

Statement by the Delegation of Indonesia
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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, we would like share our views and assessment on the proposed complimentary approaches that has been tabled by some countries recently. We, therefore, are looking forward to having a fruitful outcomes in our deliberations on this issue.

With regard to statement that has been delivered by the distinguished delegate of Brazil, in which he made a comprehensive responses to the possible complementary approaches as proposed by some members, my delegation fully support and endorse the points expressed by Brazil on this matter.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to take this opportunity to express the position of my country concerning the proposed complimentary approaches that has informally been discussed by members in this house. In addition to the substance of the statement from Brazil and also the views expressed by certain ASEAN member countries before me, I would like to reiterate that some of the substance of the proposed complimentary approaches do not seem to take duly into account the urgent need to fully respect the architecture of the GATS,

especially the specific provisions that grant flexibilities to developing countries like mine.

In responding to the views of some members on the need to have a complimentary approach to tackle the services negotiations, I would like to express our views on this matter that the existing method for conducting negotiation on services sector, that is bilateral request-offer approach, is still valid and relevant. We are of the opinion that the elements of negotiation as stipulated in the Negotiating Guidelines and Procedures for Negotiations is the most appropriate means in conducting our negotiations. It is difficult for my delegation, at this point in time, to consider any other approach that we think it would erode the flexibility for developing countries.

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to those seven proposals, my delegation would not repeat the argumentations that have been delivered by Brazil and the Philippines. In this regard, my delegation would like to re-emphasize that Indonesia still needs more in-depth analysis on those proposals. We would further like to know the positive link of those proposals with the flexibilities granted to developing countries in this round of negotiations. We, therefore, underline that the services negotiation should be undertaken within the request-offer framework, as has been stipulated in paragraph 11 of the Negotiating Guidelines and Procedures for the Negotiations on Trade in Services. Again, we

would like to reiterate the importance of maintaining the request-offer method as the main method of negotiations.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to draw members' attention that Article XIX (2) of the GATS, and the Guidelines and the Procedures for the Negotiations on Trade in Services (S/L/93) paragraph 12, are the tool of negotiation that are mostly suitable for developing countries in conducting negotiations. We believe that this approach will take care the concerns and the interests of developing countries in this round of services negotiations.

In addition to the issue of the development of market access, we would also like to have a balance development on the rules making concerning the emergency safeguard mechanism.

Lastly, Mr. Chairman, My delegation wishes that the statement we made in the informal meeting 22 of September and 28 of September to be reflected in the minutes of the formal Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services.

Thank you

