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Thank you Chair for the opportunity to address on this important event, I congratulate you for taking on your role as a Chair of the 57th session of the Joint Advisory Group.

Madame. Chair,
Madame. Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala,
Madame. Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan,
Madame Executive-Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mongolia commends the International Trade Centre (ITC) for its valuable contribution in supporting micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises around the globe with its proactive and solution-oriented approach, especially in these times of socio-economic uncertainty in the post-pandemic period.

I would like to commend the work of ITC's Independent Evaluation Unit for its forthright and cohesive annual evaluation Synthesis Report, in which, share us the key conclusions and lessons drawn in executing complex often multifaceted tasks of the ITC.

Mongolia equally sees the importance of active involvement of the project teams on the ground, as a crucial importance in ITC project implementation, as it was concluded in the annual evaluation Synthesis Report on ITC project effectiveness.

Excellencies,

For Mongolia-ITC cooperation, the year 2023 marked new opportunities and deepened engagements.

Last June, Mongolia hosted the 20th edition of ITC's annual flagship event, the World Export Development Forum, in Ulaanbaatar, under the theme of "Diversify with Green Trade: Organic, Digital, Sustainable". And in this first post-COVID conference, over 600 businesses, governments, NGOs, women and youth from 70 countries came to Ulaanbaatar to talk trade, do business and drive development.

The B2B sessions of the forum generated 4.5 million U.S dollars in potential trade and investment leads.

The issue of landlocked developing countries was high in the forum's agenda, with the participation of High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States as well as with the participation of the International Think Tank for Landlocked developing countries in the forum, Mongolia moved the discussions forward to feed in the LLDC Conference in Rwanda next year.

During the forum, Mongolia's SheTrades Hub with National Chamber of Commerce and Industry was launched and a workshop to design Mongolia's National Export Strategy was held to identify the priorities for a 5-year export diversification action plan with and for the public and private sectors.

Madame chair,

Using this opportunity, I would like to express Mongolia's heartfelt appreciation to the donor community for enabling the ITC to deliver its technical assistances, capacity building and innovative analysis which fits to the specific developmental needs of each partnering country.

I particularly would like to thank Madame Executive-Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton, as well as Madame Deputy Executive Director Dorothy Tembo and the entire team of ITC for their hard work and dedication in developing trade, empowering women, and youth in the developing world, especially, in this time where MSMEs around the globe are most challenged.

Mongolia looks forward to another proactive year until the next Joint Advisory Meeting, through deepened engagement with the ITC.

I thank you for your kind attention.
