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### **FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON DOMESTIC SUPPORT**

COMMUNICATION FROM ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA,  
COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY,  
PERU, THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, UKRAINE, URUGUAY AND VIET NAM

The following communication, dated 23 January 2020, is being circulated at the request of the  
aforementioned Members.

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We, the co-sponsors of this document,

*Recognizing* that Article 20 of the Agreement on Agriculture provides that the long-term objective  
of substantial progressive reductions in support and protection resulting in fundamental reform is an  
ongoing process;

*Reaffirming* our commitment to achieving further progress in all pillars of the agriculture negotiations  
in order to lay the ground for a fair and market-oriented agricultural trading system;

*Agree* on the following principles underlying the negotiation of new disciplines on Domestic Support:

1. The Members shall commit to cap and reduce the sum of current global agricultural trade-  
and production-distorting domestic support entitlements by at least half by 2030.
  2. To this end, Members shall negotiate an agreement to cap and reduce trade- and production-  
distorting domestic support entitlements. Such negotiations shall take into consideration all  
forms of trade- and production-distorting domestic support under Article 6 of the Agreement  
on Agriculture.
  3. The contributions by individual Members in these reductions will need to be proportionate to  
the size of those Members' current entitlements and their potential impact on global markets,  
taking into account the individual development needs of Members, to ensure the global  
target is reached by 2030.
  4. The implementation of existing notification obligations under Article 18 of the Agreement on  
Agriculture, thus strengthening transparency with respect to existing domestic support  
commitments, is imperative, and that utmost effort must be made to provide all outstanding  
DS:1 notifications.
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