Recalling that the BRICS countries have committed in the *Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership 2025* to enhancing supply chain connectivity through identifying bottlenecks in regional supply chains so as to ensure more efficient operation of supply chains; Reiterating that maintaining the openness, efficiency, stability and resilience of the global and regional supply chains is crucial in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and boosting international trade and investment; Stressing that emerging market economies and developing countries as well as their MSMEs are among the most vulnerable to supply chain shocks; Recognizing that the travel and logistics restrictions related to the pandemic, coupled with protectionist and unilateral measures, particularly WTO-inconsistent ones that undermine the multilateral trading system, have severely impacted supply chains both at regional and global levels; Bearing in mind that trade in services is a key engine for the post-pandemic recovery of international trade, as well as an important path for countries to move up to the higher value-added end of supply chains; Acknowledging and respecting the differences among the BRICS countries in development stages and strategies, as well as circumstances and priorities; Recognizing the importance of upgrading and diversifying national and regional production for economic resilience. In light of the above, the BRICS countries agree to carry out cooperation in the following areas:

1. Support inclusive and rules-based multilateral trading system and
encourage WTO members to refrain from taking protectionist and unilateral measures. Endeavour to roll back trade-restrictive measures related to the pandemic and prevent the application of unnecessary barriers to trade in essential products and medical supplies. Strengthen BRICS cooperation in the international trade negotiations and discussions, as appropriate.

2. Call on all WTO members to ensure that all COVID-19 trade related measures are targeted, proportionate, transparent and temporary, and avoid creating unnecessary barriers to trade or disrupting global supply chains.

3. Strengthen investment cooperation that is conducive to supply chain stability, diversification and resilience, including developing economic, trade and supply chain cooperation.

4. Strengthen information sharing by exchanges and dialogues on the COVID-19 vaccine and conduct pragmatic cooperation. Jointly support the WTO to reach a decision on the scope of flexibilities contained in the TRIPS Wavier Proposal with the aim of bridging the gap of vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics for the prevention, treatment and containment of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Support efforts to upgrade and diversify national and regional production for resilience.

6. Facilitate the operation of supply chains among the BRICS countries by timely implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). Strengthen exchanges and cooperation in areas such as simplifying and streamlining customs procedures, improving international logistics efficiency and enhancing connectivity. Continue CGETI discussions on trade under-invoicing and mispricing on the basis of capacity building workshop outcome report of the customs officials.

7. Strengthen exchanges and cooperation on trade in services. Facilitate trade in services in areas of interest to BRICS members.
and to address barriers to trade in services including new barriers arising in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Strengthen engagement of BRICS national focal points, as established in the BRICS Framework for Cooperation on Trade in Services, with the BRICS Business Council, to facilitate cooperation activities among the governmental entities, industry associations, businesses and academia on areas such as business opportunity matchmaking, capacity building, service trade statistics, professional and relevant business services with the aim to promote implementation of BRICS Trade in Services Cooperation Roadmap and relevant documents including the BRICS Framework for cooperation in Professional Services. We take note of the proposal of the Presidency to establish the BRICS Trade in Services Network (BTSN) and will continue discussions.

8. Give full consideration to the challenges faced by MSMEs, and provide policy support and capacity building to facilitate value addition by MSMEs and their integration into the global and regional supply chains.


10. Encourage sharing best practices and case studies regarding the supply chains, especially the measures that can be taken to boost the production and trade of essential goods and services.

11. Explore sharing information on shipping among BRICS countries on a voluntary basis to improve shipping efficiency and reduce logistics costs while complying respective domestic laws and regulations and protecting commercial information confidentiality. Explore possibilities of cooperation on improving the development and operational efficiency of ports and other logistics infrastructures on a voluntary basis.
12. Continue to explore and enrich cooperation by jointly identifying other fields and initiatives for cooperation. Encourage cooperation among BRICS countries to enhance the interconnectivity of supply chains and promote trade and investment flows.