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**STATEMENT BY H.E MAIMUNA K. TARISHI, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF JOINT ADVISORY GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE ON 20 JULY 2023**

Thank you, Madam Chair,

1. I would like to begin by expressing our appreciations to the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC) Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton for her able leadership at the centre. On the same note, I would like thank ITC secretariat for the 2023 Annual Evaluation Synthesis Report which is comprehensive and commendably made available in time.
2. We recognise the important role being played by ITC to support institutions and enterprises from developing countries to be able to take advantage of opportunities arising from bilateral, regional and WTO multilateral trade arrangements and agreements as a core function from its establishment.
3. My delegation is satisfied with the details, analysis and judgement of the report therein especially in terms of the relevance, coherence and impact of ITC's projects in beneficiary countries.
4. We welcome the collaboration and partnership of ITC with other actors including UN agencies and respective beneficiary Governments and local institutions in implementing various projects which complements each other's

strengths and hence maximizing synergies. This approach has been proven to be more effective and resource efficient.

5. We have noted with great interest that ITC has continued to prioritize youth and women in projects implementation hence supporting members efforts to effectively promote equality and economic empowerment for youth and women through skills enhancement and employment.

6. We would like recommend that for ITC to remain relevant and effective to its mandate, it should continue to align its projects to the beneficiaries' priorities as that will ensure their sustainability beyond implementation period.

7. My delegation remains grateful to ITC for the projects implemented so far in the United Republic of Tanzania and wishes to thank donors for their financial contributions as it would be impossible without such resources. We will soon be reaching out to ITC to discuss further areas of cooperation in this regard.

8. As I conclude, let me once again thank Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton for her enlightening remarks addressed this morning which is adhesive to the centre's commitment to continue to serve the membership with high quality.

I thank you Madam Chair.