

**Dispute Settlement Body Meeting
(28 February 2022)**

Hong Kong, China's Statement

Item 3. 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.
- I would like to first welcome the Philippines for joining the proposal.
- Hong Kong, China reiterates our grave concerns over the Appellate Body impasse, and the importance of having constructive discussion to resolve the impasse as soon as possible. Hong Kong, China stands ready to participate in any such discussion.
- Thank you.

Item 4. Election of Chairperson

- Thank you, Chair.
- Hong Kong, China would like to extend our warm welcome to you. Rest assured that you would have Hong Kong, China's full support in the coming year.
- Hong Kong, China would also like to thank Ambassador Chambovey for his able leadership in the past year in the DSB and wish him every success in his new role as the GC Chair.
- Thank you.
