

General Council Meeting
(24-25 July 2023)

Hong Kong, China's Statement

Item 3. Follow-up to Outcomes of Ministerial Conferences

B. MC12 – Work Programme on E-Commerce

- Thank you, Madam Chair.
- Since this is our first time taking the floor, we would like to join colleagues to congratulate on the election of MC13 Chairperson, bid farewell to the departing ambassadors and DDG González and welcome the incoming ambassadors.
- Hong Kong, China would like to thank the report made by GC Chair just now on behalf of Ambassador Canabady; and to thank Ambassador Canabady for her excellent leadership in reinvigorating the Work Programme on E-Commerce.
- We would also like to thank the African Group for its recent submission on adopting a development and inclusive approach to the Work Programme. Hong Kong, China considers that the Dedicated Sessions should remain an appropriate forum to focus our resources in discussing substantive issues relating to e-commerce.
- Last but not least, we would like to reiterate our commitment to work with Members in the coming months on a permanent solution, or at least securing further extension of the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions at MC13.
- Thank you.

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