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UNCTAD-SIDS Group Coordinator's Opening Statement
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Thank you, president.

Esteemed secretary-general, dear colleagues.

The Dominican Republic makes this intervention on behalf of the SIDS Group.

Specialising and exporting are important activates that can lead to economic growth and sustainable economic development. But that is assuming the conditions exist for producers and consumers from around the world to interact in an even playing field.

However, that is often not the case – due to, among other factors, imperfections in the related legal structures. For the case of developing countries, at the centre of UNCTAD's work on international trade and development, the legal frameworks interact with the shortcomings that are common at early stages of economic development.

That is the reason why sound policies to safeguard consumers and to foster fair competition are essential

The SIDS Group at UNCTAD welcomes the organization of the 9th United Nations Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection. In this context, we note the importance of the review of all aspects of the Set of multilaterally agreed equitable principles and rules for the control of restrictive business practices.

Esteemed president, SIDS can only aspire to improve their growth and development potential by participating in open and well-regulated global markets. We look forward to the discussion during this week.

Particularly, it is our hope that the conclusions reached during this week can provide lessons that feed into the ongoing discussions aiming to shape the outcome document for UNCTAD XVI that will take place here in Geneva later this year.

Thank you, president.