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I find the initiative of launching the World Trade University a very welcome development, and I was pleased in a panel in this regard that was held on the sidelines of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LCD III) in Brussels earlier this year.

We in the Group 77 view the University as an institution with substantial potential for assistance to the cooperation with developing countries. Its activities can certainly help the developing countries in a wide range of trade-related areas, particularly in strengthening the negotiating capacity for multilateral processes in these countries. It can as well assist the developing world in the overall South-South cooperation, which is critical to the long-term development of South, and is very much cherished by developing countries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bagher Asadi".

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