

Algeria's Statement at 54th Session of the Joint Advisory Group
of the International Trade Centre

Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to congratulate you Ambassador Molokomme for your election as the chair of the 54th JAG's session. I'd like to thank also Ambassador Kauppi, the outgoing chair of the JAG of her endeavour.

I would like also to extend my congratulations to Madam Pamela Coke-Hamilton for appointment as the new Executive Director of ITC and wish the very best in her endeavour.

Madam Chair,

My delegation highly appreciates the work of ITC during the previous year. The pandemic and its disastrous consequences on the global economy, particularly on micro, small and medium enterprises, mean that ITC's mandate is more relevant than ever in view of the daunting challenges facing developing countries and their enterprises to get out of the current economic crisis.

I would like also to congratulate ITC's management and its staff for the excellent results achieved during the last year. I call on international donors to continue their financial support to ITC despite the global economic crisis we're facing.

Madam Chair,

As one of the most dependent commodity countries in the world, specifically to hydrocarbon exports, the Government of Algeria is resolutely committed to get out of this trap through an ambitious modernization programme of the national economy that stresses, among other things, on the following elements:

- improving the business environment;
- the development of industrial sectors through strategic planning and institutional capacity building;
- exports diversification and exports promotion;
- accelerating energy and digital transitions of the national economy;
- the development of youth entrepreneurship through multiple mechanisms, including the adoption of incentives for startups creation and development.

Madam Chair,

Unlike other countries in North Africa, there's no ITC project in Algeria for the time being. The aforementioned priorities of my government are fully compatible with ITC's mandate. Therefore, they represent so many opportunities to launch common bilateral projects in Algeria in the incoming years.

Before closing, I would like to thank sincerely ITC experts for their precious collaboration with national experts on the development of Algeria's National non-Hydrocarbon Exports Strategy 2019 – 2023. and look forward