Trade and investment liberalization is essential for global growth. There is a role for the G7 this year on helping to build an international consensus on the launch of a new trade round at the 4^{th} WTO Ministerial this fall in Doha.

Certainly a Quad agreement on an agenda for such a round is a pre-requisite to success.

But we recognize that engaging broad support of developing countries is also vital and for that reason we will be looking at ways in which we might strengthen trade related technical assistance and other instruments, including improved market access for the least developed countries, to ensure that trade serves as a stimulus for growth and poverty reduction.