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Russia is going to undertake commitments that reflect the actual level of the national development taking into account specific structural adjustment issues, and in line with the average level of commitments of other Members. We are ready to suggest fair and pragmatic solutions to the remaining problems, and we urge our partners to share such an approach.

We believe it is necessary to intensify without delay work on systemic issues in the Working Party report, which is absolutely important for the market access package as well. We are ready to take on board the proposals by the Members, which may contribute to ensure better and predictable trade within the current rules of the WTO agreements and which take into account the realities of the domestic economic agenda.

At the same time we strongly believe that the Russian accession, like the accession of any other country, should not be used as an experimental platform for ideas and concepts which are still subject to discussions within the WTO itself. We are ready and willing to cooperate on all issues of the DDA from the day of accession, strongly believing that world trade needs adequate solutions.

We thank the Members for clear indications of political support to Russia in the accession process, and are glad to see that in most cases it has been recently converted into practical actions.

We congratulate the Governments and the people of Nepal and Cambodia with a successful completion of the accession negotiations.

We also hope that the next Ministerial Conference will be held with our full-fledged participation, enabling Russia to contribute to the global economic growth using its inherent competitive advantages.

Foreign trade accounts for more than one third of our GDP. Russia's customs territory is one seventh of the cumulative customs territories of the countries in the world.

That is why we are willing to contribute to strengthening the multilateral trading system aimed at addressing effectively future challenges, to fostering growth and to achieving a more equitable and prosperous world. That is why we believe that Russia's accession meets the interests of the WTO and its Members.
