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The following joint communication, dated 7 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Switzerland.

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We, a group of 29 developing and developed Members strongly supportive of the Multilateral Trading System, are deeply concerned at the point reached in the lead-up to the 10<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi.

We consider a productive negotiating function to be vital for the WTO to deliver benefits for Members of all sizes and at all levels of development.

In this respect, we welcome the advances made under the Doha Development Agenda to date and note with regret that it has not been possible to reach agreement on all areas of the negotiations, as our Ministers had aimed for at the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference in Bali.

We acknowledge the important efforts undertaken towards reaching a meaningful and balanced package of outcomes at the 10<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference. We call on all Members to demonstrate willingness and flexibility to overcome remaining differences so that further steps forward for the WTO and its Members can be made in Nairobi.

We note significantly diverging perspectives among Members as to what will be required to deliver on the outstanding DDA issues and to keep the multilateral trading system relevant to all Members.

We urge all Members to commit at the 10<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference to a realistic course that will lead the Membership to deliver meaningful and balanced outcomes on outstanding DDA issues, so that further progress can be made in achieving development goals, multilateral trade liberalization and rule-making, and to maintain the pre-eminence of the WTO as the global forum for trade.

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