

**Statement of Iceland**  
**Ambassador Martin Eyjólfsson**  
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Firstly, let me welcome Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Liberia to the WTO family and thank Kenya for its warm welcome. Let us work together to make the first WTO ministerial in Africa a success.

The future role of the WTO must be seen in this broader political context. Earlier this year, our leaders agreed on the UN Sustainable Development Goals where the WTO features prominently as one of the key global implementing bodies.

This is a mandate and calling from our leaders at the highest level! We need to respond to it by dragging the WTO out of the zero-sum trade negotiating game and start delivering results.

### **Elements of Post Nairobi**

Iceland remains committed to the goals of the Doha mandate. But we also believe that delivering results is more important than sticking to form. We need to learn from past mistakes and be ready to explore more workable solutions.

From Iceland's perspective, the WTO's post-Nairobi agenda should focus on the following:

- Development must remain at the heart of our future work. Here, the highest priority should be the further integration of the LDCs into the global trading system.
- We need to find more flexible working methods. We have to face the fact that the single undertaking has not delivered an outcome. We should be ready to move ahead on issues where there is potential to reach agreement.
- The WTO must be able to respond to the trade related issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including environmental issues, sustainability, fish subsidies, renewable energy, etc. Our economies are not standing still; neither should the WTO.

### **Conclusion:**

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