

Republic of Yemen

MC10 Plenary Statement

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Yemen delegation would like, first, to extend sincere appreciation to the Kenyan authorities for the excellent arrangements extended to hosting this tenth Ministerial Conference, and to congratulate H.E. Minister Amina Mohamed for her election as Chairperson of MC10 and the Honorable Deputies, whom we trust shall navigate this Session to a successful outcome. I equally would like to commend the WTO Director-General, the General Council Chairman, the three Ambassadors facilitators and the WTO Secretariat for their tireless effort and dedication throughout the challenging preparation process in Geneva.

At the outset, Yemen Government renews its commitment to the rules-based Multilateral Trading system represented by WTO. As the most recently acceded Least-Developed Member, Yemen is keen to take its share of responsibility to maintain the integrity of this system and organization. MC10 is a unique occasion to take stock of different WTO functions, including negotiations under remaining Doha Development Agenda issues. Consequently, MC10 is expected to take actions to enhance work of the WTO on different important issues relevant to its wide membership, as well as the operationalization of the decisions of the Ninth Conference in Bali.

negotiations. To that effect, Yemen associates with LDC Ministers and Arab Ministers declaration and communique, dated 14 and 15 December respectively. Yemen supports the introduction of the Arabic language in the WTO, calls for the acceptance of Palestine and the League of Arab States requests as observers to WTO as well as actions on different areas of priorities and interests to members, especially LDCs.

Since Yemen accession in June 2014, Seychelles and Kazakhstan have joined WTO. During MC10, two fellow LDCs shall sign their respective protocol of accessions, namely Afghanistan and Liberia. Yemen welcomes the four friendly countries to the

