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My delegation cannot fail to join in the calls made by speakers for the various groups of States concerned for the needs of our countries to be taken into account at long last, as we strive for development and prosperity through a trading system based on a better regulated, fairer, more equitable partnership of benefit to us all.

If, in all probability, we cannot expect to see firm and precise commitments made at this session, presumably we can at the very least renew our commitment to the programme set forth in Doha, and to the whole of the Doha Agenda, with all of its ambitions, while giving ourselves the necessary time to agree on better means and the time-frame for implementation.

At a time when the gap between rich and poor countries only continues to widen, and when the list of least developed countries, instead of getting shorter or even disappearing, only continues to swell with new arrivals, the credibility of our