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First of all, on behalf of the Chadian delegation I should like to convey to you, Mr. President, my warmest congratulations on your election to the chair of this Conference.

I also wish to express our deep gratitude to the Swiss Government and people for their warm welcome.

Over the last two years, our Organization has methodically and determinedly strived to implement the Singapore Ministerial Declaration aimed at further liberalization of trade.

In parallel with these efforts, it has approached development partners with the aim of fostering an integrated approach to help developing countries, especially the least-developed countries, to augment their trade potential. In this respect, the High-Level Meeting held in Geneva on 27 and 28 October 1997 was a practical manifestation of WTO's global integrated plan of action for the least-developed countries.

My country, Chad, wishes to take the opportunity once again to convey its sincere appreciation to the organizers of this meeting, who have taken positive steps not only with respect to training and utilizing human resources but also to building the institutional capacity of LLDCs.

The importance of this Second Conference is self-evident when one looks at the issues to be discussed.

Both developed and developing countries are aware of the advantages to be gained from a global trade environment that is free, transparent and stable. The majority of LLDCs, more particularly those in Africa, despite their very limited resources, are making strenuous efforts to meet their obligations under the various WTO Agreements. Substantial assistance from the WTO in this area is the only way of allowing them to undertake new commitments and obligations under the integrated programme.

With regard to implementation of the WTO's Multilateral Trade Agreements and their special provisions, developing countries in general and African LLDCs urge the WTO and the ITC to coordinate the activities of other development partners in order to elaborate programmes to build up the supply capacity of LLDCs Member States so that they can respond to the opportunities offered by market access.

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