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## KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

### Statement by H.E. Mr. Esengul Omuraliev Vice Prime Minister and Minister of External Trade and Industry

In the first place, on behalf of our Government, please allow me to express our sincere gratitude to the WTO Secretariat and the US Government for the work done to put together this Conference and the efforts undertaken to ensure that the Third Ministerial Conference successfully accomplishes its objectives.

This Conference is tremendously important to my country. It is for the first time that we participate in such an event as a full WTO Member country, which is the result of the policy of our Government focused on economic liberalization and open trade.

The Kyrgyz Republic supports further negotiations on trade liberalization, however, we believe that such negotiations should be fair and should be oriented towards a wider range of benefits for least developed and developing countries.

To this end, it appears to us that negotiations should be continued in a number of areas, including agriculture, services, tariffs, investments, anti-dumping, subsidies, protection of intellectual property and we will do our best to participate in all of them.

We understand the concerns raised by some developing countries regarding a more complete and fair implementation in the areas of agriculture, textile, and subsidies because these countries are currently limited in their export capacity.

The Kyrgyz Republic endorses the position and proposals of the WTO Member countries concerning a better use of the potential and opportunities of regional trade unions to make a meaningful contribution to the overall development of the global trading system in general.

We also support the idea of increasing the WTO capacity in terms of providing technical assistance as requested by new WTO Members who acutely need such assistance. This will enable new WTO Members to institute proper infrastructures and train necessary personnel. I hope that this issue will be discussed at this Conference and will be reflected in its final documents.

Remaining adherent to the fundamental principles of open markets and free trade, the Kyrgyz Republic will actively participate in future negotiation rounds and try to do its utmost to see that developing and least-developed countries receive tangible benefits because this appears to be the only way to achieve progress and sustainable development of the whole world.

The Kyrgyz Republic applauds the efforts of the WTO Member countries and observers and encourages them to expedite their accession to the multilateral trading system and is looking forward to seeing such countries participate in future negotiations in the capacity of WTO Members.

To close, I would like to wish happiness and prosperity to the Members of all Delegations and nations in the upcoming 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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