

**General Council Meeting
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Statement by India – Delivered by Ambassador & PR to the WTO

Agenda Item 7: ‘Turkmenistan -Request for Observer Status’

Thank you, Chair.

2. My delegation welcomes Turkmenistan as Observer at the WTO and extends warm welcome to the delegation of Turkmenistan.
3. India enjoys friendly and cordial relations with Turkmenistan, which is an important trade and investment partner of India in the Central Asian region. We hope that the WTO Observer Status will help Turkmenistan accelerate its accession process to become a full member of the organization, to reap the full benefits of the multi-lateral trading System as well as the shared objective of both our countries to enhance prosperity of our people.
4. I thank you, Chair.