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### APPELLATE BODY APPOINTMENTS

PROPOSAL BY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, THE EUROPEAN UNION, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, HONG KONG, CHINA; MEXICO, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PERU, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SINGAPORE, SWITZERLAND, THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU; TURKEY, URUGUAY AND VIET NAM

The following communication, dated 9 November 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, the European Union, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, China; Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Switzerland, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Turkey, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

Given the urgency and importance of filling the vacancies in the Appellate Body, in compliance with the DSU and so that it can carry on its functions properly, Argentina; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Ecuador; El Salvador; the European Union; Guatemala; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Mexico; Nicaragua; Norway; Pakistan; Peru; the Russian Federation; Singapore; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Turkey; Uruguay and Viet Nam propose that, at its meeting on 22 November 2017, the DSB take a decision with regard to the following four elements:

- (1) to launch one selection process to replace Mr. Ricardo Ramírez Hernández, whose second four-year term of office expired on 30 June 2017, to launch another selection process to replace Mr. Hyun Chong Kim, who resigned from the Appellate Body as of 1 August 2017, and to launch a third selection process to replace Mr. Peter Van den Bossche, whose second four-year term of office will expire on 11 December 2017;
- (2) to establish a Selection Committee, consistent with the procedures set out in document WT/DSB/1 and with previous selection processes, composed of the Director-General and the 2017 Chairpersons of the General Council, the Goods Council, the Services Council, the TRIPS Council and the DSB, to be Chaired by the DSB Chair;
- (3) to set a deadline of 22 December 2017 at 6 pm for Members to submit nominations of candidates; and
- (4) to request the Selection Committee to carry out its work in order to make recommendations to the DSB as soon as possible so that the DSB can take a decision to appoint three new Appellate Body members as soon as possible.