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While a compromise deal was reached in the Bali MC, concluding the Round successfully remains a demanding task as serious discrepancies exist between the developed and DCs on contentious issues such as market access and agricultural subsidies.<sup>240</sup> The onus is on all the Members to ensure that the DDA closes successfully.

All in all, the successful ratification of the Bali Accord in 2013 and the Protocol of Amendment to insert the TFA into the WTO Agreement in 2014 is a valuable evidence that the DDA has moved past its unflattering stalemate stage. Therefore, it does not seem accurate anymore to use expressions such as ‘deadlock’, ‘impasse’, ‘stalemate’ ‘standstill’ and so forth to qualify the Doha Round, as they do not truly reflect the *status quo* brought about by the unwavering political will that culminated with the first Agreement since the inception of the WTO in 1995.



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