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PROPOSAL BY ARGENTINA; AUSTRALIA; THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA; BRAZIL; CANADA; CHILE; CHINA; COLOMBIA; COSTA RICA; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; ECUADOR; EL SALVADOR; THE EUROPEAN UNION; GUATEMALA; HONDURAS; HONG KONG, CHINA; ICELAND; INDIA; INDONESIA; ISRAEL; 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; THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA 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, the delegations referred to above, propose that, at its meeting, the DSB takes a decision with regard to the following:

(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 selection process to replace Mr. Hyun Chong Kim, who resigned from the Appellate Body as of 1 August 2017, and (iii) a third selection process 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 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 a 30-day period after the date of its decision, 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 within 60 days after the deadline for submitting nominations of candidates, so that the DSB can take a decision to appoint three new Appellate Body members as soon as possible.