G90 MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE TENTH SESSION
OF THE WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

The following communication, dated 16 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Barbados on behalf of the G90 Group.

Ministers responsible for Trade of the ACP Group of States, the African Group, and LDC Group meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, 15 December 2015, in G90 configuration, considered the status of work before the WTO regarding proposals on special and differential treatment for the group, particularly those from Africa and submitted in relation to the DDA, some originally more than a decade ago. G90 Ministers urge WTO Members to adopt a decision at this Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference Nairobi Kenya - the first Ministerial Conference convened in Africa, on the basis of their submission contained in document number WT/MIN(15)/W/31 and dated 7 December 2015.

The G90 Ministers expressed concern that the spirit of compromise sought by predominantly developed Members of the WTO and achieved at the ninth Ministerial Conference, is so far lacking in Nairobi where proposals, based on the needs of two-thirds of the WTO Membership, are being considered. These are yet to be addressed in a manner that takes into account the characteristics of developing countries and is consistent with the Doha Declaration paragraph 44 mandate.

Ministers cautioned that promises of a development outcome in Nairobi cannot be achieved without concrete responses in the form of decisions which add value and which incorporate key proposals advanced by the G90 to recalibrate and galvanize their industrialization and investment initiatives. This includes to support their fledgling industries; time needed, commensurate with their capacity challenges to comply with technical regulations and standards; flexibilities to avail themselves of trade remedies; the strengthening of a framework to address food security concerns; and to provide a better playing field for the weaker, poorest, and small, vulnerable Members, including the least developed, in the WTO.

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