

Joint Statement of the G90 and NAMA 11

We the representatives of the G90 and NAMA 11 are committed to contributing to the Doha Round and to securing a successful outcome. We support the multilateral process facilitated by the chairs; and seek to raise the trust and confidence of members in the process.

However, we are deeply concerned that the Chairs draft NAMA text suffers from substantial imbalances that will need to be addressed:

- The draft text presupposes the outcome of the NAMA negotiations before members have had an opportunity to negotiate these outcomes in the multilateral process. This is in sharp contrast with the agriculture draft text where members' positions are substantially preserved allowing them significant scope to negotiate further.
- The draft text changes what has become the principle of the Doha Round, that Agriculture should lead the ambition of the Doha Round, with the Developed countries making the greatest reforms in their trade distorting policies. Instead the draft text makes developing countries pay first in the NAMA negotiations and requires them to make severe cuts in their industrial tariffs.
- The draft text attempts to re-interpret the mandates of the Doha Round, that have called for taking fully into account the special needs and interests of developing countries including through less than full reciprocity in reduction commitments by developing countries; by asking developing countries to contribute disproportionately compared to the contributions requested from developed countries.
- The draft text has called for contributions by developing countries that are not consistent with their development needs and levels of development.
- The draft text has also undermined an agreement reached in paragraph 24 of the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration to ensure that the level of ambition of the NAMA negotiations shall be comparable to that in agriculture.

The above substantial imbalances in the draft text must be corrected to secure a fair, balanced and development oriented outcome in the Doha Round. This can be achieved through a genuine bottom-up and inclusive process that allows for genuine negotiation and engagement in September.