



Your Excellency Mr.chairman

Your Excellency Mr. Azevedo , Director General of the WTO.

Your excellency Minister of Industry and Trade of Yemen HE. Dr. Saadaldeen TALIB

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen.....

Please allow me in the beginning, Mr. Chairman , to express how profoundly honoured and privileged to be here today in this gathering aiming at adopting , after a long process , the accession package of the brotherly country , The Republic of Yemen ,for The World Trade Organization.

The successful conclusion of this specific accession process of an LDC , even one size fits all principle does not sustain , would reflect positively on other countries , LDCs and developing , accession processes . Moreover , it would , also , confirm the credibility and the universality of our esteemed organisation , regardless the critiques here and there , though very true and constructive , on the process of accession related to the fairness of the rules governing the process and the longevity of this process .

**Mr. Chairman ,**

Yemen's commitment to the cause of trade liberalisation and the multilateral trading system as well as the hard and diligent work over the past years made this accession to materialise . The driving force behind this was the genuine political will, which helped paving the road in front of the negotiators to seal deals of interest to their country .

Yemen has to be commended for all what have been done to fulfil the conditions of the membership to name a few: Liberalisation commitments are being scheduled and some are fulfilled , Rules are being implemented through major changes made on national regulations in addition to introducing new complying ones with the multilateral trading rules and many are on progress .

Despite the fact that Yemen is classified as an LDC facing capacity constraints , and besides the complications of the accession process itself in addition to the various serious hurdles faced Yemen in its accession , they were able , driven by determination , to arrive to the result of today . This task could not be completed without the full cooperation and understanding of the member states , especially the members of the working group and the leadership mixed with wisdom of HE. Ambassador

Hartmut Roben who had chaired the working group . Also , one cannot forget the role of the secretariat of the accession division , there services and capacity building programs are of importance and they make a difference , thanks to the secretariat.

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you and your team in Geneva and Sanaa have worked hard with dedication to make this happen . We are quiet sure that the results of your membership to the organization will help in inducing more opportunities of market access to the yemeni products and services . It will also have an impact on the economic prosperity serving as an added element to help the continuation of setting good policies for the development of the economy of Yemen , consequently , it would directly benefit the stabilization policies that Yemen is pursuing .

On behalf of the government of The UAE , I would like to extend to the government of The Republic of Yemen our sincere warm congratulations and welcome them to the membership of the organization .

**Mr. Chairman ,**

More of accessions would best serve the organization and the member states . I would like to seize the opportunity here , today , to call on WTO members and urge them , for the benefit of all ,to simplify and accelerate the process of accession ,without compromising the governing rules, and not to impose stringent conditions on the countries in accession which would go beyond their development levels .

Finally , we are looking forward to the active participation of Yemen as a full fledged member in WTO .

Thank you for your time