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RUSSIAN FEDERATION PROPOSAL

The following communication, dated 3 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation.

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The Russian Federation welcomes the efforts of the facilitators to produce draft text of the Ministerial Declaration (RD/WTO/7). In order to streamline the drafting process the following suggestions are submitted for the consideration of the Membership before the next Room W meeting. The Russian Federation reserves the right to make additional textual suggestions in the course of the discussion in respect of the provisions covered by this paper as well as other provisions of the draft text of the Ministerial Declaration produced by the facilitators or suggestions made by the Members.

1 PARAGRAPH 12

1.1. *As we recognize the centrality and primacy of the multilateral trading system, we* ***welcome*** ~~***take note that***~~ *the plurilateral agreements concluded under the auspices of the WTO* ~~***have deepened the framework of rules***~~.

2 PARAGRAPH 19

2.1. *We celebrate the enlargement of the Organization by accessions in accordance with Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement. We note that the accessions of the Republic of Yemen, the Republic of Seychelles and the Republic of Kazakhstan to the WTO have been completed since our last Session. In particular, we note with satisfaction that this Conference has completed the accession procedures for two least-developed countries, the Republic of Liberia and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. We recognize the contribution of accessions to the strengthening of the multilateral trading system* ***and we will work jointly on expeditious completion of the current accessions****. We highlight the need to provide technical assistance to acceding countries, including in the post-accession phase.*

3 PARAGRAPH 27 (TO BE REPLACED BY NEW LANGUAGE)

3.1. ***We recognize that some extensive commitments undertaken by Members that acceded under Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement, especially by very recently acceded Members, contributed to further liberalization of world trade, and agree that this contribution should be reciprocated by original Members in course of future trade negotiations.***

~~***We recognize the extensive commitments undertaken by Members that acceded under Article XII. We further recognize the need to narrow the gap in Members' commitments.***~~

4 PARAGRAPH 28

4.1. *We reaffirm the need to ensure that Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) remain complementary to, not a substitute for, the multilateral trading system. We agree to enhance the role of the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements so as to map the systemic implications of RTAs and their coherence with WTO rules. We deem it necessary to conduct a study on the systemic implications of RTAs, modalities of which will be decided by the General Council**, with the view to draw up additional rules aimed at achievement of necessary predictability in the area of RTAs for all Membership**.*

5 ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPHS[1] (TO BE INCORPORATED AFTER PARAGRAPH 28)

[x.] We will continue negotiations on disciplines regarding domestic regulation. These negotiations should be aimed at reducing obstacles to trade and investments in services sectors, increase transparency and predictability of regulatory systems.

[xx.] In view of the experience of application of anti-dumping and countervailing measures we mandate the negotiations that shall have a special focus on rules regarding procedures governing the initiation, conduct and completion of investigations and reviews, including with a view to strengthening and enhancing due process and transparency of the procedures as well as consistent application of these rules within both anti-dumping and countervailing procedures where they are appropriate to both instruments.

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[1] Subject to the outcome within Part II discussions.