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I should like to commence my statement by thanking the Government and people of Mexico for the warm hospitality extended to us during our participation in this Meeting. Likewise, I should like to thank the Chairman of the General Council, Ambassador Carlos Pérez del Castillo, the Director-General, Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi, and, especially, my colleague Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez and the WTO Secretariat.

For almost two decades, Bolivia has been resolutely advocating the advantages of an open trading system such as that advocated by the WTO.

Bolivia's economy was one of the first in the American continent to implement a unilateral economic policy of openness and a process of structural change consistent with the free market model.

It is one of the few WTO Member countries that has complied strictly with the WTO principles and rules. Furthermore, in the Latin American region, Bolivia has done so despite all the specific methods before embracing the trade liberaliz

