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My country welcomes the results achieved after such long negotiations, a lengthy process of deadlock, trial and error and refinement. Today's historic event will no doubt enable us to forget those difficult times.

Tunisia took part in these negotiations in good faith so as to work towards the common objective which we share, namely, the strengthening of the multilateral trade system so that our national economic reform programme taking place in parallel with this cycle can be linked to the process and ensure the hoped for success in the long term.

When the Uruguay Round was launched in 1986 we never thought that we could go so far as the commitments undertaken to date. We hope that the efforts made in this framework, whose effects are difficult to evaluate right now or in the immediate future, will yield the expected results.

The future will enlighten us on this question.

We have undoubtedly gone far along the road towards the establishment of a more predictable and stable multilateral system. We still have need of the same determination which reigned during the negotiations in order to implement the many agreements reached on the basis of the texts and sometimes of their interpretation.

Tunisia contributed to this objective according to its situation and it will assume its obligations with the hope of benefiting from the advantages expected to follow the implementation of the Final Act.

We are happy to have participated in this exercise and it is with pleasure and hope that we await the perspective of Marrakesh. The convening of the closing Ministerial meeting in Marrakesh indicates the interest shown in our region and the need to facilitate its integration in the global economy.

I cannot conclude without taking the opportunity offered today of thanking you, thanking your collaborators and all the GATT Secretariat for the professional attitude they showed during the Round and for the technical assistance provided during the difficult moments of the negotiation.