



**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF TRADE AND  
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CONFERENCE**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Director General  
Colleague Ministers  
Distinguished Delegates

Sierra Leone would like to express its gratitude to the Government and people of Indonesia for hosting this Conference and for the generous hospitality that it has accorded to delegates. My delegation would also like to thank the Director General of WTO, Mr Roberto Azevedo for his untiring efforts to ensure the successful conclusion of this Conference.

It is a great pleasure and honour for me, to make this brief statement at this 9th WTO Ministerial Conference, assembled in Bali today, on behalf of the government and people of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

As a member of WTO, Sierra Leone shares the common objective to demonstrate the importance of the Multilateral Trading System, which governs global trade, and the inclusiveness offered by it, as well as the need to keep it alive and strengthen it.

Without this system, its fairness and transparency, we risk being excluded from the

That is precisely why I would like to express the concern of Sierra Leone over the

lack of progress on most of the issues of the Doha Development Agenda, which undermines the aspiration of LDCs and perpetuates poverty.

Sierra Leone has been recovering from conflict over the past decade. Our aspiration is to achieve middle-income status by 2035. Our vision, as reflected in our recently launched *Agenda for Prosperity 2013-2017* is strongly linked to trade for growth and development. A key element of this *Agenda* is to build a stable and

