

Ninth Ministerial Conference
Statement of Iraq
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Excellencies , Distinguish Delegates Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the government of the Republic of Iraq allow me to present our congratulation to his Excellency minister Gita Irawan Wirjawan , minister of trade of the Republic of Indonesia , for chairing the Ninth Ministerial conference of the world trade organization .

It is a great honour for me to be allowed this opportunity to address this distinguished gathering on behalf of my Government.

Allow me Mr. Chairman, to present my Government sincere congratulation for the Government and the People of the Republic of Yemen for joining the World Trade Organization following their accession to its convention during this Conference.

Excellencies, distinguish delegates ladies and gentlemen,

Over the past months, my government at different levels have worked closely with the relevant departments at the World Trade Organization to accelerate the process of accession .

Our efforts were directed at identifying existing gaps in our national legislations which requires new legislative process in order to bring them in line with WTO's standard and requirements.

We very much appreciate the continues assistance, technical support and advises presented to us by the technical and accession divisions at WTO which includes technical advises to different departments at the Iraqi Ministry of trade .

The work of WTO officials have been highly appreciated including their gaudiness in assessing several areas many of which considered technically highly complex during the ongoing preparation of the Goods and services offer , which we are planning to present to WTO in the coming months, with view to start our bilateral negotiation with WTO's respectful members.

To Sum Up, my Government is making progress in working closely with WTO to review, assess and update the Iraqi schedules of Goods and services with view of bringing them in line with WTO standard.

Meanwhile, we continue to seek the assistance, support and technical advises of relevant departments at WTO. We also like to thank those member states which continue to assist us in developing and enhancing our national capacity in this area.

We aspire for continues close cooperation with all members states to join the World Trade Organization in the forcible future.

With this sprit, my Governments, wishes all the participating delegations a very successful and fruitful deliberation in this Ministerial Conference.

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