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Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen  
and Matsu, on behalf of the RAMs Group on the  
occasion of the Accession of Yemen  
under Item 2 of the Agenda (Action by  
Ministers)**

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

I am speaking on behalf of the Group of Recently Acceded Members (the RAMs Group).

I would first like to thank the Director-General, the WTO Secretariat, and its Accession Division in particular, and other relevant parties involved, for their strenuous work in bringing the accession of Yemen to a successful conclusion.

The RAMs Group warmly welcomes Yemen as a WTO Member. This is a very encouraging moment, not only for Yemen itself, but also for the WTO and its entire membership.

The addition of new Members always enriches the organization and adds to its universality. The economy of the acceding Member will also benefit from its further integration into the multilateral

trading system.

The RAMs Group has always been supportive of new WTO accessions, and the members of the group are definitely heartened by the good news of this accession. We look forward to having an efficient and more transparent process in order to facilitate the accession process of new members.

Once again, our congratulations to Yemen. We look forward to working closely and constructively with you as a fellow-WTO Member.

Thank you.