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Nigeria

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Accession of the Republic of Liberia

Madam Chairperson,

1. Nigeria would like to congratulate the people of the Republic of Liberia, particularly the President, Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and her team, for this milestone achievement, and we welcome Liberia to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Family. Liberia's membership would no doubt enhance her capacity to be more competitive in line with her enhanced trade policies and legislative reforms. We commend the Director-General Roberto Azevedo for his leadership and the WTO Secretariat, particularly Mr. Chiedu Osakwe, Director of the Accession Division, for the hard work and for facilitating the process to a successful conclusion. We are also grateful to Ambassador Joakim Reiter, the Chair of the Working Party, for his relentless effort and commitment as well as the entire Membership for their constructive engagement

2. Nigeria and Liberia have a long-standing relationship anchored on the promotion of African unity, democracy, regional security and development. At the sub-regional level, Nigeria and Liberia worked toge

will invariably lead to long-term economic gains and increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows.

5. In conclusion, my delegation looks forward to working closely with Liberia and assures Liberia of our continued support and collaboration.

6. I thank you.