



**TALKING POINTS
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SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF G-21**

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Talking points referred to main points of divergence only, as requested by the Chairman.

1. Observations regarding Annex A of the draft:

- Thank the Chairman and the Facilitators for assembling the draft text.
- Despite some advances on some topics, the Chairman's draft is still considerably far from being a base for an agreement. In some points it actually goes backwards.
- The preamble of the three pillars and paragraph 7 try to rewrite and reinterpret the mandates of the Doha Declaration. This is unnecessary and detrimental.
- In internal support, the commitment to reduce AMS and blue box is insufficient and may even lead to an increase in distorting support measures in the initial period of implementation.
- In market access there is a lack of balance between the commitments to be taken by developed and developing countries. S&D provisions must be reinforced.
 - On paragraph 2.1 there is a need for substantial increase in market access for all products in the three elements of the formula.
 - TRQs should be expanded based on objective criteria and not on a request and offer process.
 - Special safeguards for developed countries to be eliminated.
- In export subsidies and measures with equivalent effect, the language seems to legalize subsidized export credits, which runs counter to Article 10.1 of the AoA. This is to be corrected.

- Commitment to eliminate export subsidies to be unequivocal.

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- Extension of the peace clause is outside the mandate. Should not figure in draft.

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- It is necessary to address more effectively the situation of recent acceded members of WTO.

2. Observation on paragraph 27 of the Chairman's text

- Commitments on reduction/elimination for cotton subsidies, an issue of special interest to African countries and other countries, totally insufficient.

3. Final remark

- G-21 is ready to work in a constructive way and will present concrete proposals to solve these and other specific questions.