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Mr Mandela's statement to the WTO expressed the need for a strengthened multilateral trading system that was fair, balanced and inclusive, and that addressed the needs of the developing countries.

These timeless principles remain as valid and relevant for the WTO today as they were when Nelson Mandela articulated those views in 1998.

In its modest way, the South African Delegation has attempted to use these principles as the guide in our conduct in the WTO and pledge to continue to work with the Membership of the WTO to prioritise this development mandate, including the implementation of agreements of importance to developing countries reached at this conference in Bali.

As the world mourns this great statesman, the greatest tribute we can pay to his life and work is to build on his legacy and continue the noble struggle for freedom, democracy and justice.

Hamba Kahle Great Statesman, Comrade Nelson Mandela.
