

**WORLD TRADE
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These sad events should unite us in our efforts to make the right decisions; only rules common to all can provide an environment for trade that is predictable, that is stable, and that is non-discriminatory.

I would like now to elaborate on some specific issues that are important for my country.

We support comprehensive tariff negotiations with the objective of reducing tariffs, removing all tariff peaks and harmonizing the tariff structures across non-agricultural products. Malta is a small open economy with its levels of both imports and exports of goods and services each exceeding 100 per cent of GDP. Hence, what we are submitting is done with conviction, knowing the benefits

Speaking as a politician, directly elected to Parliament by my fellow citizens, I attach importance to the legitimate concerns expressed by our respective civil societies. Our achievements
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