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### APPELLATE BODY APPOINTMENTS

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

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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; Australia; Brazil; Chile; China; Colombia; Costa Rica; Ecuador; El Salvador; the European Union; Guatemala; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Kazakhstan; Korea; Mexico; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Norway; Pakistan; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; the Russian Federation; Singapore; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Turkey; Ukraine; Uruguay and Viet Nam propose that, at its meeting on 22 January 2018, the DSB take a decision with regard to the following four elements:

- (1) to launch: (i) one selection process to replace Mr. Ricardo Ramírez Hernández, whose second four-year term of office expired on 30 June 2017; (ii) a second one to replace Mr. Hyun Chong Kim, who resigned from the Appellate Body as of 1 August 2017; and (iii) a third one to replace Mr. Peter Van den Bossche, whose second four-year term of office expired 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 2018 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 February 2018 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.
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