

**Dispute Settlement Body Meeting
(31 May 2022)**

Hong Kong, China's Statement

Item 5. Appellate Body Appointments: Proposal By Afghanistan; Angola; Argentina; Australia; Bangladesh; Benin; Plurinational State Of Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte D'ivoire; Cuba; Democratic Republic Of Congo; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Eswatini; The European Union; Gabon; The Gambia; Ghana; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea Bissau; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Israel; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic Of Korea; Lesotho; Liechtenstein; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic Of Moldova; Morocco; Mozambique; Namibia; Nepal; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Pakistan; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; The Philippines; Qatar; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; South Africa; Switzerland; The Separate Customs Territory Of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen And Matsu; Tanzania; Thailand; Togo; Tunisia; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Kingdom; Uruguay; The Bolivarian Republic Of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Zambia And Zimbabwe (WT/DSB/W/609/REV.21)

- Thank you, Chair.
- Hong Kong, China thanks Mexico for the statement and many other Members for the co-sponsorship. While we welcome the commencement of the long-awaited dialogue on dispute settlement matters in the past month and stand ready to participate constructively, we see that the proposal in question still rings true as the Appellate Body impasse will continue to fundamentally undermine the WTO's dispute settlement function, unless and until any reform has come to fruition.
- We would like to emphasise yet again the importance of restoring as soon as possible a fully-functioning dispute settlement system in the WTO.
- Thank you.
