

Special General Council (GC) Meeting on 15 May 2020

Statement by Hong Kong, China (HKC)

- Thank you, Chair, for convening this special GC meeting. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important for Members to join hands to tackle the crisis collectively under the multilateral trading system. It is also timely to remind ourselves that the WTO has a central role to play in enhancing transparency of trade measures, preventing disruptions to the global supply chain and facilitating international trade. Our concerted efforts in this regard would be critical to the fight against the pandemic and to a speedy recovery of the global economy.
- In this spirit, HKC is pleased to be a co-sponsor of the Switzerland-led Joint Ministerial Statement on COVID-19 and the Multilateral Trading System (WT/GC/212). HKC would take this opportunity to reiterate our support for the rules-based multilateral trading system and the WTO, and we will continue to work with other Members constructively during these uncertain and challenging times.
- Thank you very much.