

**STATEMENT by OSMAN OMER ELSHARIF THE MINISTER  
OF TRADE**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

**Honourable Ministers, Delegates, Ladies and  
Gentlemen**

**At the outset, let me express my sincere  
gratitude to the Government of Indonesia for  
hosting this conference and the excellent  
facilities provided to us since our arrival in  
beautiful Bali. I sincerely congratulate Mr.  
Roberto Azevêdo on his appointment as  
Director General of the WTO.**

**Honourable Ministers Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Sudan has undertaken extensive reforms  
aiming at liberalizing its economy and foreign  
trade regime. The main objective of the reforms  
is to facilitate the integration of Sudan into the  
multilateral trading system and to bring our**

**legal and institutional framework in line with the WTO regime.**

**In recent years, Sudan has been making genuine efforts to resume its accession to the WTO which has been on hold since 2004.**

**Sudan remains ready and willing to engage constructively with the WTO to reactivate the accession process in 2014. In this regard, we request the Working Party members to support us.**

**Sudan congratulates Yemen on its accession to WTO and looks forward to benefit from its experience. Indeed accession of LDCs such as Yemen, Sudan and Ethiopia can contribute to the universality of the WTO.**

**Finally, I wish this meeting a successful conclusion. We believe that it is important to reach a balanced outcome in Bali, especially for LDCs. This will send a positive message to the**

**world and be a testimony of the credibility of the  
WTO.**

**I Thank you Mr. Chairman**