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Trade Facilitation: Implications for LLDCs”**

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Excellencies,
Distinguished participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Having had intensive discussion, it is a pleasure for me to join you again in the wrapping up session of the High Level International workshop “WTO agreement on Trade Facilitation: Implications for LLDCs” that took place here in Ulaanbaatar over the past two days.

I would like to congratulate all distinguished participants from LLDCs, development partners, transit countries and United Nations and other international organizations for their effective and constructive discussions on the study “WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: Implications on the LLDCs” and contribution to the success of the workshop.

The workshop was vibrant and very constructive. We have demonstrated that the landlocked developing countries have not only common problems, similar challenges but most importantly, the same interests and vision. It does without saying that the output from Ulaanbaatar Workshop would be of good use in the ongoing discussions to overcome special vulnerabilities of these countries.

We, the LLDCs, need to strengthen our common voice to have a broader visibility for the sake of LLDCs sustainable development and economic growth for next decade. We do hope that the issues on trade facilitation, transit transportation, infrastructure, environment, climate change, international and regional integration and other key issues will be the focus areas during the Second UN Conference on LLDCs and reflect in the post 2015 Development agenda.

I would like to encourage the group members including Zambia, Paraguay, Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan and Buthan to join the Multilateral Agreement on Establishment of International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries. There is no doubt that a number of the LLDCs acceded and ratified the Agreement would be increased when we gather together in the 2nd UN Conference on LLDCs.

I thank you all again for travelling long distances and taking an active part in this workshop.

I extend to all distinguished participants my sincere wishes for every success and see you in Vienna in November.

Thank you.