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**“Trade: Follow up to Hong Kong”**

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Chile fully agrees with the message that the Co-Chairs of the Trade Committee have submitted to Ministers.

We are running out of time, and we must face it. We all know what is necessary to successfully conclude the Doha Round by December:

- Cuts in real spending on domestic agricultural subsidies,
- Real cuts in tariffs, both in Agriculture and NAMA;
- A package in Services that provides new business opportunities;
- Improved trade rules in areas such as antidumping, trade facilitation and fisheries subsidies

We know that these decisions are not easy to make. They take political courage. But we cannot postpone them any longer.

As a first step, it is essential that we finally reach an agreement on modalities for Agriculture and NAMA. That agreement has to be in place at the latest by the end of June.

What we need now is not only to work harder, but to show more realism, pragmatism and political will. At this late stage, insisting on an ideal agreement may become the enemy of getting a good one.

We welcome some recent signals of flexibility from the European Union on Agricultural Market Access. Here, we think that the G20 proposal constitutes the “middle ground” and would be an appropriate compromise.

We would hope that the flexibility shown by the European Union is “formalised” soon. Such a move would have to be matched by similar moves from the US on domestic support, and from leading developing countries in NAMA.

This is the only way forward. It is up to all of us to rise to the occasion and do what we have to do in order to conclude successfully the Doha Round by December.

Thank you very much.