Subject: Meeting of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre,
Fifty-first session

1. The fifty-first annual meeting of the Joint Advisory Group of the International Trade Centre will be held on 10 July 2017 at the World Trade Organization, in Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. in room S1.

2. The Joint Advisory Group will examine the activities of the International Trade Centre and make recommendations to the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD and the General Council of the World Trade Organization. Discussions will focus on the activities of the International Trade Centre in 2016 as contained in its Annual Report 2016 and on the activities and achievements during the first half of 2017. The meeting will also discuss the continued implementation of the recommendations of the independent evaluation of the International Trade Centre, as well as its annual evaluation synthesis report.

3. The Group will have before it the following documentation for its consideration:

   (a) Provisional agenda for the session (ITC/AG(LI)/265)
   (b) Annual report on the activities of the International Trade Centre in 2016 (ITC/AG(LI)/266).

   These documents will be distributed in the coming weeks.

4. Governments of member States of UNCTAD and members of the World Trade Organization are invited to send representatives to this meeting. It is recommended that the representation be at the level of Ambassador or Senior Official.

5. The meeting is open to United Nations specialized agencies and bodies, and to other intergovernmental organizations with observer status as well as to relevant non-governmental organizations.

6. It is requested that the names of representatives to the Joint Advisory Group meeting be communicated to the International Trade Centre, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, by e-mail (jag@intracen.org), by 23 June 2017.