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Mr Roberto Azevêdo  
Director-General

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Dear Director-General,

Regarding recent media articles, we have deep concerns about the breach of confidentiality and the misrepresentations disseminated about meetings between Appellate Body Members and the Director-General.

We reject any insinuations about the competence and neutrality of the Director of the Appellate Body Secretariat and we have full confidence in his professional qualities.

We disagree completely with these media reports and hope that measures will be taken to refute this misinformation.

We are copying this letter to the Chair of the Dispute Settlement Body with the hope that he will transmit this information to WTO Members.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ujal Singh Bhatia in black ink.

Ujal Singh Bhatia

Handwritten signature of Shree B. C. Servansing in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Hong Zhao in black ink, written in Chinese characters.

Hong Zhao

Cc: Dr. David Walker, Chair,  
Dispute Settlement Body