

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

Agenda Item 10 - TRADE RELATED CHALLENGES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND WAY FORWARD: A DRAFT FOR MC DECISION (WT/GC/W/807)

Thank you Chair.

We thank Chad and the LDC Group for their proposals contained in document WT/GC/W/807.

2. Chair, at the outset we welcome the decision made by members at the TRIPS Council last month on the extension of the transition period under Article 66.1 of the TRIPS Agreement and I thank and congratulate all the members for their tireless efforts, in this regard.

3. Chair, India has been a votary of LDC's integration into the multilateral trading system, and has been at the forefront of efforts to increase their share in global trade and to that end India has unequivocally supported the request by the LDC group contained in document WT/GC/W/807 for the duration as decided by Members by consensus.

4. India urges Members to engage constructively and consider this proposal favourably for an outcome at MC12.

Thank you Chair.
