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When the WTO was hunched in 1995, few of us could imagine the rapid and dramatic challenges that this new Organization would be facing in its first years.

The features and failures of globalization have put pressure and created expectations since the WTO, like few others, possesses capacity and capability to shape globalization.

Many of our citizens and voters believe globalization is beyond control. We Ministers must prove them wrong.

Trade liberalization is just one ingredient in a range of policies required for development. Many developing countries need support to increase their capacity to export and take advantage of the opportunities of trade. Development cooperation can play an important catalytical role. Increased