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REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP

The negotiations on Trade Facilitation continue to make steady progress, in a transparent and inclusive manner, on all aspects of the negotiating mandate, based on Members' contributions as compiled in document TN/TF/W/43/Rev.12. Valuable progress is also being made on the identification of trade facilitation needs and priorities, development aspects, cost implications and inter-agency cooperation. The textual proposals compiled in document TN/TF/W/43/Rev.12 represent a significant advance, but not agreement, and are without prejudice to the right of Members to put forward new contributions. It is also understood that they require further refinement and negotiation in line with the modalities set out in Annex D of the July Package and the agreement contained in Annex E of the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration.
