

STATEMENT GUATEMALA
JOINT ADVISORY BOARD ITC

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank ITC for the preparation of the annual report of 2017 and for publishing and distributing the report in a timely manner.

We would like to communicate our appreciation for the inclusion and emphasis of the implementation of the SDGs in all ITC technical assistance work, which is already a contribution for their implementation in the beneficiary countries.

As Members of the Group of Friends of MSMEs, Guatemala would like to highlight the active participation of ITC and their contribution for the advancement of this work in order to enhance the participation of MSMEs in the world trade.

We congratulate ITC for their leadership in the collective declaration of trade and empowerment of women achieved at the Ministerial Conference in Argentina. We hope that the implementation of this declaration may bring light on the best practices and experiences on empowering women and making trade more inclusive. On this topic, ITC is currently working in a program for the empowerment of women in the Central American region, which has enhanced the opportunities for the women owned companies to participate in exports.

The report shows that priority has been given to countries in need, and we encourage ITC to continue focusing in their target groups, such as Small and Vulnerable Economies.

In would like to finalize my intervention by thanking in particular the boarder development project that ITC is working with Guatemala, which will contribute to the better flow of goods with neighboring countries and facilitate the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.