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The priority for our Organization must be to implement the commitments already made, for there is no point in launching new multilateral trade negotiations as long as those commitments have not been honoured.

This is the task that we need to address as a matter of urgency, at the same time ensuring that

The international community made a further commitment to that effect at the Third United Nations Conference on Least-Developed Countries in Brussels, and the Ministers of those countries, meeting in Zanzibar last July, adopted a Declaration recalling the constraints facing them and voicing their expectations with regard to the WTO Ministerial Conference.

This Conference will ultimately be judged on its capacity to heed the concerns of those countries, which are the most vulnerable among its Members.

Globalization will not acquire its true meaning as long as poverty, with its adverse effects on all aspects of life, has not been eradicated and the developing countries have not become fully integrated in the world economy.

This Conference must mobilize the dynamism of the multilateral trading system in order to ensure that globalization becomes a force for the benefit of all humankind and to establish a new partnership to combat marginalization, for liberalization is not an end in itself but aims first and foremost to promote the economic well-being and prosperity of all peoples.

Expediting the accession process for countries seeking to accede to the WTO will strengthen the universality of the multilateral trading system.