

**PLENARY STATEMENT  
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10<sup>TH</sup> WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE  
15 - 18 DECEMBER 2015**

3. The 10<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference presents a critical opportunity for us as Members to do what is needed so that the WTO can perform the roles that it is set up to do. Members must provide direction on how the WTO can continue with multilateral trade liberalisation, and ensure that rules remain relevant to today's business realities. We cannot pretend that it is business as usual. Neither should we set aside our past work or the issues that remain important. It is for us all to show leadership. I believe we will need to dive deeply and courageously into an honest discussion on how to move forward over the next few days.

4. The challenge before us is to preserve and strengthen the system, and to collectively find ways to breathe new life into the WTO's negotiating arm. We can, and we must, leave Nairobi with a clear commitment to making sure this vital pillar of global economic governance remains relevant, dynamic and productive.

5. Thank you.