

Honourable Deputy Prime Minister Fonoto of Samoa,
Your Excellency Director General Lamy,
Ministers and excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. I shall start by extending on behalf of the Chinese government my warm welcome to all of you to the Beijing 2012 Round Table on WTO Accession Best Practices for Least Developed Countries.

LDCs are important members of the international community. Effective engagement in the multilateral trading system represented by the World Trade Organization is the course and guarantee that LDCs must take to integrate in and benefit from globalization as well as get rid of poverty. China firmly believes that the speedy and all-around development of least developed countries will contribute significantly to the lasting prosperity of the world.

The Chinese government has always paid attention to issues in relation to LDCs and made real efforts to attain the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and echo the Monterrey Consensus. We have stepped up support to trade of LDCs, assisted them to effectively engage in the multilateral trading system, helped promo

process and learn WTO rules and operating procedures so that they can accelerate their accession processes.

Second, we will continue to proactively participate in and push ahead with the negotiations on the simplification of procedures for accession of LDCs. Given that only five LDCs joined the WTO in the past years, we, in conjunction with other members, launched at the 8th Ministerial Conference the negotiations on further streamlining accession procedures for LDCs and later made active responses to LDCs' requests on criterion of market access commitments, special and differentiated treatment and technical assistance.

Third, China is the only member of the WT