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We the undersigned organizations strongly believe that the successful completion of the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) round of World Trade Organization (WTO) multilateral trade negotiations is of critical importance to the global economy. The framework agreement reached last summer in Geneva shows that a successful and ambitious Doha Round is now a real possibility.

We believe that an ambitious agreement on agriculture is a critical step to securing a comprehensive and successful outcome of the Round. However, in order to be successful and supported by the global industrial sector, the round must see major progress in securing real market access gains for manufactured goods (NAMA), services, trade facilitation and advancement of other aspects of the negotiations, including rules.

The major objective of this joint fly-in is to ensure that the priorities and commercial interests of the global industrial sector – which represents 75% of global merchandise trade – are fully realized in the outcome of the Doha Round. We seek deep and comprehensive reductions in the tariff rates countries apply to manufactured goods imports in as broad a manner as possible. We also want to underscore the importance of pursuing ambitious negotiations on non-tariff barriers (NTBs) on a horizontal and vertical basis. These are key ingredients for successful NAMA negotiations and will be one of the benchmarks by which global business evaluates the overall benefits of the DDA.

The final Doha agreement needs to ensure that all countries participate in and benefit from the gains of trade liberalization. An ambitious agreement in NAMA is essential to achieving that objective. While we understand the special needs of developing countries, many have highly competitive industries and it is vital that they agree to participate in genuine market liberalization. According to the World Bank, developing countries alone could gain up to US\$500 billion *per annum* from trade liberalization.

We will continue to work with our respective government negotiators to ensure that our common objectives are realized in the final outcome of the Doha Round.

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