

**Dispute Settlement Body Meeting  
(24 May 2024)**

**Hong Kong, China's Statement**

**Item 3. Appellate Body Appointments: Proposal by Afghanistan; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Australia; Bangladesh; Benin; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; 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; Dominica; 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; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Liechtenstein; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Pakistan; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; the Philippines; Qatar; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; South Africa; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tanzania; Thailand; Togo; Tunisia; Türkiye; Uganda; Ukraine; United Kingdom; Uruguay; the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Zambia and Zimbabwe (WT/DSB/W/609/Rev.26)**

- Thank you Chair and good morning colleagues. We support the statement made by Colombia on behalf of the co-sponsors including Hong Kong, China (HKC).
- The DS system has been the crown jewel of the WTO, and the cornerstone that contributes to the predictability of global trade. It has always been HKC's topmost priority to restore a fully and well-functioning dispute settlement system as soon as possible. We should act now and together on this urgent task, for the common good of all WTO members.
- Bearing in mind the year-end deadline ahead of us, we look forward to intensifying discussions in the formalised process under the leadership of Ambassador Usha Dwarka-Canabady and the Co-Convenors in the very near future.
- Last but not least, we would also like to welcome the Philippines' decision to become one of the participants in the MPIA and invite those members who have not joined this interim solution to consider doing so.
- Thank you Chair.

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