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As you are aware that our National Assembly has ratified the Protocol of Accession and the Instrument of Acceptance has been signed by our president H.E. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. We are looking forward to becoming the 164<sup>th</sup> member of the WTO.

We have come along way since 2004 when Afghanistan first applied for WTO membership. Since then, we have implemented significant policy, legal and institutional reforms in alignment with WTO rules, principles and agreements. During this process Afghanistan has



Afghanistan is committed to maximize the benefits of WTO membership by sustaining modernization and reform of the economy, enhance growth and development, secure stable and non-discriminatory access for Afghan exports, improve our business environment, and integrate to the rules-based global economy. We