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comparing to the majority of other WTO Members. Those substantive reductions should be considered as significant contribution to the multilateral trading system and be recognized by the WTO Members as a credit in these ongoing negotiations. Because of such comprehensive commitments, recently acceded Members, including Moldova, are faced with huge pressure from their industries which are facing a restructuring process.

This situation will definitely cause huge social consequences which will impede the reform process and the functioning of the agricultural sector. We are expressing our strong expectations that proposals and concerns made by recently acceded Members would be adequately and effectively addressed in the ongoing negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda.

In the meantime, Moldova has bound all its tariffs and thus lacks flexibility to adjust its tariffs. Certain sensitive products would not sustain further reduction in this Round since the bound levels are very low. Further tariff reduction and even higher import pressure that would ensue will increase the unemployment and adversely affect social stability and people's livelihood. With these factors, we believe and expect that an appropriate form of flexibilities will be put in place to accommodate these concerns on non-agricultural market access.

Resolution of such concerns in the Doha Development Agenda would help recently acceded countries better honour their commitments and strengthen their confidence in the multilateral trading system.

Moreover, Moldova is supporting discussions and negotiations with respect to the Singapore Issues (Trade and Investment, Trade and Competition Policy, Transparency on Government Procurement and Trade Facilitation). We stand for preserving and development of special and differential treatment for developing countries.

One element of the further negotiation to which Moldova attaches special importance is the protection for geographical indications for wine and spirits. Considering the mandate stipulated in the Doha Declaration, Moldova considers that GI's protection should not be extended to other products. In our view more work should be done in this area in order to create a legal binding system on GI's for wine and spirits.

We welcome the accession of Nepal and Cambodia to the WTO at this Ministerial Conference. Our congratulations also go to the Republic of Macedonia and Armenia. We trust that the negotiations on the applications still outstanding,