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**Statement by Delegate of Mozambique on behalf of H. E. Ambassador
Pedro Comissário, Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Mozambique to the United Nations and Other International
Organizations in Geneva at the Joint Trade Advisory Group Meeting
ITC, 10th JULY 2017.**

Mme Chairperson

At the outset, my delegation feels honoured to be participating in this meeting of the Joint Advisory Group of the ITC. We congratulate you on your election to steer the proceedings of this meeting, and thank very much HE Ambassador of Ethiopia for the work done during his mandate.

We equally congratulate the ITC Executive Directorate and the entire ITC Team for the valuable work that has for long years been undertaken, in providing technical cooperation and assistance activities in favour of our countries, in facing our challenges towards more prosperous economic situation of most of the developing countries mostly, SVE's and landlocked countries, and the least developed countries, to which Mozambique is part.

We thank the Executive Director for the comprehensive report on the progress made on ITC activities, economic situation and ITC perspectives.

Mozambique has been one of the beneficiaries of the ITC technical and capacity building activities.

The assistance was delivered through the Export Promotion Institute – IPEX, and the Institute for Small and Medium Enterprises – IPEME; having resulted on assistance to trade policy design, creative industries strategy design, support to small and medium enterprises, that produced substantive results, in benefit of policies development, small and medium enterprise development, tourism and creative industries development aiming at increasing production, export development and diversification.

Currently, we are one of the countries benefitting from the Partnership for Development Program – PIGA, and our expectation is to see substantive progress and benefit from more and more ITC technical assistance.

Despite the challenges faced, mainly related to limited financial availability, ITC has always been playing a crucial role in struggling to help our countries, in the efforts aiming to develop capacity in various areas for increasing production, strengthening the small and medium enterprises, women and youth support, in view to an increased participation in the regional and global markets.

Positive results have been being achieved, thanks to partner's contributions in conjunction with the high level of expertise ITC delivers, thus, contributing to creating a better future for our communities and peoples.

In view to better face the challenges posed by the continuous demand we have been placing to ITC, through the increasingly huge requests addressed to this organization, and at the same time encouraged by the positive results continuously achieved, Mozambique would like to highly appreciate the contributions that donor and partner countries have been availed.

We urge partners to increasingly allocate financial resources so as to enable ITC cope with the various demands continuously being posed to the International Trade Centre in view to provide more assistance and technical capacity to our countries.

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude to all donors for the valuable contributions which have continuously provided opportunities to our countries to be assisted.

To conclude, we wish very fruitful deliberations and success to ITC Family.

Thank you all for your kind attention

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