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The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members about the paragraph on commodities in the Doha Work Programme Ministerial Declaration which is reproduced below. The Declaration was adopted on 18 December 2005 by the WTO's 149 Member Governments at the 6th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Hong Kong, China from 13 to 18 December 2005.

“Commodity Issues

55. We recognize the dependence of several developing and least-developed countries on the export of commodities and the problems they face because of the adverse impact of the long-term decline and sharp fluctuation in the prices of these commodities. We take note of the work undertaken in the Committee on Trade and Development on commodity issues, and instruct the Committee, within its mandate, to intensify its work in cooperation with other relevant international organizations and report regularly to the General Council with possible recommendations. We agree that the particular trade-related concerns of developing and least-developed countries related to commodities shall also be addressed in the course of the agriculture and NAMA negotiations. We further acknowledge that these countries may need support and technical assistance to overcome the particular problems they face, and urge Members and relevant international organizations to consider favourably requests by these countries for support and assistance.”