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**Statement by Pakistan**

Thank you, Chair

Pakistan would like to congratulate the ITC, Madame Aranxa Gonzalez and her team for their excellent work and the report. Chair, Pakistan shares a long history of productive association and cooperation with the ITC. We take this opportunity to once again, appreciate the positive contribution of ITC in providing technical assistance and opportunities for capacity building to Pakistan. The Trade Related Technical Assistance projects and most recently the Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP) project are but a few examples of such assistance.

GRASP, which begins its implementation this year, is a significant project spanning almost 6 years and has a generous allocation of funds. It is designed to reduce poverty in Pakistan by strengthening small-scale agri-businesses in the horticulture and livestock sectors. The project aims to contribute strongly towards development of agriculture value chains.

We are thankful to the ITC and also the European Union for their generous funding and support for technical assistance provided to Pakistan and look forward to even closer cooperation in the future.

Thank you Chair!