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DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECISION ON SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT PROPOSALS – PREAMBLE AND FUTURE WORK

SUBMISSION OF THE G90

The following communication, dated 19 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Barbados on behalf of the G90.

The Ministerial Conference, having regard to Articles IV.1 and IX of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO);

Mindful of the importance that Members attach to the increased participation of developing countries, in particular least-developed country (LDC) and small, vulnerable economy (SVE) Members, in the multilateral trading system, and of the need to ensure that the system responds fully to the needs and interests of all participants;

Recalling paragraph 44 of the Ministerial Declaration of the Fourth Session and paragraph 12 of the Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns, 20 November 2001 and noting that this decision is a step toward completing this mandate;

Determined to take concrete action to address concerns raised by many developing-country Members, in particular our LDC and SVE, on agreement specific special and differential treatment provisions reflected in proposals submitted by them in the Doha Development Agenda negotiations;

Noting the actions taken in Annex F to the Ministerial Declaration of the Fifth Session, 22 December 2005, which were not satisfactorily implemented;

Further noting, proposals submitted in document JOB/TNC/51/Rev.1;

Decides as follows:

With regard to special and differential treatment provisions of the WTO Agreements, we instruct the Committee on Trade and Development in Special Session to continue to negotiate on the basis of specific proposals found in JOB/TNC/51/Rev.1 and any other proposals from developing countries including LDCs and SVEs, pursuant to the mandate under paragraph 44 of the Doha Declaration, with a view to achieving agreement on all of proposals by 31 July 2016.