



**SSM AND PERMANENT SOLUTION ON PUBLIC STOCKHOLDING FOR FOOD SECURITY
PURPOSES FOR BALANCED NAIROBI OUTCOMES**

SUBMISSION BY THE G-33

The following communication, dated 11 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the G-33.

1. The G-33 expresses its regret on the lack of meaningful progress on its proposals on the Special Safeguard Mechanism and the Permanent Solution on Public Stockholding for Food Security purposes.

2. We initiated our engagement following the principles laid down by the CoA-SS Chair among other that all issues will be discussed in parallel. As a group we have been advocating that any comprehensive or small package outcome at Nairobi should be balanced and all issues should be taken to the Ministers for decision.

3. The G-33 has been requesting for Members' engagement on these issues since July 2014. In this regard our submissions may be referred to in documents:

- a. JOB/ AG/ 27 dated 17 July 2014 on Permanent Solution on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes;
- b. JOB/ AG/ 29 dated 17 July 2014 on Special Safeguard Mechanism (SSM);
- c. TN/AG/GEN/35/REV.1 dated 20 March 2015 on Refocusing Post-Bali Work Programme on Development;
- d. TN/AG/GEN/36 dated 28 July 2015 on Renewing Development through the Special Products and Special Safeguard Mechanism;
- e. TN/AG/GEN/37 dated 5 October 2015 on Reaffirming Development - MC-10 Nairobi and Post MC-10 Nairobi;
- f. JOB/AG/44 dated 19 October 2015 on SSM: For a Balanced, Development - Centred and Credible MC-10 Outcome in Nairobi;

4. Our seriousness and constructive engagement were demonstrated by the fact that we took into account the various Members' concerns and they are reflected in our revised and alternative proposals contained in documents:

- a. WT/MIN(15)/W/19, JOB/AG/49 dated 18 November 2015 on Special Safeguard Mechanism for Developing Country Members;
- b. WT/MIN(15)/W/22, JOB/ AG/ 54 dated 24 November 2015 on Proposed Permanent Solution on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes;

- c. WT/MIN(15)/W/34, JOB/AG/65 dated 9 December 2015 on Special Safeguard Provisions for Developing Country Members.

5. As can be seen, our revised proposals are much more watered down versions of the initial proposals. At this stage we request that like other issues the issues of SSM and Permanent Solution on Public Stockholding for Food Security purposes should be taken to Nairobi to the Ministers for consideration, deliberation and decision.
