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**MINISTERIAL DECISION ON TRANSPARENCY OF REGULATORY MEASURES
FOR TRADE IN GOODS**

The following communication, dated 5 December 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegations of Australia; Canada; the European Union; Hong Kong, China; Japan; the Republic of Korea; Singapore and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

The Ministerial Conference,

Recognizing the importance of transparency in international trade to the benefit of all businesses and especially micro, small and medium-sized enterprises;

Hereby decide:

We commit to discussions aimed at enhancing transparency of regulatory measures falling within the scope of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, in particular on:

- a. the electronic publication of regulatory measures;
- b. the notification to the WTO of the final text of regulatory measures which Members are required to notify;
- c. other items related to enhanced transparency which may include, inter alia, carrying out public consultations when preparing regulatory measures that each Member determines major and other issues related to good regulatory practices;

taking into account the needs of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and the special needs of developing country Members, and in particular of the least-developed country Members in this context.

We will examine the progress made at our next Ministerial Conference.
