



**General Council  
8-9 May 2023**

### PROPOSED AGENDA

- 1. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE AND REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**
- 2. FOLLOW-UP TO OUTCOMES OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES**
  - A. MC12
    - (i) WTO Reform
      - Report by the Chairperson
      - Improving Inclusiveness by Reviewing and Evaluating External Engagement – Communication from Colombia; Israel; the Philippines; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen And Matsu; and the United States (WT/GC/W/871)
      - Improving the Operations of WTO Bodies to Revitalise the WTO's Monitoring and Deliberative Function – Request from Canada; Costa Rica; and the United Kingdom
      - Reinforcing the Deliberative Function of the WTO to Respond to Global Trade Policy Challenges – Communication from the European Union (WT/GC/W/864)
      - Committee on Trade and Development Mandate: Focal Point for Consideration and Coordination of Work on Development in the WTO – Communication from India (WT/GC/W/865)
      - Maximising the Value of WTO Ministerial Conferences – Communication from Australia (WT/GC/W/873)
      - 30 for 30 Suggestions for Improving the Functioning in WTO – Request from India
    - (ii) Work Programme on Electronic Commerce
      - Report by the Facilitator
      - Reinvigoration of Work Programme on Electronic Commerce and Moratorium on Imposing Customs Duties on Electronic Transmissions – Request from India and South Africa
      - A Development Approach to the Work Programme on E-Commerce (WPEC) – Request from South Africa
    - (iii) Paragraph 8 of the Ministerial Decision on the TRIPS Agreement – Duration of Extended Deadline
  - B. BUENOS AIRES (MC11), NAIROBI (MC10), and BALI (MC9)

- 3. WORK PROGRAMME ON SMALL ECONOMIES – REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE DEDICATED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**
- 4. TRADE RELATED CHALLENGES OF THE LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND WAY FORWARD: PROPOSAL FOR WTO SMOOTH TRANSITION MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF COUNTRIES GRADUATED FROM THE LDC CATEGORY – COMMUNICATION FROM DJIBOUTI ON BEHALF OF THE LDC GROUP (WT/GC/W/807/REV.2)**
- 5. WAIVERS UNDER ARTICLE IX OF THE WTO AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**
  - A. CANADA – EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER FOR THE CARIBBEAN INITIATIVE: CARIBCAN – DRAFT DECISION (G/C/W/826)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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<sup>1</sup> In connection with this Item, the attention of Members is drawn to the Decision-Making Procedures under Articles IX and XII of the WTO Agreement agreed by the General Council on 15 November 1995 (WT/L/93).