



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

Statement

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Honorable **Mr. Gita Wirjawan**, Minister of Trade of Indonesia and
Chairperson of this Ministerial Conference

Director General of the WTO, **Mr. Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo**

My fellow Ministers

Representatives of International Organizations

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of Mozambique I would like to join the previous speakers in expressing the most sincere gratitude to the People and Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the warm and friendly hospitality accorded to my delegation since our arrival.

I would also like to seize this opportunity to reiterate my congratulations to Ambassador Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo, for his appointment to the challenging but prestigious post of Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

I wish to pledge Mozambique's support as he discharges his noble duties, especially at these demanding times, when all of us,

together, are seeking to commit efforts to bring about a balanced and equitable world trade.

My expression of gratefulness also goes to our distinguished Chairperson for the excellent conditions put forward for a successful holding the Ministerial Conference. I wish to praise the WTO Secretariat and the local staff for their unwavering commitment and efforts.

Mr. Chairperson,

Fellow Ministers

Ladies and Gentlemen

Mozambique aligns herself with the statements delivered by the Coordinators of the African Group, ACP Member States and LDC's.

My country holds Aid for Trade as a vital tool to boost domestic efforts and initiatives aimed at the attainment of an improved level of productive capacity, enhanced supply side capacity, upgrade trade and establish adequate trade related infrastructures and the accomplishment of efficient logistic services.

We remain confident that the multilateral trading system lingers as one among the pivotal forces behind economic growth and development, thus, featuring as a catalytic force for the uplifting and sustaining of the wellbeing of our people and the promotion of the prosperity of our nations.

In this framework, it becomes imperative the Doha Round is concluded without farther delay. In doing so, we must ensure that its developmental dimension is retained at the center of the agenda as a priority for all of us.

Mr. Chairperson,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We obviously recognize the efforts being done by our negotiators in Geneva. Nevertheless, we still feel that more work may need to be done, especially if we fail to take decisions on certain issues of our concerns, particularly in those matters where a balance based on a perception of shared benefits needed to be struck.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to continue to display the required political predisposition to facilitate progress in the

materialization of what we agreed upon in Doha, more than a decade ago.

Mr. Chairperson,

Before I conclude, let me share my sincere aspirations that, at the end of this Ministerial Conference, we shall have agreed on a comprehensive work program and a very detailed road map for the next two years. The work program shall lead us, through a number of concrete actions, to a speedy conclusion of the Doha Round in its pro-developmental spirit.

It is undeniable that we still have diverging perspectives in many issues before us, but I believe in good faith, pragmatism and flexibility inherent to human being. Hence, I believe we can walk together and channel our energy towards a common good, the promotion of trade as an engine for economic growth, prosperity and development.

I thank for your attention

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