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recognition of the asymmetries in the degree of development of Member countries, together with the need to eliminate poverty, especially in the rural sectors of developing countries.

We also emphasize the need to move ahead in acknowledging the rights to adequate protection of genetic resources, as well as traditional knowledge, innovation and practices and folklore.

Ecuador is especially interested in the WTO fostering the process of reforming the Understanding on the Settlement of Disputes, particularly in the context of the proposal we have submitted.