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CONVENING NOTICE

The following convening notice, dated 17 June 2021, is being circulated on behalf of Iceland, Botswana, and El Salvador.

The Informal Working Group on Trade and Gender will hold its third regular meeting of 2021, **only virtually**, through the Interprefy platform, on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 starting at 10 a.m.

A technical guide summarizing logistical details for participation in this meeting will be made available on the webpage for the meeting.

The following items are proposed for the agenda:

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2 EXCHANGE WITH THE WTO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DR NGOZI OKONJO-IWEALA

3 GENDER LENS: CONSIDERING AND CLARIFYING THE GENDER LENS CONCEPT AND APPLYING IT TO THE WTO

3.1. Presentation by Iceland: Is mandatory regulation a key to gender equality in businesses? The impact of Icelandic laws on gender quotas on company boards, the Equal Pay Certification, and other special measures;

3.2. Presentation by New Zealand: Understanding the participation of women in trade using New Zealand's firm-level and administrative data sources;

3.3. Presentation by Saudi Arabia: Vision 2030, an economic diversification strategy and women's economic empowerment;

3.4. Presentation by Canada: Trade agreements through gender lens - Identifying the export gender gaps of women owned businesses;

3.5. Presentation by European Union: Formulating a gender lens concept to apply to the work of the WTO;

3.6. Presentation by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): Trade and Gender - A Framework of Analysis.

4 CO-CHAIRS PROPOSAL FOR A "FRAMEWORK TO DELIVER AN AMBITIOUS MINISTERIAL OUTCOME ON TRADE AND GENDER FOR MC12 AND BEYOND" (INF/TGE/W/3)

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1. Preparations for the fourth IWG meeting scheduled on 16 July 2021 – Co-Chairs Communication.

5.2. Update by the WTO Secretariat on its current work on trade and gender.
