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**JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON DDA
FROM AFRICAN GROUP, CHINA, ECUADOR, INDIA AND VENEZUELA**

With the purpose of strengthening the multilateral trading system and ensuring that development is at the centre of the ongoing negotiation, we the Ministers from **Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe** believe it is imperative to make the following joint statement:

1. We reaffirm the principles and objectives set out in the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.
2. We recognise that the DDA is a significant multilateral attempt to respond to trade and development interests of developing Members and redress the imbalances codified in the rules resulting from the previous rounds of multilateral trade negotiations. We reaffirm the Declarations and Decisions we adopted at Doha, and all subsequent Declarations and Decisions and reaffirm our full commitment to give effect to them.
3. We further welcome the advances made in the Doha Development Agenda (DDA). The Decisions and Declarations we propose to adopt at our present session would signify that we have taken yet another step forward in the negotiations and attest to our strong resolve to complete the DDA as has been reaffirmed in the Sustainable Development Goal 17.10.
4. Further we recognize that a comprehensive conclusion of the DDA with economically meaningful and balanced outcomes will provide impetus to global trade liberalization and facilitation, correct the development deficit in the rules resulting from the previous rounds of multilateral trade negotiations and improve the trading prospects of developing Members, and enhance the primary role of the WTO in global trade governance.
5. We need to redouble our efforts to enable us to proceed towards the full, successful and multilateral conclusion of the negotiations pursuant to paragraphs 45, 47 and 48 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration in fulfilment of the commitments we took at Doha.
