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LDCsACCESSIONS ANDCONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

The IGA was briefed on the LDCs Consultative Group meeting that took place on 22 May at the Heads of Delegation level. The meeting was chaired by Nepal and attended by Ambassador Steffen Smidt, Facilitator of LDCs Deliverables for MC9 and Chairman LDCs' SubCommittee. The deposited Accession Packages of Article XII LDCMembers and LDCs'vital role were highlighted as strengthening and safeguarding the WTO rules-based system. Yemen and Afghanistan were two LDC accessionsbasically on track for a 2013 completion. LDCs commendedthe results on accessions and thanked Members and the Secretariat for their continued support.

2013 ACCESSION WP FOCUS

Afghanistan: Kabul was dedicated to a 2013 accession completion. The delegation of Afghanistan met with the Chairman of the General Council on 4 May to confirm Afghanistan's commitment to conclude its accession at the 9th Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia. The Afghan negotiating team remained committed to concluding all bilateral market negotiations before the 4th Working Party Meeting, scheduled for July. The Afghan team, assisted by Members and working with the Secretariat on a weekly basis, was currently updating the Draft Working Party Report.

Yemen: The Draft Accession Package was readyde facto, subject only to the conclusion of legislation -based domestic processes in Ukraine regarding its bilateral negotiations with Yemen .

Bosnia and Herzegovina This accession was on track. The Agriculture Plurilateral Meeting and the 12th Working Party Meeting were scheduled for 6 June. The visit to Sarajevo, by the WPChairman and the Secretariat team, was scheduled for the 26 May. On Bilateral Market Access negotiations, the negotiating team was working closely with Members to conclude the remaining negotiations.

Kazakhstan The next cycle of meetings would take place in the week of 3 June. Trilateral consultations on adjustment (Kazakhstan + Russian Federation + Member X) were underway. Astana was reviewing the draft Services Schedule

