UK Statement at the ITC JAG – WTO - 1 July 2011

1. Thank you Chair. I will be brief.

2. The UK Mission would like to extend its heartfelt condolences to the Executive Director Patricia Francis and her family, in these difficult times.

3. With regards to ITC’s Annual Report 2010, we welcome Mr Jean Marie Paugman’s update on ITC’s achievements to date. Thank you for sending this high quality annual report and other JAG documents ahead of time.

4. I would like to echo the comments made by my Canadian, Swedish, German and Danish colleagues. The UK continues to be impressed with ITC’s performance. In a recent internal review, 3 ITC projects funded by the UK were assessed as performing well and likely to achieve their ultimate objectives. These projects are in place,

   • to support the implementation of ITC’s gender and trade strategy, and to mainstream gender in ITC’s activities.
   • for the implementation of data collation and dissemination work on non-tariff measures to help trade policy makers in developing countries; and,
   • support for the organisational strengthening and reform of the ITC.

5. The ITC Trade and Gender project has made good strides in the last few months, with production of an ITC Gender Action Plan. We noted also some examples of progress in mainstreaming gender in ITC’s field work. For example in Uganda an export strategy was developed with a gender focus. In Cameron the National Coffee Sector Strategy was amended to strengthen outreach to women involved in the Coffee sector.

6. The Non-Tariff measures data collation and dissemination work has made good progress too. We noted that progress is being made to complete NTM country surveys in 16 countries. A web application on NTM for global dissemination is underway.

7. We also noted the progress ITC is making in terms of strengthening its organisation, despite the challenges of making change. Of particular importance to the UK is the work underway to embed Results Based Management. We fully support ITC’s efforts in this area and we are more than happy to share our experiences of improving Monitoring and Evaluation.

THANK YOU

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