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The following communication, dated 5 September 2003, has been received by the Director-General from H.E. Mr Luis Ernesto Derbez Bautista, Chairman of the Fifth Ministerial Conference, with the request that it be circulated to Members.

As we are all aware, the Fifth Ministerial Conference will require major substantive efforts on the part of all WTO Members in order to achieve the objectives set in Doha and maintain our negotiating momentum.

I have decided to ask the following six Ministers to assist me, in the capacity of Friends of the Chair of the Ministerial Conference, in the conduct of the substantive proceedings:

- H.E. Mr George Yeo Yong-Bon (Singapore)
- H.E. Mr Henry Tang Ying-yen (Hong Kong, China)
- H.E. Mr Mukhisa Kituyi (Kenya)
- H.E. Mr Roberto Lavagna (Argentina)
- H.E. Mr Pierre Pettigrew (Canada)
- H.E. Mr Clement Rohee (Guyana)

My expectation is that the work of the Ministerial Conference will focus primarily on the following four areas: (i) agriculture; (ii) non-agricultural market access; (iii) the Singapore issues; and (iv) development issues.
