

## **Finland**

Honorable Ministers, your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates.

There is no official statement from Finland but I would like to highlight and support some points raised by previous speakers.

Firstly, the high importance of multilateral trade negotiations, notably the Doha Development Agenda of the WTO. In the Bali Ministerial Conference, some important decisions were taken, especially the trade facilitation agreement, which unfortunately has not been adopted by the WTO. The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement could greatly help all importers and exporters, especially those in developing countries.

Secondly, I would like to highlight the importance of inclusiveness of all players and networks in global value chains. More public-private partnerships should be promoted there.

Finally, I would like to thank Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva and the whole team at FAO for organizing this very important Ministerial Meeting.

Thank you for your attention, Mr. Chairman.