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A Statement

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-country members, we arrive here, not with a comprehensive development-centred package, but with a package that addresses the needs of the few. The open vistas opened by the DDA those many years ago seem to be dimming by the day. It is with

in all areas
of its mandate.

Allow me now to address a number of issues that Qatar believes are of great importance for the success of our work.

We as  WTO members do are proud to see our sister country Yemen designated as a new member of the WTO. It is our hope

As an energy exporting country, the State of Qatar attaches great importance to the issue of Trade Facilitation, particularly to Articles VII and XI of the Draft Agreement. We strongly support an outcome to enhance the freedom of transit; including goods moved via fixed infrastructure like pipelines. This, we believe, will contribute to addressing the challenges related to energy poverty around the world.

Furthermore, and in accordance with paragraph 31 (III) of Doha Declaration, Qatar strongly holds the view that the elimination of tariffs on environment-friendly products like natural gas and related technologies will enhance - not only their global diffusion - but also help in addressing the challenges of global climate change.

Excellencies ,

Ladies & gentlemen ,

Before ending my speech, I would like to recall the years of negotiation

indeed a sorry thing that the investment made by all members to date should be left by the side. It is, therefore, imperative that we hold on to it, and build upon it in our future work programmes.

To conclude, Qatar urges again the WTO Members to agree, here in Bali, on a clear and time-intense road-map to complete the DDA within its mandate and on the basis of Single Undertaking and Consensus.

This, in our view, will be a great cont

2015 Development Agenda.

Thank you.