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MOZAMBIQUE

It is an honour for the People and Government of Mozambique to join and attend the WTO's 13th Ministerial Conference in Abu Dhabi. Allow me Chairperson to express my salute and gratitude to the Government of United Arab Emirates for hosting the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference.

It is a great pleasure and very important occasion, as Member, to be a part of the discussions for the topics of such relevance to the Multilateral Trading System, considering their significant importance for the Sustainable Development of economies. These priorities reflect a commitment to strengthening the rules-based of the multilateral system.

The agenda under our consideration in this MC13 require from us to addressing in deeply the unavoidable issues needed for improving the effectiveness of the multilateral trading system, especially the world has been resiliently facing recessions that limit a balanced competitiveness of economies, which must seek in integration a sustainable way out to face the challenges of food insecurity, in the construction of a global trade balance that is not very multilateral and the risk of inefficiency in trade facilitation logistics chains with an impact on the limited countries inclusion.

Mozambique is strongly committed to the multilateral trading system and supports the reform process to revitalize the WTO. The graduation of LDCs and the investment from developed countries contributes to transforming the economies of developing countries through industrialization, is critical for an integrated international system, which function perfectly and accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

WTO, through the multilateral approach to Trade and Development, must continue to seek and promote the availability of the resource and platforms that support schemes for the recovery, strengthening and competitive dynamism of the global economy considering the structure of the Least Developed Countries.

The acceptance of WTO Members to the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement will truly deliver trade sustainability. We believe that improving existing rules on subsidies is important to ensure a level playing field in international trade and the inclusion of MSME's value chain.

We need at this Thirteenth WTO Ministerial Conference to reinforce the adequate approach to better deal with Agriculture, Development, Dispute Settlement Reform, Work Programme on Electronic Commerce, Fisheries Subsidies, Trade and Sustainable Development (including Trade and Industrial Policy and Policy Space for Industrial Development), to enabling greater integration and functioning of multilateral trade.

It is our responsibility as Members of the WTO to take advantage of this opportunity to decide on a better multilateral response to the challenges that global trade has been facing.

It is within these assumptions that Mozambique reiterates its support to the Ministerial Declarations submitted by the African Group, LDC's Group and OACPs, whose approach emphasizes the need for more transparency and inclusion as a structuring part of the sustainable and effective matrix of the multilateral trade system.

It is this position that we are considering and prioritizing in the ongoing process of our Fourth Review Trade Policy to be presented in July this year.

Finally, but not least, Mozambique welcomes the strong and sustained efforts made by the authorities of Timor-Leste and the Comoros since the establishment of the working parties to complete their accession to the WTO, and today we have the privilege to celebrate this important accomplishment at the 13th Ministerial Conference of the WTO.

To conclude, the adoption of the Declaration of this 13th Ministerial Conference, which Mozambique supports, is an important contribution to the structural construction of the sustainable and inclusive agenda of the multilateral trade system.
