







BEST PRACTICES ON THE ACCESSIONS OF LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Opening Remarks

His Excellency Prime Minister Hun Sen
Ministers from WTO Members and Observers
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning. On behalf of Director-General Roberto Azevêdo and the membership of the World Trade Organization (WTO), I would like to extend my warm welcome to the Fifth China Round Table. This is a privilege for me and all participants to spend the next four days in this beautiful historical city of Angkor.

the Government of Cambodia, the LDC Group will be able to advance their interests during this important year for the Organization.

I would like to pay tribute to the Government of China for its continuing support for WTO accessions in general, but in particular through the China's LDCs' and Accessions Programme - so called, the "China Program".

are also pleased that several international organisations are here with us

signified Members' re-confirmed commitment to the multilateral trading system.

There are LDC-specific issues on which further efforts can

We are privileged to have such high level participants and distinguished guests at this Round Table today. On behalf of the WTO, I look forward to hearing your insightful thoughts, ideas and suggestions during our discussions over the next few days.

I am pleased to join Prime Minister Hun Sen and Vice Minister Wang Shouwen to declare the Fifth China Round Table open, here in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Thank you very much.