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taken as a sign of the importance that Montenegro attaches to good governance in the public procurement sector, and of the alignment of our institutions with best practices internationally.

5. Believing in the economic benefits of market liberalization, Montenegro has also participated actively in the negotiations on the expansion of the ITA agreement. We recognize the importance of this Agreement and strive to put our country on the radar as an IT business-friendly and conducive environment. The agreement that we have reached and finalized on the expansion of the ITA here in Nairobi is a major achievement for the participating economies, for the WTO as an organization, and for the multilateral trading system.

6. Finally, the technical assistance provided by the WTO Secretariat has been crucial in supporting Montenegro in its efforts to contribute to this organization as an active and constructive WTO Member. I am, particularly, grateful for the support received from the TFA Facility and the Secretariat's Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation in regard to our future implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and progressive training to enhance our administrative capacities. Overall, such assistance is crucial to ensuring that Montenegro and other new WTO Members can fully reap the benefits of participating in the WTO through market opening and internal reform.

7. Before closing, I affirm my country's full commitment to the multilateral trading system to continue to advance the liberalization of world trade and strengthen its rule book in ways that are relevant and responsive to the needs of all Members of the Organization, having in mind recent market access commitments. We are open to new ideas and fresh approaches that affirm and respect the centrality of the WTO as the guardian of the system. Montenegro remains committed to contribute constructively to a full success of the Tenth Ministerial conference.

Thank you.

Nairobi, December 17, 2015