



Issues remaining on the table, while limited in scope, have a great bearing on the livelihood of many people in the developing world. We have to do all we can in order to meet the expectations of Africans who are our dear host.

While there remain significant gaps, they are not insurmountable. We must and can deliver, if all of us exercise the same spirit of compromise as seen in Bali and in Paris at the COP 21.

It is also important to conclude the ITA expansion negotiations, which will become a significant achievement here in Nairobi. Being an MFN-based plurilateral agreement, it will bring benefits of liberalization to all WTO Members. Every party should exercise flexibility, rather than repeatedly maintaining its original position. We also would like to invite non-participants to consider joining this important Agreement.

Second, we need to present a credible path on how to navigate challenges the WTO faces. There is no denying that there are different perspectives on negotiating function.

Addressing this issue should start with acknowledging the reality as it is while respecting different views, all of which I believe should have good reasons. My sober assessment is that we need more time.

Korea therefore proposes that we Ministers instruct the officials to continue deliberations to identify how best to conduct WTO negotiations, with the understanding that remaining DDA issues need to be addressed.

On all these matters, Korea is prepared to work with other Members with an open mind, to ensure that the WTO continues to play the role as a bed-rock of the multilateral trading system. Thank you.