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PROPOSED PERMANENT SOLUTION ON PUBLIC STOCKHOLDING

PROPOSAL BY THE PHILIPPINES

The following proposal, dated 11 December 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.

PUBLIC STOCKHOLDING FOR FOOD SECURITY PURPOSES

DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECISION OF 13 DECEMBER 2017

The Ministerial Conference,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Marrakech Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Decides as follows:

1. Members agree to extend the provisions on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes under the Bali Decision in December 2013 and the General Council Decision in 2014 to all public stockholding programmes of any developing country Member that exist at the time of the adoption of this Decision.
 2. Notwithstanding the provision in paragraph 1 above, least-developed country Members shall have access to the provisions on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes under the Bali Decision in December 2013 and the General Council Decision in 2014 for existing and future programmes.
 3. Direct and indirect exportation of stocks that benefited from the provisions of this Decision shall be prohibited, unless permitted by the importing Member. For this purpose, the exporting Member shall notify the importing Member (30) days in advance of the shipment. The export prohibition shall not apply to stocks procured for the World Food Programme and other humanitarian purposes.
 4. Members shall review the implementation of this Decision in a regular dedicated session of the Committee on Agriculture.
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