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Geneva Group's Congratulatory Message

on the 45th Anniversary of the OACPS

On behalf of the Geneva Group of Ambassadors representing Members of the OACPS, I join the OACPS family in its celebrations of its 45th Anniversary. We also wish to commend Member States and the Secretariat for the unity of purpose, solidarity and resolve that has sustained the organization, in an ever - changing global context. The OACPS has remained alive to the need for strategic changes to its operations and outreach, leading to the adoption of its current name and its transformation into an International Organization.

The OACPS has demonstrated its resilience, dynamism and competence in providing a platform for cooperation among its Members, leading to, *inter alia*, the articulation of common positions on issues of mutual interest in often complicated multilateral processes, including in the World Trade Organization. In Geneva, our Group has capitalized on its numeric strength and has evolved into a formidable and influential partner on a variety of trade-issues, especially in the ongoing WTO negotiations.

The 45th Anniversary of the OACPS comes at a time of unprecedented challenges in its operations, including the framework which is being established to assist its Membership to rebound from exogenous shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic. We have previously navigated similar challenges successfully, which illustrates that the Organization is fit for purpose.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are not just celebrating the Organization. We are celebrating a family that has grown strong despite the odds. In that regard, our Group in Geneva will continue to contribute to the OACPS's facilitation of its Members' quest for economic, social and political development.

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