

## **Dispute Settlement Body Meeting on 29 November 2021**

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

**Item 7. 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; 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.20)**

- Thank you, Chair.
- Hong Kong, China would like to join Mexico and other Members including the new co-sponsor, Cambodia, to express our deep concern about the Appellate Body impasse and the dysfunctioning of the dispute settlement system in the WTO.
- We would like to reiterate our commitment to engaging in constructive discussions, including on any necessary reforms, to resolve the problem, with a view to restoring a full functioning dispute settlement system as soon as possible.
- Despite the postponement of MC12, we consider that Members should continue to press ahead with any discussion and reform to achieve the said goal.
- Thank you very much.

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