

### **Environment actual situation of the negotiations**

- We share the view of many developing countries in making sure that negotiations on trade and environment are not restricted at reaching more market access and additional tariff reductions for industrial products , as it should initially serve the purpose of encouraging trade in environmental products as initially aimed from our agreed mandate, to that end, members should somehow define a scope for environmental products and agree on the method to adopt for that purpose and the treatment to be applied on the environmental products.
- The issue of trade and environment is a new issue in this organization and must be dealt with in an appropriate manner from the outset, we must keep in mind that the negotiating framework is not subject only to tariff in this regard, as it states that we must also address non-tariff barriers technology transfer, technical assistance, capacity building, special and differential treatment, not to mention the development dimension, so that this issue is addressed in an integrated manner with the environment as a first priority and to avoid approaching the subject from the perspective of additional market access, where the latter is not the main objective of the negotiating framework agreed the Doha Round in this regard.

### **Results of the meetings of senior officials**

- Consultations by the Chair showed overall strong support for moving forward on all parts of the mandate pursuant to the Work Programme and the timeframes contained therein. On the issue of the relationship between the WTO and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), participants generally agreed that the proposals on the table provided a good basis to develop a text for negotiation.
- As regards the work on Environmental Goods, the Chair emphasized the need for broad-based engagement and substantive inputs from members, both on environmental goods of interest and cross-cutting issues, in the lead-up to the February meeting. It was further noted that linkages with other areas of the negotiations should not prevent the work from moving ahead. Several senior officials observed that the work in the environmental pillar should achieve a level of clarity and predictability by the time that an agreement is reached on Agriculture and NAMA modalities.
- The overall assessment of work undertaken since September shows that progress has been made on a range of technical issues across the board, even if there was no gap closing on the so-called “big ticket items”. With respect to the next steps members are willing to build on progress made to date and to build on the current level of ambition across the board.