

Cambodia's statement to 50th of JAG of ITC

Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation wishes to congratulate you for assuming the role as the chair of this joint advisory group. We thank to the outgoing chair for her successful works. My delegation also thanks to all speakers especially thanks and congratulates to Ms. Arancha Gonzalez for her able leadership to achieve all works as mentioned in her comprehensive opening remarks this morning.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by Ambassador of Benin on behalf of LDCs.

ITC has been providing trade-related technical assistance to Cambodia since many years in key areas such as set-up the country's Trade SWAp, gender equity, standards, market research, export strategies, non-tariff measures and value chain development.

ITC has also been supporting the Cambodian silk sector since 2005 with financial support from various donors and the EIF. The silk sector has been creating jobs, particular empowerment the women in the rural communities. Since the project's launch in October 2012, 11 companies have received training and customized coaching on product and market development. As result, the sales increased by 40% and the number of buyers increased by 85%.

Cambodia therefore wishes to continue and deepen its partnership with ITC to deliver trade related technical assistance, capacity building and market intelligence to SMEs.

Furthermore, Cambodia requires ITC to continue their supports for implementing the ongoing projects in the areas of know-how to achieve country's Aid for Trade Strategy 2016-2020, particularly in trade facilitation, trade promotion, private sector development, and value chains strengthening.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, My delegation wishes to express our sincere thanks to all development partners and ITC team for their productive works and supports. We encourage them to increase their contributions and supports to ITC to enable it to help us to leave many millions of people out of poverty.

I thank you