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## OMAN

### Statement Circulated by H.E. Mr Maqbool Ali Sultan Minister of Commerce and Industry

I am honoured to represent the Sultanate of Oman at the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization. My delegation and I are privileged and pleased to come to Doha – our second home – to participate in this important Conference. We wish to convey our profound thanks and deep gratitude to His Highness the Emir, the Government and the people of Qatar for the very excellent arrangements for this Conference and for the brotherly welcome and lavish Arab hospitality accorded to us.

The holding of this Ministerial Conference in the GCC region is a testimony to the important role and place of GCC in world trade and a recognition of the liberal and open trade regimes of GCC member States.

This is the first WTO Ministerial Conference that Oman is attending as a full Member of the WTO. I am grateful for the welcome extended to us as a new Member of the WTO. I take this opportunity to convey the sincere thanks of the Government and the people of the Sultanate of Oman to all countries who supported our accession to the WTO and who have extended a welcome to us. My delegation supports paragraph 9 of the Ministerial Declaration in attaching great importance to

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As regards negotiations on agriculture, industrial tariffs and services, Oman would like to make it clear that during its accession to the WTO, it had made extensive and far-reaching market-access commitments. Oman should neither be asked nor expected to make any further market access commitments on agriculture, industrial products and services. We have paid our price and should not be asked to pay a price again.

Let me conclude by saying that Oman strongly supports the objectives of the WTO and earnestly hopes that this Conference would result in further strengthening the WTO for the benefit of all its Members.

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