

**STATEMENT BY HONORABLE CAROLYN RODRIGUES-BIRKETT, MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA
ON BEHALF OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)
AT THE 9TH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
BALI, INDONESIA
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Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Caribbean Community, I wish to thank your Government and the people of Indonesia for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for this meeting.

Let me also welcome the new Director General, Ambassador Roberto Azevedo and the energy and dynamism he has brought to the Organization coupled with the deep understanding that he has demonstrated for the issues of importance to developing countries, including small, vulnerable economies.

Mr Chairman, the membership of the Caribbean Community wishes to associate ourselves with the statements made on behalf of the African, Caribbean and Pacific group (ACP) and Small and Vulnerable Economies.

Mr. Chairman, the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) wish to

flexibilities for small, vulnerable economies, particularly in Agriculture and NAMA, are preserved and become part of a final outcome.