

## **Dispute Settlement Body Meeting on 26 July 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; 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.19)**

- Thank you, Chair.
- Hong Kong, China supports Mexico's statement. We would like to join Mexico and other Members to reiterate yet again our grave concern over the Appellate Body impasse, and urge for restoration of the full functioning of the WTO's dispute settlement system without any further delay.
- We call on all Members to seek a shared understanding of the reforms needed for this purpose.
- Thank you, Chair.

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