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First of all, I would like to express my gratitude for the invitation to this year's edition of the OECD Forum. I highly appreciate the opportunity to address such a distinguished audience, together with the impressive personalities with whom I have the honor to share this panel today.

I am confident that our exchange of views and deliberations will add to the ongoing endeavors aimed at creating momentum in the Doha Development Agenda. The OECD Forum gives us the opportunity to reinforce, from our own perspectives, confidence and credibility in an open, rules-based and efficient multilateral trading system under the WTO.

We are to reinvigorate our political will to successfully conclude the Doha Development Agenda negotiations that:

- Will open markets and enhance the multilateral trading system;
- Foster economic growth and poverty reduction particularly in developing economies;
- Promote sustainable development;
- Improve disciplines;
- Improve WTO coherence with other institutions; and
- Provide opportunities for all citizens of the world.

The Doha Development Agenda negotiations are to result in real gains for all nations, and particularly developing nations, in the areas of agricultural reform, improved market access for goods and services, and clarification and improvement of trade disciplines.

In this sense, the Doha Development Agenda, is the most ambitious and wide-ranging ever carried out. Even more important is that it embraces the commitment to address the concerns and interests of developing countries throughout the work program.

By means of the Doha Development Agenda, WTO members have placed development and the interests of the poorer members at the heart of our work.

The resumption, in March, of normal work in the Geneva negotiating groups has been marked by a constructive climate and a sense of engagement from all parties. The involvement of ministers is important to provide political impetus to the Geneva process.

WTO members are moving to reach a package of key intermediate framework agreements by July. We have to work hard in translating positive signals into actual results, and thus be able to deliver a balanced and acceptable package.

Progress is especially important on agriculture, non-agricultural market access, Singapore issues, cotton and matters with a particular development interest.

In the next few weeks, crucial decisions are to be made on the specific contents of each theme within the July package.

The second matter to be agreed upon is related to the substance. That is to say:

Mexico is committed to conclude as early as possible the Doha Development Agenda. We need to take advantage of the political impulse that high level meetings give us to reach agreements among key players. Moreover, we should make sure that such political will, actually encourages the achievement of meaningful results in Geneva.

Mexico shares the view of achieving a level playing field competition in international trade, particularly in the agricultural sector. In this sense, we will continue to push for an ambitious agenda in agriculture.

We are in favour of substantial reductions of domestic support, as well as the elimination of export subsidies. Regarding market access in agriculture, Mexico's offer will be the same terms as the ambition of the commitments in subsidies by developed countries. Special treatment shall be granted to developing countries.

We recognize that meaningful progress on agriculture is essential to achieve progress on other core issues of the Doha Development Agenda.

As for Non-Agricultural Market access, we look for creating greater opportunities to place our products in foreign markets, considering the special sensitivities of any particular country. Further liberalization in industrial goods must be based on an approach that takes into account the interests and sensitivities of developing countries.

Addressing the concerns of developing countries is a priority to reach the development dimension of the Doha Agenda, and the integration of these countries to the multilateral trading system.

The DDA is an excellent opportunity to send developing and least developed countries and to the whole world, a clear message that there is no other area of international economic cooperation that can offer the gains that trade liberalization can deliver.

Concerning the Singapore issues, namely trade facilitation; transparency in government procurement; trade and competition; and trade and investment. We perceive that consensus is developing to negotiate only trade facilitation at this time. Mexico would be ready to negotiate international agreements on any or all of these issues, provided that there is consensus among WTO members to do so.

A major aim of the trade discussions that will take place these two days among ministers at the OECD Council, is to add impetus to the Geneva process, by focusing on the process and substance of intermediate framework agreements.

I am confident that the OECD can contribute to the negotiations of the Doha Development Agenda by building on an environment of trust and credibility, which is needed to move forward.

Indeed, we need to create momentum in multilateral trade negotiations. Let us tackle the many challenges that lie ahead and build a stronger multilateral trading system and a more open and prosperous world economy for all.

We stand now at a crucial point of the negotiation process where Minister's guidance, wisdom and flexibility will be needed to define the roadmap towards the conclusion of the round.

The Doha Development Agenda offers our generation an opportunity to demonstrate renewed commitment to multilateral cooperation and to a shared responsibility for addressing problems such as poverty and unemployment.

The successful outcome of the Doha negotiations would lead us to a healthier, prosperous and stable world economy. A successful negotiation requires a realistic agenda that is seen to be relevant to potentially benefit all members.