

JOINT STATEMENT

The G-20, the G-33, the ACP, the LDCs, the African Group, the Small Vulnerable Economies, the NAMA-11 and the Cotton-4 hereby wish to express their assessment of the situation in the Doha Round after the circulation of revised draft modalities by the Chairs of the Agriculture and NAMA negotiations.

At this moment, when we are entering a new phase in the negotiating process, it is important to reaffirm some of the central principles accepted by all to guide the Doha Round:

- this is a development round and our groups will be assessing any outcome of the negotiations on the basis of the commitment undertaken in Doha to put development at the heart of the multilateral trading system;
- agriculture remains the engine of the negotiations, for it is central to delivering on the development dimension of the Round, especially through the substantial reduction and elimination of trade distorting subsidies in developed countries;
- commitments undertaken in the Doha Ministerial Declaration, the July Framework and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration must be fully respected;
- our objective must be to arrive at full modalities in both Agriculture and NAMA, addressing all elements of the mandate, in particular as special and differential treatment for developing countries;
- only through a genuine multilateral process that is transparent, inclusive, bottom-up and Member-driven can we achieve results in which all members have a sense of ownership.

We are committed to maintaining our unity and cooperation, and to remain constructively engaged in a process of intensive negotiations among all Members that leads to final drafts of full modalities in Agriculture and NAMA that are complete, balanced and development-oriented.

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