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Appointment of the next Director-General Informal Meeting of Heads of Delegation

Friday, 18 September 2020, 11 a.m. Council Room

In line with the Procedures for the Appointment of Directors-General (WT/L/509), and the modalities for Phase 3 of the process that I announced at the informal meeting of Heads of Delegation on 31 July (JOB/GC/243), the Facilitators and I conducted the first round of consultations with Members from 7 to 16 September 2020.

I would like to invite Members to an Informal Meeting at the level of Heads of Delegations on **Friday, 18 September at 11 a.m.** in the Council Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow me, accompanied by the Facilitators in the appointment process — the Chair of the Dispute Settlement Body, Amb. Castillo (Honduras) and the Chair of the Trade Policy Review Body, Amb. Aspelund (Iceland) — to report to the membership on the outcome of the first round of consultations, as required under the Procedures.

At our meeting on Friday, I will also announce the date of the start of the second round of consultations, and a communication will be issued shortly after the meeting.

The conditions for in-person and remote participation at the HODs meeting on Friday are the same as those applied to the General Council meeting and Informal Heads of Delegation meetings held in July.