Sweden statement at the Jag meeting

Thank you Madam Chair,

Sweden would like to thank the ITC for reporting on its valuable work during 2012 in support of developing countries seeking to reap the benefits of trade through private sector development.

Sweden would like to echo others in thanking Ms. Francis for her tireless work in making ITC more efficient, effective, and relevant.

The change management “evolution” - to use her own term - she started has allowed ITC to come a long way in implementing results based management. In the competition for scarce donor resources, organisations that are able to accurately report outcome and impact have a distinct advantage.

For Sweden, measuring results of ITC’s work in the areas of, the environment, youth, and gender, are of particular importance. Sweden is a firm believer in the value of investment in women, in this light we are pleased with the ongoing implementation of ITC’s gender mainstreaming policy. We would also like to encourage ITC to continue to focus on the least developed countries.

Sweden, through Sida, is a long time major donor to ITC. We have every intention of continuing this engagement. Being window 1 donors, we look forward to continue to explore how these unearmarked funds can be put to best use.

To conclude, and to quote DG Lamy, we want to see “ITC continue what it is already doing, and doing it even better”.

Thank you madam chair