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The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which I have the great honour to represent before this distinguished assembly, expresses its heartfelt thanks to the Government and represent before this83THE CONG37 the Co have the great honour to

- Prevent evasion of customs duties;
- give the population the best quality-price ratio;
- husband our scarce currency resources.

Our country has eased its trade regulations, particularly as regards the granting of licences and import declarations.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has introduced an investment code that could be considered one of the most liberal and one that offers the most incentives. It is my pleasure to announce to this distinguished assembly that my country is among those which already apply the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT as this new legislation has just been adopted by Parliament and enacted by the Head of State.

The reason we have laid particular emphasis on our action in implementing several WTO Agreements is to underline the urgent need to put the Doha programme into effect in order to take proper account of the special concerns of the least-developed countries, namely:

- Special and differential treatment;
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side- As we do not only have expectations but also real reasons for satisfaction, we welcome the