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**DRAFT DEVELOPMENT DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME
ON NON-TARIFF BARRIERS IN THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**

SUBMISSION OF BARBADOS ON BEHALF OF THE ACP GROUP OF STATES

The following communication, dated 19 November 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Barbados on behalf of the ACP Group of States.

In furtherance of the ACP Group submission JOB/TNC/50, dated 30 July 2015, with regard to the ACP proposal for the establishment of a Working Group on Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) in the Council for Trade in Goods, the ACP Group submits this revision and textual proposal as part of a development package to be agreed in Nairobi. The proposal is modified to be the establishment of a Work Programme on NTBs under the auspices of the Committee on Trade in Development. This proposal is independent of and without prejudice to the current mandates under the non-agricultural goods market access negotiations and environmental goods negotiations.

The Ministerial Conference,

Having regard to the concerns of Members about the incidence of non-tariff barriers on developing country exports in importing markets;

Recognizing that non-tariff barriers that impact developing country exports, in particular least-developed countries and small and vulnerable economies, precipitate in a number of ways that hinder their trade;

Noting that while a few WTO bodies are addressing specific non-tariff barrier disciplines based on the implementation of various existing agreements and mandates limited to the non-agricultural goods market access negotiations and environmental goods negotiations, and that these negotiations have been linked to other trade-offs;

Mindful of the need to address concerns and proposals of developing countries, in particular LDCs, on the subject of NTBs as an outcome in Nairobi;

Decides as follows:

1.1. The Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) shall establish a Work Programme on Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) to examine all NTBs impacting developing country, in particular least-developed country (LDC) and small vulnerable economy (SVE), exports in developed country markets, with a view to identifying all NTBs with any adverse effect on such exports and consider possible solutions to address them.

1.2. The CTD shall report to the General Council with recommendations for our Eleventh Session. Recommendations may include those for other relevant bodies in the WTO, as appropriate.

1.3. Members should refrain from imposing measures on trade from developing countries, in particular LDCs and SVEs, that amount to discriminatory or unnecessary barriers to trade.
