

**General Council Meeting
23 – 24 February 2022**

Statement by India – Delivered by Ambassador & PR to the WTO

Agenda Item 13: PROPOSED SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY DECLARATION FOR THE TWELFTH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: RESPONDING TO MODERN SPS CHALLENGES - THE AFRICAN GROUP; ACP GROUP; ARGENTINA; AUSTRALIA; BELIZE; BRAZIL; BURKINA FASO; CABO VERDE; CANADA; CHILE; COLOMBIA; COSTA RICA; CÔTE D'IVOIRE; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; ECUADOR; EL SALVADOR; THE GAMBIA; GUATEMALA; HONDURAS; JAPAN; MEXICO; NEW ZEALAND; PANAMA; PARAGUAY; PERU; SENEGAL; SINGAPORE; TAJIKISTAN; TOGO; THE UNITED STATES; UKRAINE; URUGUAY AND VIET NAM (WT/GC/W/835/REV.1 - G/SPS/GEN/1758/REV.10)

We thank the proponents of the draft declaration for their updates. India is in consultation with the proponents of this declaration to understand the objectives better.

2. In that regard, we had posed them a few questions and we are examining their responses. We will continue our engagement with the proponents on this matter.

Thank you, Chair.
