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Madame Chair,
Madame Executive-Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton,
Madame Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan,
Madame Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala,
Excellencies, distinguished participants and colleagues.

Thank you for giving me the floor. At the outset, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, Madame Chair, on assuming the position of Chair of the Joint Advisory Group's 58th session.

Seizing this moment, on behalf of the Government of Mongolia and in my own name, I would like to extend sincere congratulations on the 60th anniversary of the International Trade Centre (ITC).

This milestone acknowledges the untiring efforts of successive generations of ITC's staff who have dedicatedly served the ITC over the last 60 years. I would like to recognize that over the past 60 years, the ITC team and its partners have made great strides in championing an economically beneficial, socially responsible, gender-responsive, and environmentally conscious trade environment.

Excellencies,

Last year, Mongolia had the privilege of hosting ITC's flagship event, the World Export Development Forum, under the theme "Diversify with Green Trade: Organic, Digital, Sustainable." During the forum, Mongolia's SheTrades Hub, in collaboration with the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was launched, and the Hub has rapidly become one of the most active, driving forward the agenda of women's economic empowerment and entrepreneurship.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express Mongolia's deep appreciation to the donors for allowing the ITC to provide technical assistance, capacity building, and creative analysis tailored to the unique developmental requirements of each partner nation.

Dear colleagues,

According to the World Economic Forum's "Global Gender Gap Report 2023, women won't attain parity with men for another 131 years. I believe that ITC is playing a crucial role in efforts to close the global gender gap with its Gender Moonshot Initiative, which tackles the root causes of persistent inequalities in trade.

Furthermore, I wish to commend Madame Executive Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton for launching the Gender-Responsive Public Procurement global campaign at the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2024. Through this campaign, ITC will undoubtedly help bring the world closer to achieving SDG 5 on gender equality.

Distinguished participants,

MSMEs make significant contributions to economic growth and sustainable development worldwide. Globally, MSMEs represent about 90% of businesses, 60 to 70% of employment, and 50% of GDP worldwide. As the only international organization fully dedicated to supporting the competitiveness of MSMEs, I strongly believe that ITC's role will remain vital in the coming years in shaping innovative solutions to the challenges of international trade and driving forward sustainable, inclusive growth and shared prosperity.

Thank you.