

**GENERAL COUNCIL
MEETING OF 12 MAY 2016**

Before the adoption of the agenda, the General Council agreed to revert to Item 5 (WTO Pension Plan Management Board) at its next meeting in July.

1. Report by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee

The Director-General referred to his report at the 9 May HODs meeting which can be found in JOB/GC/92. He noted the need to step up Members' interactions, across the full range of formats and looked forward to the evolution of the conversations. 23 delegations intervened.

2. Implementation of the Bali and Nairobi Outcomes – Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman reported on the work taking place in WTO regular bodies to fulfil the Bali and Nairobi Ministerial mandates. His full statement can be found in JOB/GC/93. 11 delegations intervened.

3. Work Programme on Small Economies – Report by the Chairman of the Dedicated Session of the Committee on Trade and Development

The CTD Chairperson reported that the CTD-DS had met on 9 March. Their discussion focused on accessing global value chains in the textiles and clothing sector. In fulfilling its Nairobi mandate, work on global value chains continued and work on reducing trade costs would begin at its next meeting in July. Guatemala (SVEs) and the United States intervened.

4. Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration – Report on meetings of March and April 2016

The General Council adopted the Reports of the Budget Committee in WT/BFA/153 and 154 and approved the specific recommendation contained in WT/BFA/153.

Under "Other Business", the Goods Council Chairman made a statement on the Appointment of Officers to the Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for Trade in Goods, and three delegations intervened. Oman, on behalf of several delegations, made a statement on the accession of Iran and 21 delegations took the floor thereafter. Korea made a statement on a workshop sponsored by MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey and Australia) on e-commerce to be held in July and invited Members to this event. The Chairman also made two announcements regarding the Date and Venue of MC11 and on the Members and Observers in arrears.