

g7+ Minister talking points
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- Thank you, co-chairs, for inviting me and Yemen delegation to this meeting;
- I would like, first, to welcome g7+ Ministers and delegations participating in the Eleventh WTO Ministerial Conference, and to wish ALL success and very pleasant stay in Buenos Aires;
- Yemen, as one of the three most recently acceded g7+ WTO members, continue to consider both accession to WTO and post-accession as one of its main priorities;
- g7+ accession cannot be more emphasized, as an important building block in their respective post-conflict recovery plans;
- Special attention should continue to be given to this issue during MC11 and beyond;
- Therefore, I have instructed Yemen delegation in Geneva to continue supporting fellow acceding g7+ accession endeavors;
- Comoros were qualified to conclude its accession process by MC11, as it were at the forefront to achieve that goal this year;
- Continued high-level commitment and hard work should qualify Comoros for accession as early as possible next year;
- Yemen delegation in Geneva welcomed the Republic of South Sudan request for an observer status at MC11, during WTO General Council meeting last week, with a view to start its accession process as soon as possible;
- Yemen equally welcomed the Federal Republic of Somalia and Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste requests for WTO observer status in an earlier General Council meeting;
- Yemen delegation in Geneva shall continue working with g7+ observer countries to reach accession national goal in accordance with their respective governments' plans;
- As far as Yemen is concerned, as you may recall, after successfully becoming a WTO member on 26 June 2014, a coup d'état on 21 September interrupted the legitimate government plans on all trade and development aspects, including WTO related affairs;
- Therefore, I call upon g7+ governments to support Yemen legitimate government towards the restoration of the State in accordance with the three widely recognized references for lasting and peaceful solution, namely the Gulf Cooperation Council Initiative and its implementation mechanism, the outcomes of the Comprehensive National Dialogue and UN Security Council Resolution 2216;
- I wish this meeting success in launching our new sub-group, and I thank you for the kind understanding and attention.