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**Statement by Ecuador on behalf of the Group of 77 and China in Geneva  
at the Trade and Development Board, sixty-seventh executive session**

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Mr. President, Ambassador Salim Baddoura,  
Ms. Isabelle Durand, Deputy-Secretary General of UNCTAD  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. President,

The G77 and China considers the UNCTAD's work in the area of trade facilitation a relevant contribution to improve the developing countries performance in the area of commerce. The Group recognizes the relevance of the research done in the area of Maritime Transportation, and encourages UNCTAD to take active part in the debates international institutions hold in this field.

The G77 and China, based on the 1995 General Assembly Resolution, expects from UNCTAD a significant contribution to the role trade plays in the achievement of development. In this regard, the Group recognizes the efforts made by UNCTAD aligning its labor with the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

With the aim of fulfilling the Mandate contained in Nairobi Maafikiano, UNCTAD have place special consideration to LDCs, African countries and small island developing states (SIDS). The G77 and China expresses its appreciation for this effort and encourages UNCTAD to continue working according the Nairobi Maafikiano mandate, particularly with vulnerable countries and territories.

The G77 and China calls upon the Secretariat to monitor and analyze the international trade trends and while reporting back the Member States, present appropriate policy advice particularly regarding the impact on the developing countries and LDCs of the tensions and trade conflicts that currently faces the multilateral trading system.

Finally, The Group of G77 and China backs the views presented by the report in the examined areas and recommends to the Trade and Development Board to endorse the agreed conclusions presented in the Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its tenth session.

Thank you.