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in November ■ as the
forth chairperson of the WH have witnessed, especially during my visit to
Sarajevo in January ■ the high -level commitment of the Government and the
Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina to WTO accession and the dedicated work
at technical level. I would like in particular to commend the team led by M
Hamdo Tinjak for the hard work in advancing the accession negotiations during
the last two years.

A solid progress was made following the enactment of the Law on Internal
Trade in October ■ This includes:

- Conclusion

I hope that now when Bosnia and Herzegovina has a new government this issue will be finalized and will open the way for concluding its remaining bilateral market access negotiations with one member state.

I would like to stress that the conclusion of the accession process is technically doable by the next Ministerial Conference in June 2020 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

Based on my interactions with WTO Members, good will exists among them to conclude the accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the coming months, if the Government is ready to take the necessary steps. In particular, Members are keen to see the accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina as one of the potential deliverables for the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12).

I am ready and available, as Chairman, to help Bosnia and Herzegovina cross the finishing line of this accession in the next few months, with the assistance of, and in coordination with WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo. Evidence has shown that the longer one waits, the higher the price of entering the Organization.

Thank you for your attention!