



JOINT STATEMENT ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR

The following communication, dated 21 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ecuador.

On the margins of the Eleventh WTO Ministerial Conference (MC11) in December 2017, 71 WTO Members issued a Joint Statement on Electronic Commerce. Later, on 25 January 2019, 76 WTO Members delivered a second Joint Statement.

On this date, Ecuador is pleased to announce that it is joining both Statements and becoming part of the Joint Initiative on Electronic Commerce. We recognize the importance of E-Commerce for global economic growth and sustainable development. By advancing in this sphere, we can amplify the digital trade benefits for all nations, which is an essential part of an agenda for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ecuador welcomes the open, transparent, and inclusive nature of this initiative; and looks forward to participating actively and constructively on the matter towards the MC12.
