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I should like, in my own name on behalf of the Moroccan delegation, to express my sincerest thanks to the Government and people of Mexico for organizing this Fifth Ministerial Conference of the WTO, and for their warm welcome and the hospitality they have shown us since our arrival in this beautiful country.

First, Morocco welcomes the recent agreement on TRIPS and Public Health. That achievement, to which Morocco made a significant contribution as coordinator of the countries of the African Group, is a historic one. It has accordingly lent historic dimension to the Doha Round and will undoubtedly give fresh impetus to our negotiations.

With regard to special and differential treatment, we take stock of progress made on this issue

On the subject of trade and environment, Morocco takes note of the progress made in determining concepts and definitions for the terms contained in the mandate for these negotiations.