STATEMENT BY JORDAN

TO THE JAG MEETING

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Director of Economic Bureau
Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to present my statement in English,

Mr. Chairman,

Ahead of me a sign, states that ITC is 100% an aid for trade, Jordan fully believes in that and the 2011 operations as presented by the DDG combined with the professional allocation of the budget to respond to the requests of the countries proves that ITC, keep it up.

Mr. Chairman,

Since many on the podium spoke about the Arab region including your good self in addition to a representative of a donor country, allow me as a representative of an Arab Country and as a recipient of the assistance through the Enhancing Arab Capacity for Trade (EnACT) programme to speak of some details related to the program, though in a kind of general nature as requested by the Chair.

Mr. Chairman,

Jordan would like to extend its warm gratitude for the Government of Canada for funding the EnACT program from which Jordan is a beneficiary, and would like to extend the appreciation to the ITC for implementing it. International trade is of great importance and priority in Jordan’s development process, it contributes significantly to Jordan’s economic growth.

The implementation of the EnACT program started early 2010 with many activities that Jordan appreciates in areas related to export capacity, and received great attention from national stakeholders. Nonetheless, we have witnessed a slowdown in the implementation
this year, and we would like to see more interactive role to better achieve the objectives of this program.

ITC is kindly requested to start intensifying work on important areas under the work plan of 2010 and the work plan of 2011, especially the capacity building for the newly established trade observatory, the component on packaging, and the component related to mainstreaming gender and youth in trade.

Mr. Chairman,

For the sake of saving time, there are couple of technical issues related to the program which will be discussed with ITC secretariat bilaterally.