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I have the honour to address you on behalf of the Government and the people of Panama and to thank our sister country, Mexico, for extending the

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With a view to helping to resolve the agricultural problems faced by developing countries, Panama has promoted the inclusion of the issue of special products, as our proposal to this Ministerial Conference demonstrates.

We also need to establish a new special safeguard mechanism to make sure that domestic