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to make the regime more precise, more efficient and more operational in accordance with the Doha Declaration. It is therefore necessary to broaden the relevant provisions so as to make them binding.

I should like to place emphasis on technical cooperation and capacity-building, which should facilitate improved use of the multilateral trading system by the developing countries and the LDCs in particular, through their capacity to implement the WTO agreements. My delegation takes this opportunity to put the case for genuine implementation of the integrated framework for trade-related technical assistance for the least-developed countries.

We also wish to thank the Secretariat of the WTO, UNCTAD and the ITC for their active cooperation with the LDCs, particularly with Haiti.

In connection with trade in services, Haiti fully supports the liberalization process. However, it attaches great importance to the movement of natural persons as a mode of supply of particular export interest to the developing countries and the LDCs.

Moreover, my delegation welcomes the latest developments in the TRIPS framework, particularly the agreement reached on 30 August in the WTO General Council on TRIPS and public health.

We also attach particular importance to the cultural exception and thus support special treatment for cultural and intellectual goods.

The Fifth Session of the Ministerial Conference is being held in an exceptional economic climate. Over the past two years, several high-level international meetings have been held on development issues in the framework of the United Nations, for example the international conference on development finance, the Johannesburg summit on sustainable development, etc. Several solutions have been proposed and commitments undertaken.

My delegation considers that questions relating to trade, debt, finance and development should be addressed on a global basis, as they are interconnected. We therefore consider it important that the debates held here take into account the commitments made by our governments at those meetings.

The Republic of Haiti associates itself with all those delegations which support Benin, Chad,