

General Council Meeting

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Statement by India – Delivered by Ambassador & PR to the WTO

Agenda Item 5: ‘Process of Appointment of the Next Director-General - Statement by the Chairman’

Thank you, Chair, for your Statement and thank you for explaining the 2013 process.

2. Chair, we appreciate your efforts in conducting the DG selection process in an open, transparent and efficient manner so far. You wasted no time in announcing the commencement of the process and succeeded in establishing an expedited timeline for phase II of the process, in consultation with members. We hope that during phase III, which is the most crucial phase in the whole process, you and the co-facilitators alike will ensure that it remains a fully transparent and an inclusive process, in full conformity with the procedures outlined in the document WT/L/509. India will support your efforts towards that end. In that regard, we look forward to understanding the process that you and the co-facilitators will follow during Phase III, so that we are fully aware and are prepared for handling the various rounds of phase III.

3. Chair, we once again reiterate the need for completing the selection process as early as possible so that WTO is not devoid of leadership during this critical period. Therefore, we fully support your efforts in that direction and hope that the membership will also work towards that objective. We hope that the smooth selection process for the DG will herald better days ahead for the WTO and we look forward to actively participating in that process.

4. I thank you, Chair.
