Solomon Islands Statement on 46th Session of the Joint Advisory Group of ITC, Delivered by H.E., Mar. Moses Mose, Permanent representative of Solomon Islands to UN Organisations in Geneva, Other international Organisations and the WTO, Monday 21st May 2012

Thank you Mr. Chairman
I join other delegations in congratulating you for presiding over this 46th Session of the Joint Advisory Group.

Firstly, Mr Chairman, I wish to thank the ITC for inviting Solomon Islands to this meeting. ITC’s work in promoting SMEs export capacity, particularly in the LDCs, to take advantage of the global markets is very encouraging in deed. A number of delegations that have spoken before me have testified of how ITC was and is very instrumental in building the export capacity of the SMEs in their respective regions or countries. My delegation would like to congratulate ITC in this tremendous work so far.

On that note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our traditional bilateral donor partners especially Australia who in the recent past has committed resources to the ITC in assisting two Pacific Island countries, namely, Vanuatu and Samoa in their accession process to the WTO.

Having said that, as one of the small island LDCs in the Pacific, Solomon Islands would like to encourage ITC to increase its visibility in the Pacific region, especially at the national level.

Solomon Islands would like to encourage the ITC to collaborate with other partners in ensuring the effective implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action within the areas of its core mandate in the Island countries of the Pacific.

With this few remarks I thank you Chair.