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The following submission, dated 11 December 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation.

The Ministerial Conference,

Having regard to paragraph 2 of Article III and paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Recalling the long-term objective to establish a fair and market-oriented agricultural trading system and to provide for substantial progressive reductions in agricultural support and protection sustained over an agreed period of time, resulting in correcting and preventing restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets as stated in the Preamble of the Agreement on Agriculture;

Taking into account that the implementation period of the Uruguay Round has ended in 2001;

Seeking to strengthen the negotiating function of the World Trade Organization;

Decides as follows:

Members agree to continue their work with the aim to cease application of Special Safeguard provisions (SSG) provided for in Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture, thus contributing to market access negotiations, and in order to establish by the 12th Ministerial Conference the exact parameters of implementation of such safeguard measures until their elimination is finally achieved.