

- o WTO Members are keen on the results and outcomes from this Trade Policy Forum, which would provide useful insights in improving the understanding of the region and formulating partnership with the region.
- o In this regard, the WTO would also like to welcome the representative of the World Bank, who we believe can work together in supporting the region's integration agenda.

A key advantage of this Forum is that it brings together the Chief Negotiators and expert officials who have been long, directly and deeply, engaged in the WTO accession processes.

o We have gathered not only the governments that have negotiated or are negotiating the WTO accessions. But also, we have been able - indeed, very lucky - to have experienced and talented individuals here with us in the room today. There are many friends gathered here in the room today. Deputy Minister and Chief Negotiator of Azerbaijan Mamaguliyev; Nazriev; Nurgul, Alia, Sasha, Cecilia Klein, peerless in experience of accession n