

## **Dispute Settlement Body Meeting on 28 June 2021**

### **Hong Kong, China's Statement**

**Item 6. Appellate Body Appointments: Proposal by Afghanistan; Angola; Argentina; Australia; Bangladesh; Benin; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; 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; 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.19)**

- Thank you, Chair.
- Hong Kong, China would like to first express our warm welcome to Madam DDG.
- We would also like to reiterate our deep concern over the Appellate Body impasse and urge for restoration of the two-tier dispute settlement mechanism without any further delay.
- Hong Kong, China is committed to continuing discussions regarding restoring the WTO dispute settlement mechanism to its full functioning as a priority and we urge Members to seek a shared understanding of the reforms needed for this purpose.
- Thank you, Chair.

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