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We, a group of 50 developing and developed Members strongly supportive of the Multilateral Trading System, are deeply concerned at the state of discussions on the outstanding Doha Development Agenda issues.

We are disappointed that Members were unable to reach agreement on a work programme by the end of July. Nevertheless we are determined to continue intensive efforts, based on the work done over recent months, to develop a comprehensive package of credible outcomes for the forthcoming WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi which will allow us to conclude the DDA.

Achieving concrete outcomes on outstanding DDA issues would ensure a successful Conference in Nairobi – the first WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Africa. It would highlight the unique capacity of the WTO to deliver meaningful improvements in global trade rules and would bring development benefits that cannot be matched through trade negotiations conducted outside the WTO.

We understand that all Members are subject to political constraints and recognize that we must focus our efforts on outcomes that are realistic in the current environment. We acknowledge that doing so requires all of us to revisit the ambitions we might have held at earlier stages in the negotiations, while upholding a necessary level of credibility.

We believe this imposes a responsibility on all Members to engage effectively towards a meaningful and balanced agreement in Nairobi. We are committed to working towards that goal but we also call on all of the largest of the WTO's Members to work together and show the leadership necessary to make MC10 a success.

In Nairobi we have a historic opportunity to inject new life into the WTO and confirm its crucial role for development and the global economy. We should not miss that chance.

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