

## Dispute Settlement Body Meeting on 21 July 2022

### Hong Kong, China's Statement

**Item 2. 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.
- While Hong Kong, China will continue to participate constructively in the current discussion relating to any needed reform proposals for the WTO's dispute settlement system, we would like to reiterate our grave concern over the continuing Appellate Body impasse.
- We look forward to working together with Members with a view to having a fully and well-functioning dispute settlement system accessible to all Members by 2024.
- Thank you.

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