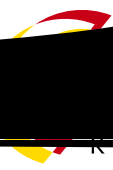


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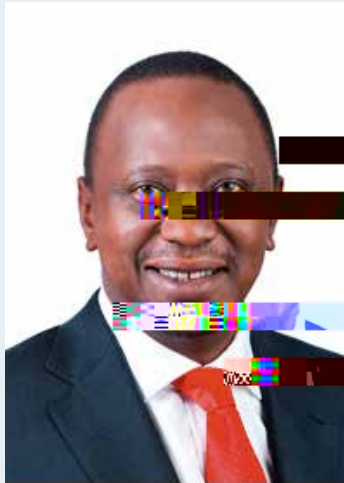
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GRAND KIPSHARPE HOTEL, NAIROBI, KENYA, 13-14 DECEMBER 2015

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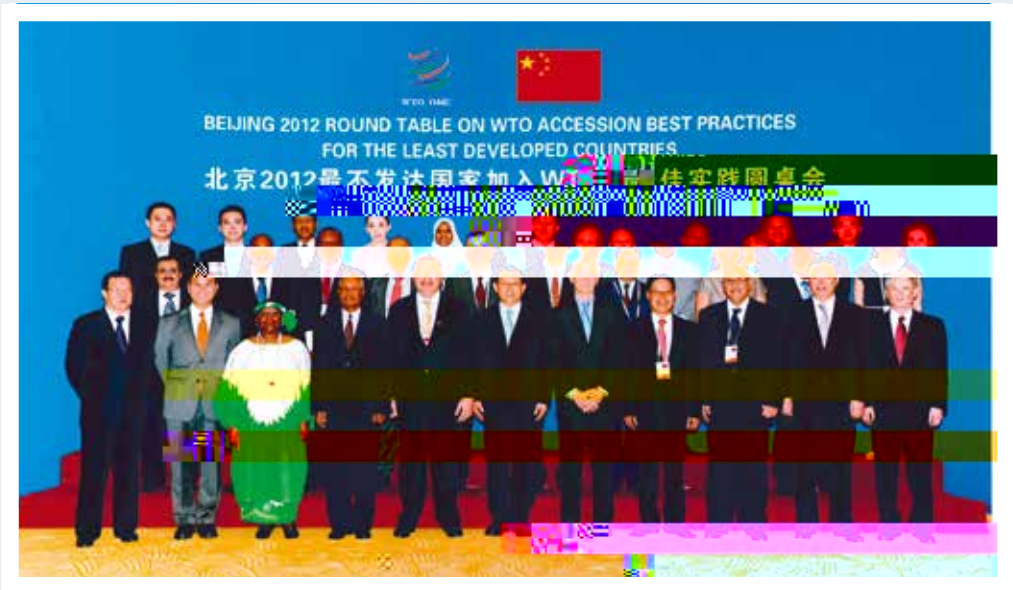
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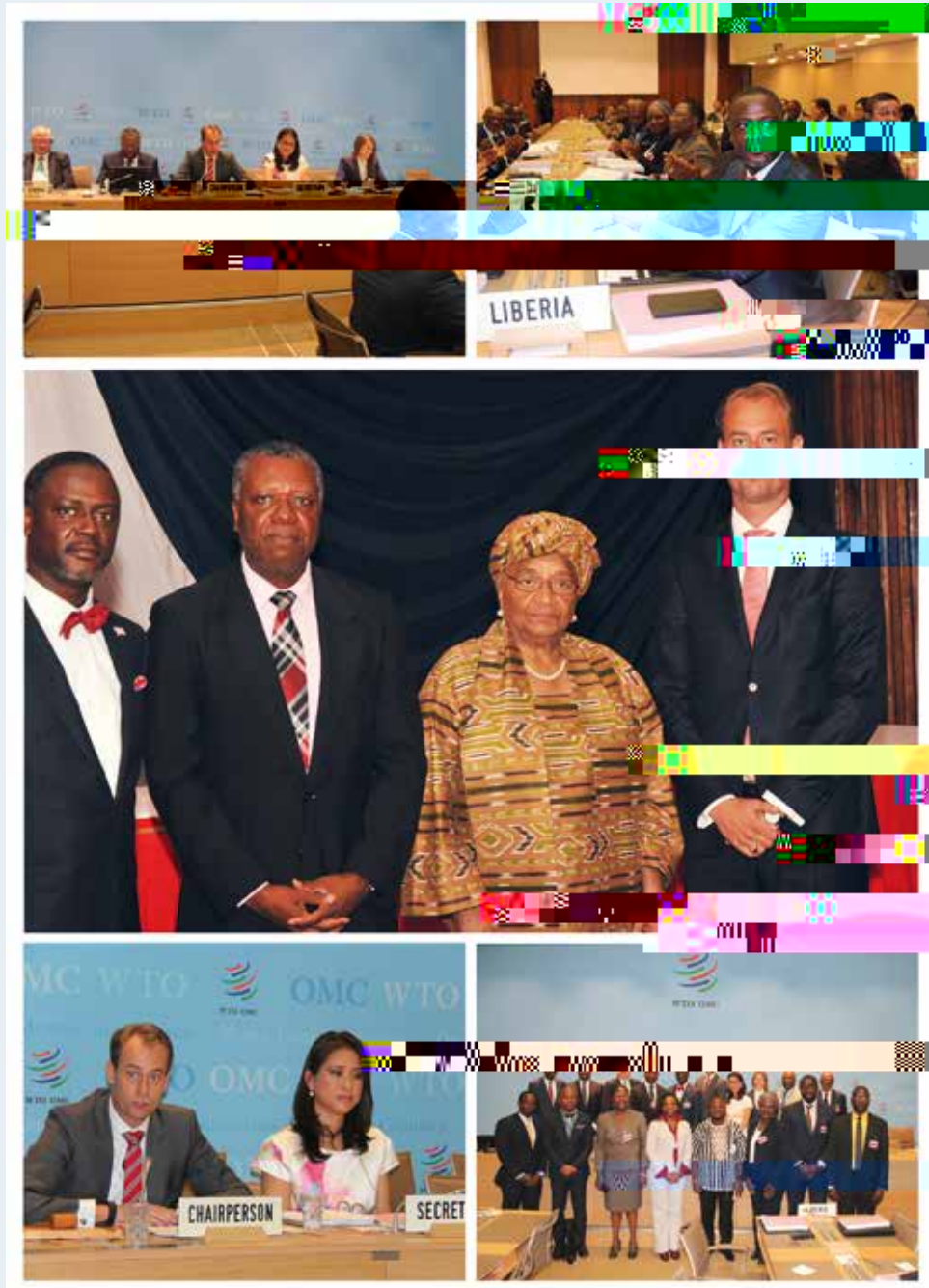
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HIGHLIGHTS – 2015

ACCESSION OF LIBERIA



On 6 October 2015, the Working Party on the Accession of Liberia adopted the Accession Package, by consensus and ad referendum. The Working Party concluded its mandate and agreed to transmit the Package to the Tenth Ministerial Conference in Nairobi for formal action.

HIGHLIGHTS – 2015

ACCESSION OF AFGHANISTAN



On 11 November 2015, the Working Party on the Accession of Afghanistan adopted the Accession Package, by consensus and ad referendum. The Working Party concluded its mandate and agreed to transmit the Package to the Tenth Ministerial Conference in Nairobi for formal action.

HIGHLIGHTS – 2015

ACCESSION OF SEYCHELLES



On 25 March 2015, President James Michel signed the Instrument of Acceptance of the Accession Protocol and handed it to the Director of the Accessions Division, who received it on behalf of WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo.

Seychelles became the 161st Member of the WTO on 26 April 2015.

ACCESSION OF KAZAKHSTAN



On 27 July 2015, President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan and WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo signed the Protocol of Accession of Kazakhstan, following the adoption of Kazakhstan's Accession Package by the General Council.

Kazakhstan became the 162nd Member of the WTO on 30 November 2015.

HIGHLIGHTS – 2015

WTO 20TH ANNIVERSARY ACCESSIONS EVENTS, 28-30 SEPTEMBER 2015 SECOND GLOBAL SEMINAR ON WTO ACCESSIONS

Participants at the 2nd Global Seminar on WTO Accessions debated on the systemic results and impact on domestic reforms from 20 years of WTO accession negotiations, including broader effects on international cooperation.

SAUDI ARABIA 10-

This special anniversary session commemorated the 10 years of Saudi Arabia's WTO membership and celebrated its role in the Multilateral Trading System.

13 DECEMBER 2015 / LOITA ROOM, INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

(Invitation only; Sessions in English only)

14:00	: Mr. Patrick Low, Former WTO Chief Economist	
	1. Rising Africa in World Trade? A Story of Traditional Commodities and New Products	15 1. Mr. Michael Finger, Former WTO Senior Economist
	2. African Trade Integration: Participation in Global Value Chains	2. Prof. Bernard Hoekman, Director for Global Economics, European University Institute
	3. PTAs in Africa: Lessons for and from the Tripartite FTA and the Continental Free Trade Area	3. Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa
	4. Trade Rules, Industrial Development Policy and Competitiveness	4. Mr. Chiedu Osakwe, Director, Accessions Division, WTO
	5. Driving Economic Growth through Trade Policy Reforms and Investment Attraction in the Open World Economy: The Experience of China	5. Ms. Yuan Yuan, Director, Division of Trade Policy Review and Notification, Department of WTO Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, China
	6. Trade Policy Trends in Africa: Empirical Evidence from 20 Years of WTO Trade Policy Reviews	6. Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Accessions Division, WTO
15:30		
	:	H.E. Mr. Joshua Setipa, Minister of Trade and Industry, Lesotho, and Coordinator of the WTO African Group
		Mr. David Hartridge, Senior Trade Policy Advisor, White & Case LLP and former Director, WTO Trade in Services Division
	: All participants	
17:00	Closing Remarks	Representative of the WTO
		Representative of the Government of China
		Representative of the Government of Kenya

14 DECEMBER 2015 / MARA BALLROOM, INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

(English-French Interpretation provided)

08:30		
09:00	: Mr. Chiedu Osakwe, Director, Accessions Division, WTO	
		Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, WTO
		H.E. Mr. GAO Hucheng, Minister of Commerce, China
		H.E. Mrs. Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Kenya
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10:00	: Mr. Chiedu Osakwe, Director, Accessions Division, WTO	
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	1. Trade and Development	1. Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
	2. African Union Priorities in the WTO	2. H.E. Mrs. Fatima Haram Acyl, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union
	3. Economic Diversification in Africa's Number One Economy	3. H.E. Mr. Okechukwu E. Enelamah, Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment, Nigeria
	4. Trade, Investment and Development	4. H.E. Mr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa, and Host of the 6th Forum on China-Africa Cooperation
	5. Integration into Global Value Chains - How is it done? The Example of Textiles and Apparel	5. H.E. Mr. Joshua Setipa, Minister of Trade and Industry, Lesotho, and Coordinator of the WTO African Group
	6. Stories and Narratives from Capacity Building from Africa for Integration into Global Value Chains – Contributions from ITC	6. Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
	7. Investment and Trade Rules: Increasing Stock of African FDI Flows	7. Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
	8. Deepening African Integration: Intra-African Trade for Development and Poverty Reduction	8. Ms. Anabel González, Senior Director, Global Practice on Trade and Competitiveness, World Bank Group
	: All participants	

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