



**JOINT STATEMENT ON THE MORATORIUM ON CUSTOMS
DUTIES ON ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS**

COMMUNICATION FROM ARGENTINA; AUSTRALIA; COSTA RICA; ECUADOR; GUATEMALA;
ICELAND; ISRAEL; JAPAN; KOREA, REPUBLIC OF; MALAYSIA; MEXICO; NEW ZEALAND;
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SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU;
UNITED KINGDOM; UNITED STATES; AND URUGUAY

*Revision**

The following communication, dated 12 May 2026, is being circulated at the request of the above-mentioned delegations.

1. We, the aforementioned co-sponsors of this communication, express disappointment at the lapse of the long-standing WTO e-commerce moratorium at the 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Nonetheless, this group of Members remains committed to do what we can to provide to businesses and consumers a measure of predictability and certainty in the absence of the multilateral E-Commerce Moratorium.

2. Beginning on 8 May 2026, we, the co-sponsors of this communication, will continue to not impose customs duties on electronic transmissions among ourselves. For the purposes of this communication, "electronic transmission" means a transmission made using any electromagnetic means and includes the content of the transmission.

3. We encourage all WTO Members who seek the benefits of trading under these stable conditions to join this commitment at any time with the aim of eventually securing a multilateral commitment, building upon that which had been consistently agreed upon by all Members since 1998.

* This revision is to add Switzerland and the United Kingdom as co-sponsors.