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USTR Robert Lighthizer on the Joint Statement on Electronic Commerce

Buenos Aires, Argentina – U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer today issued the following statement on the Joint Statement on Electronic Commerce agreed and issued by 70 countries at the 11th Ministerial Conference (MC11) of the World Trade Organization (WTO):

“The United States is pleased to partner with 70 WTO Members to initiate exploratory work on negotiations on electronic commerce issues in the WTO. The digital economy serves as a critical engine of domestic and global economic growth, and all countries would benefit from the development of strong, market-based rules in this area. The launch of this initiative marks a significant milestone, with a large group of countries now working together to move forward in this important area within the WTO. Initiatives like this among like-minded countries offer a positive way forward for the WTO in the future.”

[Text of Joint Statement on Electronic Commerce at MC11](#)

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