

## **Oman Statement in the JAG ITC Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in WTO**

Thank you, madam Chair. Please allow me at the outset to firstly congratulate ITC on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and wish ITC all the success. I would also like to congratulate you, madam Chair, for your appointment as a chair for the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the JAG, and thank Arancha and her team for the good organization of this meeting.

Oman enjoys good relations with ITC, and we have good cooperation in a number of projects and areas. ITC is also working closely with the Arab Group as was mentioned by Jordan. And in this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to thank ITC for their interest and support for the work of the Arab Group, especially the technical support team for the Arab Group in WTO under the Aid for Trade Initiative for the Arab Countries.

We would also like to thank ITC for their work and cooperation with Oman in strengthening SMEs in Oman, and strengthening Oman's Trade Support Institutions which Oman has recently requested. Oman was also one of the beneficiaries of the roundtable discussion on NTMs that was organized by ITC in Tunisia end of April.

In this regard I would like to express our appreciation to ITC especially the Arab Bureau for their active role in the Arab region and looking forward for further collaboration with ITC in the near future.

As for the evaluation report, I would like to support Arancha's proposal to meet again towards the end of this year to collectively review and report on the responses to the recommendations of the ITC evaluation report. You can now switch to channel 6 because I'll speak in Arabic.

انا متأكدة بأن زملائي من الدول العربية غير مدركين بوجود اللغة العربية في منظمة التجارة العالمية ولو أدركوا لتحذثوا هم ايضا باللغة العربية. وفي هذا الإطار أود أن أشكر مركز التجارة الدولية على توفير اللغة العربية في المركز للدول العربية، وكذلك توفير بعض الوثائق باللغة العربية مما يسهل على عواصمنا ومسؤولينا التواصل مع مركز التجارة الدولية؛ ويخفف علينا عبئ ترجمة الوثائق إلى اللغة العربية. نتمنى أن يستمر مركز التجارة الدولية في جهوده بتوفير الوثائق باللغة العربية، وكذلك توفير اللغة العربية في أعماله اليومية. شكراً لكم وتمنياتنا لكم بالتوفيق.