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FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON DOMESTIC SUPPORT

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

Revision

The following communication, dated 21 October 2021, is being circulated at the request of the
aforementioned Members.

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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