



**Ministerial Conference
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GENERAL SERVICES

MINISTERIAL DECISION OF 7 DECEMBER 2013

The Ministerial Conference,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Decides as follows:

Members recognize the contribution that General Services programmes can make to rural development, food security and poverty alleviation, particularly in developing countries. This includes a range of General Services programmes relating to land reform and rural livelihood security that a number of developing countries have highlighted as particularly important in advancing these objectives. Accordingly, Members note that, subject to Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the types of programmes listed below could be considered as falling within the scope of the non-exhaustive list of general services programmes in Annex 2, paragraph 2 of the AoA.

General Services programmes related to land reform and rural livelihood security, such as:

- i. land rehabilitation;
- ii. soil conservation and resource management;
- iii. drought management and flood control;
- iv. rural employment programmes;
- v. issuance of property titles; and
- vi. farmer settlement programmes

in order to promote rural development and poverty alleviation.
