

Speech of the First Deputy Prime Minister  
Of the Republic of Tajikistan

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His Excellency Mr. David Shark,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the WTO and the People's Republic of China for assistance in organizing the following event on such a high level.

As it is widely known on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in Geneva the documents of the Republic of Tajikistan concerning the accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the World Trade Organization were accepted by the General Council and were signed by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

After the approval of the following documents by the Parliament of the Republic on the 9 January 2013 the notification of approval of the Protocol on accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the WTO was submitted and on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 Republic of Tajikistan became a full-fledged member of the WTO.

After becoming a full-fledged member of the WTO, Republic of Tajikistan performed a number of tasks on implementation of the obligations and adaptation of the economy of the country to the environment and norms of the World Trade Organization was completed.

It should be noted that in March 2013, a separate working group of the WTO at the representation of the Republic of Tajikistan in Geneva, was established to promote activities related to the WTO.

The reason for establishment of a following group on the World Trade Organization matters is to fully utilize the benefits of the

membership in the WTO and to participate in all meetings of the WTO working groups with a view to protecting the national interests.

It should be noted that the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan with the relevant decree on October 2014 accepted the “Program of harmonization of the national economy due to the membership in the World Trade Organization” and has taken into consideration all obligations and terms for their implementation.

In the above mentioned program works related to the reforms and improvement of the legislative framework have been continued, and within it the development of various economic sectors and the competitiveness in the global market concrete measures are being undertaken.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the WTO comes in difficult for this organization period.

It should be noted that the uncertainty of the economic situation in the various regions of the world, imposition of sanctions, fluctuation of financial and economic situation and instability in the price of the raw materials in the world markets are considered as negative factors which not only affect the future development of the national economy but world trade as a whole.

In order to strengthen international trade and in this context provision of sustainable long-lasting development of national economies of countries and improvement of efficient use of national natural resources, it is necessary for us to direct our focus primarily towards human capacity and strengthening institutional development through national priorities.

Within this process, in the framework of the World Trade Organization, a special attention has to be given to effective and equal production capacity of modern technologies, improvement of the quality of goods, products and services, reduction of additional costs, effective and targeted use of natural resources, simplification and transparency of

business procedures regulation and elimination of administrative barriers.

It should be noted that in the framework of the implementation of the National Development Strategy for the period until 2015, with the efforts of the Government of the country, development collaborates and people of the Republic of Tajikistan many social and economic issues are being addressed.

In this regards, because of the implementation of number of issues require more time and resources, as well as taking into account the specific problems of the region and the world, the development process of the country faces certain difficulties.

In this regards, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is implementing its economic policy so that the competitiveness of the national economy is improving via efficient use of available capacity and opportunities.

Membership of Tajikistan in the World Trade Organization gives an opportunity to establish transparent, predictable, and most importantly adaptive to the requirements of global trade economy.

Until today, to ensure compliance of national legislation to the provisions of the WTO, many works have been carried out. In the process of multilateral negotiations with WTO member countries, more than 100 legal acts have been improved.

In particular, in regards to the implementation of measures in the program of adaptation of the economy due to the membership in the World Trade Organization, our country enters the list of 10 countries, who achieved the best results on the improvement of the “Doing business” criteria in the period from 2013 to 2014 presented by the World Bank.

The Government of the country supports the small and medium enterprises through the reduction of government interference in business activities.

At the same time, Consultative Council under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on the improvement of the investment climate and the council for cooperation between government and private sector acts that each one's goal is to address existing current sectorial problems and finding ways to further develop of the country 's economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Tajikistan pays a special attention to the Trade Facilitation within the country and on the regional level.

In this regard our country with the WTO, at the same time with the development cooperation partners, United Nations European Commission of Development, Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation and other international organizations have put to work a mutual strong cooperation.

It is gratifying to note that on May 6 , 2015 the Parliament of the Republic of Tajikistan has approved the Trade Facilitation Agreement, which is considered a great achievement among WTO member countries and the region because Tajikistan is among the 161 WTO member states is the 5<sup>th</sup> country who ratified this agreement.

We are convinced that this document will bring us towards the direction of removal of regulatory barriers in trade and implementation of country's obligations under the WTO, as well as creation of favorable conditions for investment and business in our country.

At the end I would like to note that the Republic of Tajikistan fully supports the initiative of the General Secretariat of the World Trade Organization on completion of consultations related to actions towards preparation for the 10th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya and celebration of the 20 Years of WTO.

Once again allow me to wish success to today's Round Table and to all of you working in our mountainous country.

Thank you for your attention!!!