

**General Council Meeting
October 13, 2020**

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

Agenda Item 4: ‘Twelfth Session of the Ministerial Conference – Date and Venue’

Thank you, Chair, for your Statement and the update.

2. We thank Kazakhstan for their continued commitment to host MC12 in June 2021 at Nur Sultan, despite the uncertainty associated with the global Covid-19 pandemic.
3. Holding the much delayed 12th Ministerial Conference remains a matter of urgent priority for the WTO Membership.
4. The certainty of schedule for MC12 has the advantage of allowing us to work collectively towards implementing a work plan with appropriate markers and ambition for outcomes by then. An early decision on this issue will also help mute criticism that the WTO has not held a Ministerial Conference at a critical time. My delegation sincerely hopes that there will be a clarity on the scheduling of MC12 soon.
5. I thank you, Chair.
