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USG Achaya,
Mr. Director General Azevedo, Dear Ministers,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude and to commend the organizers for holding such an important event dedicated to Land Locked Developing Countries.

We welcome the decision of DG Azevedo to host the Fifth Meeting of Trade Ministers of Landlocked Developing Countries in Geneva. We see this meeting as a proper platform that will offer real solutions to trade-related challenges of LLDC’s and to identify necessary leverage on the regional and international level that can reduce trade cost at the border, between borders and behind borders, and addressing other supply-side constraints in order to increase the LLDCs’ trade competitiveness; improving the market access for their products; and enhancing structural transformation in order to help diversify their product and markets.

Due to the inter-connected nature of the world today, there are certain political and security issues, which have a direct impact on the economic performance and sustainable development of land locked developing countries. Hence, the purpose of LLDC is to build strong economies, sustainable political and social relations, which can resist to and prevent emerging crises and external shocks.
As a responsible member of the international community with strong European integration aspirations, the Republic of Moldova embraces entirely the principles of International Law governing international economic relations.

Distinguished colleagues,

The Moldovan Delegation of the Republic of Moldova supports the Ministerial Declaration of the Fifth Meeting of Trade Ministers of Landlocked Developing Countries, as well as the reflections of the negotiating groups of experts to accelerate the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the commitments undertaken by the members states in the international trade system.

May I take this opportunity to reiterate our full commitment to implement Bali and Nairobi WTO Ministerial Declarations, as well as to pay necessary attention to the interests of Landlocked developing countries in the remaining Doha issues.

In this context, I would like to inform you that I look forward to present tomorrow to His Excellency DG Azevedo the ratification of the Trade Facilitation Agreement by the Republic of Moldova and to approach the Parties and developing partners with a view to jointly the necessary conditions to benefit efficiently from the provided technical assistance.

Meanwhile, the Government is in the process of establishing the National Committee on Trade Facilitation, which will be composed by the representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Agriculture, National Agency for Food Safety, the business community and the civil society. We decided to involve the economical suppliers and representatives of civil society with a view to secure support from the private sector and public private partnerships, which will contribute to Trade Facilitation and UN 2030 Agenda.

My Delegation is looking forward to participate in this important debate, because we strongly believe that only with engagement of national, regional and international economic agents, TFA implementation can be a success story in the history of WTO.
Application of this approach we can reinforce the importance of the multilateral trading system.

Regarding the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration, the Republic of Moldova has co-sponsored the proposal of the European Union and Brazil delegation on export competition, regarding all three pillars. And, from this point of view, we will follow the implementation by member states of the paragraph 31 of MC10 declaration.

The Republic of Moldova has a pragmatic, holistic and multilateral approach in the liberalization of the international trading system we are fulfilling our commitments.

Thank you for your attention