

WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Decision of 2 December 2009

The Ministerial Conference *decides* as follows:

We take note of the reports from the General Council and subsidiary bodies on the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce and express our concern that the examination of issues under the Work Programme is not yet complete. We decide to intensively reinvigorate that work, based on the Work Programme and guidelines given in the General Council Decision of 25 September 1998.¹

We instruct the General Council to hold periodic reviews of the progress on the Work Programme in its sessions of July 2010, December 2010 and July 2011. The reports of these reviews, including any recommendations for action, would be taken into consideration during our next session, which we have decided to hold in 2011, for decisions under this item.

The Work Programme shall include development-related issues, basic WTO principles including among others non-discrimination, predictability and transparency, and discussions on the trade treatment, *inter alia*, of electronically delivered software. We agree to maintain the current institutional arrangements for the Work Programme.

We decide that Members will maintain their current practice of not imposing customs duties on electronic transmissions until our next session, which we have decided to hold in 2011.

¹ WT/L/274 dated 30 September 1998.