

**STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE SESSION  
ON THE ACCESSION OF YEMEN, AT THE 9<sup>TH</sup> WTO MINISTERIAL  
CONFERENCE**

**4, DECEMBER 2013, BALI**

**ARANCHA GONZALEZ**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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**Honourable Minister**

I would like to join others in welcoming Yemen to the family of WTO Members. It has been a long journey which began in 2000. Now you have the fruits of your endurance and commitment to this process. It gives me a special sense of satisf

community at the heart of the internal in-country process and it was clear that the Government of Yemen recognised the importance of this. I thank the Honorable Minister Mr. Saadaldeen Ali Salim TALIB, for successfully steering this process.

I must also congratulate the Yemini private sector represented by the Ejc o dgt"qh"Eq o o gteg"cpf"Kpfwuvt{"hqt"uwr r qtvkpi"vjgkt" I qxgtp o gpvøu"ghhqtvu. I recognise their foresight in appreciating the promise held by WTO o g o dgtujkr" kp" ugewtkpi" vjgkt" eqwpvt{