

Special General Council Meeting on 15 February 2021

Hong Kong, China's statement

- Thank you, Chair. Hong Kong, China wishes to extend our warmest congratulations to Dr Ngozi OKONJO-IWEALA for her appointment as the Director General of the World Trade Organization.
- As Dr Okonjo-Iweala has pointed out, this is a challenging time for the WTO but we see opportunities too. We look forward to working constructively with other Members under the leadership of the new Director General to update and further strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system led by the WTO so that it can effectively respond to the changing needs of our time.
- Thank you very much, Chair.

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