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**Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre
Fifty-third session
Geneva, 2 July 2019**

1. The fifty-third annual session of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre will be held on 2 July 2019 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 2018 as contained in its *Annual Report 2018* and on activities and achievements during the first half of 2019. The Group will also discuss the annual evaluation synthesis report of the International Trade Centre.
3. The Group will have before it the following documentation for its consideration:
 - Provisional agenda for the session (ITC/AG(LIII)/273)
 - Annual report on the activities of the International Trade Centre in 2018 (ITC/AG(LIII)/274).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 session. It is recommended that this representation be at the level of ambassador or senior official.
5. The session 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 attend the Joint Advisory Group session be communicated to the International Trade Centre, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, by email (jag@intracen.org) by **18 June 2019**.

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