Mme. Chair,

We would like to start by thanking the WTO and the UNCTAD for organizing the Joint Advisory Group Meeting to examine the activities of the International Trade Centre, and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton for her appointment as the Executive-Director of the ITC.

The ITC continues to play an important role in better integrating developing and least developed countries in the world economy and this is reflected in the number of programs and size of funds managed by the ITC for the benefit of developing countries in 2019, we would like to thank the donors for their contributions and commitment. In 2020, most of the economies are facing tough times due to the Covid-19 pandemic and thus new assistance programs are needed to help economies to overcome such crisis.

Jordan commends the ITC for its work and appreciates the cooperation and support provided through the technical assistance programs namely the MENATEX project which aims at improving the international competitiveness of the textile and clothing sector in Jordan in addition to the support related to trade facilitation and the Euromed trade and investment facilitation mechanism, and we look forward for future fruitful cooperation with the ITC.

Thank you Mme. Chair