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The following communication, dated 18 October 2021, is being circulated at the request of the g7+ WTO Accessions Group.

As announced by Honorable Minister Mawine G. Diggs, Minister of Commerce and Industry of Liberia and co-coordinator of the g7+ WTO Accessions Group, the group submits the following language for inclusion in the MC12 outcome document, whatever format this document may take:

"We recognize that trade plays an important role in promoting economic development, peace and stability. We welcome the efforts by fragile and conflict-affected states (FCS) to integrate and participate effectively in the multilateral trading system, including through WTO accession, while acknowledging the existence of specific trade-related challenges linked to institutional fragility and/or violent conflict. In this regard, we agree to develop a work programme on Trade for Peace for FCS with the objective to address these challenges and to create a more inclusive and enabling environment for FCS to fully benefit from the multilateral trading system. The General Council shall review the work programme and make recommendations for actions to the 13th Session of the Ministerial Conference."
