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renewed effort to address all aspects of the DDA some Members are precipitously
questioning the utility of the DDA and are calling for the WTO “to turn the page
on the DDA”. If we heed this call, we would be delivering a mortal blow to the
WTO’s commitment to the issue of development.. Can we realistically send such a
message to the international community? There is need for greater coherence in
our approach to trade and development. On the one hand, we have agreed in the
UN on SDGs and have even highlighted the role that trade can play as an
implementation measure in Goal 17. On the other hand, we are calling for the end
of DDA . While we recognise that there may be need for recalibration, this reality
check cannot be hinged on the abandonment of the DDA. Rather, we should be
uniting in a concerted effort to find ways to secure a successful outcome to the
negotiating agenda to which this organisation has committed itself for the better
part of its existence.

We must not lose sight of the DDA’s original mandate- which is to “make positive
efforts designed to ensure that developing countries secure a share in world trade
that is commensurate with the needs of their economic development.” This
commitment cannot be abandoned especially at a time when we have united in
commitment to sustainable development goals as the overarching focus of the as
international system To this end, we must draw on all the positive elements of the
DDA and the progress already achieved such as was demonstrated at Bali. Special
and differential treatment must remain a fundamental pillar of the work of the
WTO.It must be translated into tangible outcomes including less than full
reciprocity and the provision of appropriate flexibilities for developing en-US8 1 521.26 333.1-5(rko)-5(n)4( )-72(or)-71(d)4(eve)4(lo)-3(p)4(ing)4( )-6. 412.87 608.38 Tm

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Madam Chair ,

On behalf of the Caribbean Community, I wish to say that it is indeed a pleasure

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appropriate ways in which we can address the issues in the Doha Agenda, in order

to achieve successf ul outcomes. In this effort, it is v ital that w e preserve and

secure the progress achieved over the past years, particularly those contained in

our Ministerial dectl2ce62 To14.0