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JOINT STATEMENT ON SERVICES DOMESTIC REGULATION

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1. Ministers representing the following Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO): Albania; Argentina; Australia; Brazil; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Costa Rica; El Salvador; European Union; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; Kazakhstan; Republic of Korea; Liechtenstein; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Montenegro; New Zealand; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Paraguay; Peru; Russian Federation; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Turkey; and Uruguay, recognise the importance of good regulatory practice in facilitating trade in services.
 2. We welcome the progress made in negotiation of Domestic Regulation disciplines since the Joint Statement adopted at MC11.
 3. We commit to continue working on outstanding issues with a view to incorporating the outcome of our work in our respective schedules of specific commitments by the Twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference.
 4. Bearing in mind the multilateral mandate of Article VI:4 of GATS, we continue to encourage all WTO Members to participate in order to improve the regulatory environment for trade in services globally.
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