

**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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UNITED KINGDOM; UNITED STATES; AND URUGUAY

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The following communication, dated 1 April 2026, is being circulated at the request of the above-mentioned delegations.

1.1. We, the co-sponsors¹ of Draft Ministerial Decision on Electronic Commerce [WT/MIN\(26\)/W/15/Rev.1](#), express disappointment in the failure to extend the e-commerce moratorium at the 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Our efforts in Yaoundé produced a compromise solution that can be seen in the Facilitator's draft text ([WT/MIN\(26\)/35](#)) that would have extended the e-commerce moratorium to an unprecedented length and provided greater predictability and certainty for businesses and consumers in the digital economy. While not perfect, this landing zone worked for nearly all WTO Members.

1.2. In light of the current situation, we commit to take immediate steps to provide the predictability and certainty that businesses and consumers rely upon to promote digital trade. This responds to the call from the diverse group of over 100 global business group representatives who supported our goal of establishing a permanent moratorium against the imposition of customs duties on electronic transmissions.

1.3. Members of this Joint Statement commit to provide to each other as a temporary, plurilateral measure of support, the commitment that we had hoped to reach at MC14.

1.4. We agree to maintain the current practice of not imposing 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.

1.5. This commitment will remain in place until the next General Council meeting.

¹ This communication does not currently reflect all co-sponsors of [WT/MIN\(26\)/W/15/Rev.1](#) due to ongoing consultations. The remaining co-sponsors may indicate support for this commitment at a later date.