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Thank you very much Chair for giving us the Floor

Mme Chairperson,  
HE Secretary General of UNCTAD, HE DDG of the WTO - AGAH  
Mme Executive Director of the ITC  
Excellencies, Dear Development Partners, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We feel honored to participate in 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the ITC Joint Advisory Group

Mozambique Delegation would like to congratulate you Mme Chair on your election to preside this session, and wish you success. To HE Ambassador of Finland, the Outgoing Chair, we thank and appreciate very much for the successful work done.

We would like to use this opportunity to reiterate our congratulations to the new Executive Director Mme. Pamela, Cook Hamilton, on her assumption of the function of Executive Director as this is the 1<sup>st</sup> JAG meeting she is participating in her new role as Executive Director.

We thank the Secretary General of UNCTAD as well as DDG Agah for their interventions and statements.

To the Deputy Executive Director Dorothy Tembo and the entire ITC Team who, in an able manner could ensure a smooth transition between the former and the new Director, we express our recognition for the able and tireless commendable work done without disruption.

The initial part of the 2019 annual report, entitled 'Trade Impact for Good', refers to the unprecedented great challenging threat of the 21<sup>st</sup> century facing the world; ... the COVID 19 pandemic disease.

From the report, and being one of the beneficiaries of technical assistance and capacity continuously provided by ITC, we see no doubt, as the facts speak by themselves. ITC continued to deliver for good and the various

Indicators clearly show that more LDC's and Developing Countries in general, continue to benefit from the technical assistance that ITC provides in different matters and ways.

Mozambique, together with some countries is beneficiary of the Partnership for Growth Program which aims to assist to enhance diversification of products and exports and enhance transparency on the investment measures. It is also benefitting from assistance in view to diversify production and develop value chains on cotton sub-products in a joint EIF, (WTO/ITC/UNCTAD) Programme, as well as is benefitting from the and She Trades Outlook initiative aiming at assist in integrating women into trade markets as well as entrepreneurship development, these so to mention some.

The report provided presents us with a lot of valuable and factual information and this JAG Session is an opportunity for an exchange of a range of information, and, enable development partners evaluate the activities carried out thanks to the so valuable resources they have been devoting to ITC. Please, allow us to express gratitude to all our development partners for the resources allocated to ITC aiming at assisting our countries and help to advance on the Sustainable Development Goals and contribute to leave no one behind.

Challenges and needs are enormous, and, due to COVID 19, they even became tremendous. Being so, solidarity, cooperation and collective engagement may be of help. Obviously and in parallel, more technical assistance and capacity deems very crucial in this juncture in view to reinforce internal efforts that countries devote to the matter.

We urge development partners, to continue and or reinforce the needed capacity by allocating more financial resources to ITC so as to enable, to adequately respond to the continuously increasing demand faced.

We thank you all very much for the continuous support, and we also thank you all for the kind attention.

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