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### STATEMENT BY INDONESIA

#### FACILITATOR'S CONSULTATION ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE, MC11 DECLARATION, AND OTHER RELEVANT PLENARY SESSIONS

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The following communication, dated 13 December 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Indonesia.

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The Indonesian Delegation circulated a statement regarding the scope of the application of the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions in the context of electronic commerce discussions. This statement was delivered at the Facilitator's Consultation Meeting on Electronic Commerce on 11 and 13 December 2017; the Informal Heads of Delegation Meeting on 13 December 2017 and the Plenary Meeting on 13 December 2017. The elements of the statement are as follows:

*"On the issue of e-commerce, the Indonesian Delegation would like to recall our statement which was delivered this morning during the e-commerce meeting. Indonesia attaches great importance to the e-commerce discussion in the WTO and understands that electronic commerce could serve as a tool to support economic development for many members.*

*In regards to the discussion on the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions, it is our understanding that such moratorium shall not apply to electronically transmitted goods and services. In other words, the extension of the moratorium applies only to the electronic transmissions and not to products or contents which are submitted electronically. The Indonesian Head of Delegation shared this understanding with the Director-General and his team yesterday and today, in which they responded with a positive confirmation.*

*For this reason, we would like to insert a footnote in the outcome document which states "it is understood that such moratorium shall not apply to electronically transmitted goods".*

*If our footnote proposal cannot reach consensus, in the spirit of flexibility, Indonesia can go along with the draft Ministerial Decision on Electronic Commerce.*

*Taking into account of such condition, the Indonesian Delegation reserved the right for our understanding or position regarding the footnote to be reflected and recorded in the Minutes of Meeting of all meetings related to electronic commerce which took place during the 11<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference."*

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