Statement

of Mr Andrzej Dycha, Undersecretary of State Ministry of Economy, Poland at the plenary session of the WTO MC9 on 5th December 2013

Chairman, Ministers, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman,

Poland is disappointed that despite of intensive negotiations we all have not been able to reach an agreement in Geneva. However, we believe that it is still possible, here in Bali. What we already have on the table is beneficial for all WTO members and at the same time contains a strong development component with special regards to the needs of LDC's. We are aware of the fact that a proper balance in mutual benefits and obligations of all the WTO member states, reflecting the level of their development, must be found to close successfully the ongoing negotiations. We strongly believe that a compromise may be reached as liberalization of trade will give a strong incentive to the development of world economy. WTO must prove that it can deliver otherwise the negotiation will shift outside this organization. Let me also thank Director General Roberto Azevêdo for all his efforts undertaken by him to bring MC9 to the point where we are. But it is the members-driven organization and responsibility is only up to us all. What will happen with the WTO and the entire multilateral system is our decision only. We all should work bearing that in mind.