Opening Remarks at the High-level Session:

Future of LDC Accessions

H.E. Mr. Wang Wentao, Minister of Commerce of People's Republic of China January 18, 2022

Honorable Director-General Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala,

Excellencies,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Dear friends,

Good afternoon. At the outset, I'd like to thank Director-General Okonjo-Iweala, Deputy Director-General Zhang Xiangchen, and the Secretariat for the efforts of organizing this round table. 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of the China Program and the 20th

to the WTO. The China Round Table, held at this special moment, is therefore of extraordinary significance. Now I would like to share three points.

First, China supports LDCs' accession to the WTO as we always do. LDCs are the most vulnerable countries in the

actions.

Third, China will stay committed to South-South

particular, accede to the WTO and integrate into global economy.

China stands ready to work with all parties to accelerate LDCs' accession process. China calls on all parties to genuinely carry out the General Council's decision to facilitate and accelerate the accession process of the LDCs, and to pragmatically promote

China looks forward to positive outcomes of the MC12. We would like to work with other members to reach greater

inclusive development of the multilateral trading system, so that the spring breeze of openness and development will bring warmth to every corner of the world.

In closing, I wish this round table every success. Thank you.