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then we have all failed. We all need to leave this graciously hospitable capital capable of telling our public that in return for the mandate they have given us for greater economic cooperation and dialogue, we will deliver greater welfare and prosperity.

Having said all of that, it is clear from our own experience that absorption of all the commitments, building capacity within the private and public sectors and full utilization of the multilateral trading system takes time, investment and commitment. We had our own successes and failures in doing so. Therefore, Jordan as well as many countries that recently joined the Organization is in need for flexibility in the coming round of negotiations particularly in the area of market access.

Allow me at this juncture to extend Jordan's sincere welcome to the People's Republic of China, and to Chinese Taipei on the occasion of their accession to the World Trade Organization. We are confident that their accession will enrich this Organization and further enhance its universality and stature. Moreover, in this regard, we stress the need to accelerate the accession process of the Arab countries namely: Algeria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Finally, I would like to express Jordan's sincere thanks to the Emir, people and Government of Qatar for their hospitality and efforts for the organization of this historic event.

I remain confident of a positive outcome through agreement proving real gains for us all.
