

11th WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Buenos Aires Argentina 10th to 13th December 2017

Program

The Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11) took place from 10 to 13 December 2017 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was chaired by Minister Susana Malcorra of Argentina. The Conference opened with the signing of a presidential declaration in support of the WTO. This was signed by President Macri of Argentina, President Temer of Brazil, President Cartes of Paraguay and President Vázquez of Uruguay as well as by representatives of Colombia, Guyana, Mexico, Peru and Suriname.

On 11-12 December the plenary sessions provided an opportunity for ministers representing the WTO's 164 members to make prepared statements.

At the closing session on 13 December, the MC11 Chair, Minister Malcorra, issued a Chair's statement and Director-General Roberto Azevêdo delivered his closing speech.

The vice-chairs of the Conference were H.E. Dr Okechukwu Enelamah, Nigeria's Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, the Honorable David Parker, New Zealand's Minister of Trade, and Mr Edward Yau, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of Hong Kong, China.

On the final day of the conference, three proponent groups announced new initiatives to advance talks at the WTO on the issues of electronic commerce, investment facilitation and micro, small and medium size enterprises (MSMEs).

Other notable events at the Conference included the publication of the Buenos Aires Declaration on Women and Trade, the launch of the "Enabling E-commerce" initiative and the announcement of Google as the WTO/ICC's first Small Business Champion following the culmination of the small business video competition.

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