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Thank you, co-Chairs, for hosting this timely gathering. I appreciate Director General Azevedo's candid assessment.

All three core areas: agriculture, NAMA and services have to proceed simultaneously. The most difficult issues should not be used to hold the process hostage or to impede progress.

As a longstanding supporter of multilateralism, Pakistan views with alarm the shrinking space for multilateral solutions for trade issues.

Global trade needs a vibrant global institutional arrangement. The pace at which the multilateral response is shaped, however, needs to keep up with declining political patience and the growing discontent among different local constituencies.

Our challenge is to ensure that gains from trade are shared mutually and that global trade negotiations deliver lasting results, not prolonged rhetoric.

Our challenge is to ensure that the interests of small farmers, SMEs and entrepreneurs in developing and least-developed countries are integrated through a fair deal.

Addressing food security requires much more than stockholding. Any proposed permanent solution that undermines our farmers' livelihoods is not a solution; it is a problem.

There are new realities in world trade. Structural changes are altering comparative advantages. Technology and innovation are closing the competitiveness gap across borders. There are new, significant exporters in agriculture.

These realities must be addressed by ensuring discipline on subsidies. Increasing domestic subsidies by net food exporters will undermine the production basis of developing countries with limited fiscal space to subsidise.

Negotiations and discussions from this point onwards need to be embedded firmly in these new realities. We must enable, not hinder, the realization of opportunities that global trade provides for growth, jobs, and equitable solutions for people around the world.

We are looking forward to return to Africa to celebrate the WTO journey we started twenty years ago in Marrakech.

I offer Director General Azevedo and Ambassador Amina Mohammad, MC-10 Chair, our full support in helping deliver a level playing field in international trade and a development agenda worthy of its name; thus making Nairobi not only successful but also memorable.

Fifteen years into the Doha Round, the question in front of each of us is what MFK Fisher asked in another context, "When shall we live, if not now?"

Thank you.
