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First of all, allow me to congratulate you, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Mozambique and on my own, upon your election to preside over our deliberations at this Fifth WTO Ministerial Conference.

Let me join the previous speakers in thanking the Government and people of Mexico for hosting this Conference. My sincere thanks are equally extensive to the Government and people of the State of Quintana Roo, for the warm hospitality accorded to my delegation and me since our arrival in this beautiful City of Cancún, and for the excellent working arrangements put at our disposal to ensure the successful holding of this event.

My delegation fully associates itself with the statements made by the representatives of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the African Union (AU), the Group of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP) and the Least-Developed Countries (LDCs).

As rightly pointed out by previous speakers, this Round of negotiations was supposed to be a development round which would take into account the long-standing concerns of developing countries and the least developed among them, with a view to ensuring their full and effective integration in the global economy. Let us not forget that this Round was launched with the commitment the entire WTO Membership to work together to address these issues expeditiously.

In this regard, it is my delegation's view that technical cooperation and capacity-building for LDCs is a pillar of the development dimension of Doha Agenda. Mozambique is grateful to be a beneficiary of the new JITAP Programme. We expect to develop capacities for trade through this programme. We are convinced that this programme will build upon our current efforts to integrate ourselves into the global trading system. We appreciate the support of ITC, UNCTAD and WTO in this programme. We particularly look forward to support from UNCTAD on institutional building for trade negotiations.

We note with serious concern that, two years after the beginning of negotiations, very little progress has been made to realize the development ambition of the Doha Declaration, and live up to the expectations of a resounding success we had then created. Many negotiating deadlines have been missed, particularly in areas of vital importance and interest to developing countries. Many of our long-standing concerns, ranging from implementation issues to special and differential treatment, remain to be meaningfully addressed.

This lack of progress must not deter us. On our part, we stand ready to continue to work together with our trading partners to achieve long awaited solutions for increased, effective, and more meaningful participation of developing countries, especially, like Mozambique, in the multilateral

trading system. Such solutions are essential to redress existing imbalances and injustices inherent in the current international economic order fuelled by globalization and liberalization, with the WTO on the driver's seat.

My delegation would like to place on record its appreciation for some important market

malaria, be upheld. We take note of the decision of the General Council of 30 August 2003 to implement paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health as an important step and urge all Members to expeditiously reach a permanent solution.

On the TRIPS Agreement review, we reiterate the need for the protection of traditional