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economies. Indeed the fact that the African continent's trade performance continues to deteriorate should be of concern to all. An economically viable Africa performing its right role in the multilateral trading system will be mutually beneficial to all and serve as a big boost to global trade.

Ghana's optimism in the relevance of the multilateral trading system in creating and maintaining opportunities for sustainable development has been amply demonstrated through her active participation in the activities of the WTO especially the post Uruguay Round negotiations. This has been done notwithstanding her limited capabilities and resources. I am proud to mention my country's participation in the services negotiations in the areas of Basic Telecommunications and Financial Services. In both areas mentioned above, Ghana made substantial offers by way of schedules.

For us in Ghana, our capacity of participation in future negotiations will be greatly enhanced if the weaknesses in our trade structures are addressedTD0.002 Tc0 Twtudredre h(h).8(ne-2.7(cc-3.20.9(inwdev)12.7r

Indeed, the numerous market access openings will be meaningless to Africa if she is unable to