

Yemen statement

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Thank you very much Madam Chair for giving Yemen delegation the opportunity to first welcome your Excellency as the 48th. JAG session chairperson, and to congratulate ITC on its 50th. anniversary. We wish ITC another successful 50 years and well beyond. Second, to also associate my delegation with the Arab Group statement delivered by H.E. the Ambassador of Jordan.

ITC-Yemen cooperation has been increasing over the years, most recently and noticeably on technical assistance and coordination in respect of Yemen accession to WTO. Yemen is due to become WTO 160 Member in two weeks time. Thanks go to many Yemen friends, including ITC, who made this enterprise possible. My delegation, therefore, commends similar cooperation with other fellow acceding LDCs. We equally look forward to cooperate on other post-accession activities of relevance to Yemen economic and trade development.

To enable ITC to continue providing its first class technical assistance, my delegation calls upon the continuation of generous funding for ITC programs, which in turn shall be transformed into real life aid for trade projects all over developing countries and in particular LDCs as the case of Yemen. We look forward to enhancing Yemen small and medium enterprises' capacities that constitute the bulk of the country economic scene.

Last, I would like to thank Mr. Wood, Saana Consulting representative, for briefing this meeting on ITC evaluation report and recommendations. My delegation is confident that ITC able management shall be in excellent position to make real life responses in the coming days and weeks and we anticipate witnessing concrete steps towards that end. ITC Executive Director has wisely indicated some positive initial responses on the evaluation report, with a view to review the situation by end of this year. My delegation is looking forward to seeing the fruitful results of this process.

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