

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank the Government of Republic of Indonesia, the Director General and his team, for the excellent arrangements made for this Conference.

Being a developing country, Viet Nam looks forward to the conclusion of the Doha Development Agenda. The Bali package today would formulate a part of the ultimate goal, established at the Hong Kong Ministerial Conference in Two Thousand and Five.

We appreciate the leadership of Director General Roberto Azevêdo, his enthusiasm and facilitation for the negotiations over the last weeks and days. We acknowledge tremendous efforts made by the ambassadors and negotiators in Geneva to find a solution for the Bali package, which indeed came close to a settlement.

Excellencies,

Although the finish line of the package has not been reached, we do not give up. I urge to see more and more of your flexibility and compromise. No one else but us, would be able to revive the momentum of the Doha Round, and to save the reputation of this global trading system.

Viet Nam re-affirms its political will and determination to pursue a multilateral deal. We fully support Mr. Director General and his initiatives to move negotiations forward, and to strengthen the WTO. It is our belief, that with everyone's engagement and collaborative spirit, a consensus on the Bali package would be reached shortly.

Finally, we welcome and congratulate the Republic of Yemen for its accession to the WTO. Membership expansion means the role and significance of this multilateral trading system remains.

I thank you for your attention./.