

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, there were important signs of flexibility on a number of issues, and these will be carried over immediately to our negotiators in Geneva. The time remaining to complete these negotiations is very short, and we recognized that the tough, political decisions are now upon us.

There is a determination among APEC countries to continue to work together on the full range of issues, in Geneva and in Brussels. APEC countries stand for a comprehensive, substantive outcome to the negotiations. On behalf of my APEC colleagues, I urge all other MTN participants to bring a similar dedication and full commitment to the final stage of the negotiations.

APEC represents a wide range of countries with different interests and priorities. Nevertheless, I believe this meeting has shown that we can turn even this diversity to our advantage by hard work and the willingness to show how compromise is possible. The results of this meeting show that APEC countries are leading by example in the MTN.