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WORK PROGRAMME ON SMALL ECONOMIES

DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECISION

At its meeting on 13-15 December 2023, the General Council agreed to forward the following draft Decision¹ to the Ministerial Conference for adoption.

The Ministerial Conference decides as follows:

We reaffirm our commitment to the Work Programme on Small Economies and take note of all the work conducted to date. In particular, we note that document [WT/COMTD/SE/W/22/Rev.11](#) and its previous revisions reflect the work of the Dedicated Session up to the Thirteenth Ministerial Conference.

We take note of the work carried out by Members since 2022 in the CTD's Dedicated Session on Small Economies in response to the Ministerial Decision of 17 June 2022 in document [WT/MIN\(22\)/25](#).

Furthermore, we instruct the Dedicated Session on Small Economies to consider in further detail the various submissions that have been received to date, examine any additional proposals that Members might wish to submit and, where possible, and within its mandate, make recommendations to the General Council on any of these proposals. The General Council shall direct relevant subsidiary bodies to frame responses to the trade-related issues identified by the CTD with a view to making recommendations for action.

We instruct the WTO Secretariat to provide relevant information and factual analysis for discussion among Members in the CTD's Dedicated Session on Small Economies, including through cooperating with relevant international organizations, inter alia, in the areas identified in item k of paragraph 2 of the Work Programme on Small Economies and, in particular, on:

1. Challenges and opportunities for small economies in using e-commerce and digital ecosystem to drive competitiveness;
2. Addressing the importance of resilient, accessible, open, reliable and transparent supply chains for small economies given food security issues, and the impact of non-tariff measures on trade costs;
3. Exploring with other relevant WTO bodies how to integrate trade related climate change adaptation and mitigation policies into the trade policies of small economies.

The CTD in Dedicated Session shall continue monitoring the progress of the small economy proposals in WTO bodies and in negotiating groups with the aim of providing responses, as soon as possible, to the trade-related issues identified for the fuller integration of SVEs in the multilateral trading system as well as assessing the effectiveness of the responses framed so far to integrate the SVEs in the multilateral trading system.

¹ As contained in [WT/COMTD/SE/W/46/Rev.2](#).