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- Let me first join to thank Argentina for hosting the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference.
- Trade is the main wheel of economic growth and prosperity.
- In today's world, trade is more tied to global value chains and there is strong interdependence among countries.
- However, we are witnessing a growing number of protectionist trade policies around the world. In time, these policies may cause those chains to separate. And a single chain ring is doomed to rust over time. We need to believe in the power of the World Trade Organization more than ever, which ensures that those chains connect more tightly together.
- WTO makes the global trade environment much less vulnerable to economic shocks.
- Multilateral system through WTO has enabled an environment for economic growth and also played a vital role for development and job creation. We need that role to continue and the WTO's negotiating function should remain strong with full capacity. In this regard, Trade Facilitation Agreement, for

instance, is a giant success to ensure that WTO negotiations still deliver and drives economic growth.

- As for our agenda for MC11, it is our priority to reach a fair and development-oriented outcome on domestic support. We are of the view that imbalances with regard to domestic support commitments should be eliminated.
- An effective SSM is an essential tool for Developing Countries' food security and rural development.
- In the field of fisheries subsidies, all members should try their best to achieve a decisive outcome that will protect wild marine life for sustainable yield of fisheries sources.
- For trade in services, we have achieved remarkable progress especially on Domestic Regulation disciplines and we can achieve a tangible outcome at the MC11.
- As the main source of employment and growth, facilitating MSMEs (*micro, small and medium enterprises*) integration to international trade is of utmost importance.
- E-commerce is another "new issue" that we cannot afford to sit back and lose the opportunity to fuel our economies.
- Last but not least, another critical item for Turkey is our proposal on cooperation for providing employment for displaced Syrians in host countries.

- With our Ministerial Decision proposal, our aim is to utilize “trade” as a means for more equitable sharing of responsibility.
- Adopting this decision will be an important sign of international solidarity and cooperation in terms of coping with the side effects of this continuing important humanitarian crisis.
- Lastly, once again, I would like to express Turkey’s readiness and firm commitment to work with other members to contribute to the multilateral trading system.
- Thank you.