial Conference to conclude the remaining issues of Doha Development Agenda , and to reach agreement on the new issues.

As WTO must maintain the comprehensive foundation of global trade as well as realizing the vision of global peace through shared prosperity and universality “ **no-one left out of the system**”.

Thank you,,