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The FFD Conference should also call for the operationalization of the Bali Ministerial decision on [Monitoring Mechanism on Special and Differential Treatment]. We stress on the need to make the Mechanism effective so as to strengthen the effectiveness and implementation of S&D provisions of multilateral WTO Agreements, Ministerial and General Council Decisions.

It should also put emphasis on Ensuring and operationalizing improved format for reporting under Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement. The Technology Bank for LDCs should serve as an implementing tool for materializing this Article.

The two additional following measures should also be included:

- Operationalize a binding mechanism to fast-track accession of LDCs, as per the agreed guidelines for LDCs accession to the WTO of December 2002 and July 2012;
- Ensure accession of all LDCs only by fulfilling those commitments that are commensurate with their level of development, as committed in the Brussels Programme of Action.

I thank you all for your kind attention.