

**General Council Meeting
9-10 May, 2022**

Statement by India – Delivered by Ambassador & PR to the WTO

**Agenda item 7: A SMOOTH TRANSITION PACKAGE IN FAVOUR
OF MEMBERS GRADUATING FROM THE LDC CATEGORY**

- A. LDC GROUP'S INTERIM ARRANGEMENT SUBMISSION ON LDC GRADUATION – COMMUNICATION FROM CHAD ON BEHALF OF THE LDC GROUP (WT/GC/W/829)**
- B. TRADE RELATED CHALLENGES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPMED COUNTRIES AND WAY FORWARD: A DRAFT FOR MC DECISION – COMMUNICATION FROM CHAD ON BEHALF OF THE LDC GROUP (WT/GC/W/807)**

We thank the LDC Group for their proposals Chair, India has unequivocally supported the requests by the LDC group contained in these documents. India remains a strong supporter of LDC's integration into the multilateral trading system. India has not only contributed to efforts to increase their share in global trade but has also been a trusted and reliable partner. Chair, while the pandemic continues to ravage lives, livelihoods and economies the LDCs have been disproportionately impacted therefore it would be only wise to allow them more time to address these challenges facing them.

- 2. India urges Members to engage constructively and work expeditiously for an outcome at MC12.
- 3. Thank you Chair.

**