

Statement by Mongolia, ITC JAG 2018

Thank you Chair for the opportunity to make some brief comments on behalf of Mongolian Delegation. Allow me to join others in congratulating you for taking on your role as Chair of the 52<sup>nd</sup> session of the Joint Advisory Group.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to Executive Director Ms. Arancha Gonzalez and her team for their good work over the past year.

Mongolia has been maintaining excellent working relations with the ITC since the very beginning of its transition to a market economy in the early 1990s. Over the past two decades we have successfully partnered with the ITC within the framework of several projects in areas of trade promotion and SME's development. As most recent example, we have launched joint initiative on the development of the National Export Strategy of Mongolia.

Taking this opportunity, Mongolia would like to thank the ITC for providing continued support to developing countries, in particular recognizing the special needs of landlocked developing countries, small and vulnerable economies through its technical assistance programs, aimed at expanding their participation in global economy. Here, we would wish to extend our thanks to donor community for their valuable support that enables ITC to deliver trade impact for good.

Mongolia appreciates ITC's initiatives on MSMEs as well as on e-commerce and women's economic empowerment. We look forward to deepen our engagement with the ITC on those initiatives and work closely on future projects such as development of the National export strategy, export diversification and trade facilitation.

I thank you for your attention.