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## **THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU**

Statement by H.E. Mr. Lin Yi-fu  
Minister of Economic Affairs

It is indeed a great pleasure to lead my delegation from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to join all of you in this important gathering. For my delegation, this occasion is particularly gratifying because it took us twelve long years to complete our accession process and this is the first Ministerial Conference my delegation participates with full membership.

Later today, we will be officially adopting the protocols of accession for Nepal and Cambodia. My delegation would like to extend our warmest welcome to the two newest Members of our WTO family, just as all of you did for us two years ago. We endorse the principle of universality of membership in the multilateral trading system. Such universality, moreover, underscores the commitment made by the Trade Minister in 2001, under the Doha Development Agenda, to further liberalize trade, and most of all, to collectively share the prosperity generated with Members of all levels of development, particularly for the developing and least-developed country Members.

### **The development aspect of our work programme**

Development is at the heart of the Doha Agenda. As a newly acceded developing Member, my government has embraced the call stated in paragraph 2 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration "to make positive efforts designed to ensure that developing countries, and especially the least-developed among them, secure a share in the growth or world trade commensurate with the needs of their development."

To translate the vision into action, my government has donated three hundred thousand US dollars (US\$300,000) to the Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund during our first year as a Member and we are arranging a second donation this year. In addition, I am pleased to announce that my government is glad to shoulder the responsibility of a developing Member, as called for under the General Council's Decision of 1999 on Preferential Tariff Treatment for Least-Developed Countries, and is adopting new measures to offer duty-free treatment to over 98 per cent of our imports from the LDCs. I would like to welcome more actions and broader participation from my fellow Members to substantiate our goal and commitments made in this aspect.

In addition, I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the critical consensus reached among Members last month that will make it possible for countries in need to have affordable access to life-saving medicines. This remarkable achievement demonstrates that the spirit of "give and take" is very much alive and well in this Organization. To succeed here in Cancún, it is necessary that we summon the same spirit in all other areas of our negotiations.

**The negotiation aspect of our work programme**

Our mission here in Cancún is to take stock of the progress we made for the past two years after the Doha Ministerial Conference, and to give guidance to our trade negotiators in Geneva to complete the negotiations in accordance with the timeframe we laid down, i.e., by 1 January 2005.

For the WTO to generate deliverables, negotiations must carry on. Twenty-two months have passed since we launched these negotiations in Doha but there is still scepticism about our ability to