



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Joint Advisory Group (JAG) Secretariat of the International Trade Centre, and with reference to the latter's email message dated 2 July 2024, the Mission has the honour to send herewith the copy of the statement from South Sudan, which was made on Tuesday, 25 June 2024, at the 58th Joint Advisory Group (JAG) by Mr. Alier Deng Ruai Deng, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Sudan in Geneva.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Joint Advisory Group (JAG) Secretariat of the International Trade Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**Statement by South Sudan at the 58th annual session of the Joint Advisory
Group of the International Trade Centre (ITC)**

Thank you Chairperson.

Distinguished participants,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, allow me to first congratulate you for presiding over this 58th Annual Joint Advisory Group meeting of ITC.

Excellencies,

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The Government of South Sudan acknowledges the importance of the trade development technical assistance that the International Trade Centre (ITC) provides to its beneficiary countries globally, including to the Republic of South Sudan. We are pleased with the progress of implementation and achievements made thus far of the various projects ITC has been implementing in South Sudan, including the South Sudan Jobs Creation and Trade Development, the National Export and Investment Strategy, the economic empowerment for vulnerable communities projects and the regional Market Access Upgrade Programme that supports South Sudan focussing on the coffee, gum Arabic and leather sector.

We recognize the continued support ITC has provided to thousands of producers and traders of fruits and vegetables in the area of productive capacity building, improving compliance to food safety and quality standards as well as in business and entrepreneurship skills development. We value the support provided in promoting South Sudanese fruits and vegetables through the organization of a series trade fairs and business to business events, which were important engagements in creating markets for the local produce and producers. We also recognize the two new projects that started implementation at the beginning of this year, namely: economic empowerment for vulnerable communities project and the regional Market Access Upgrade Programme.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the European Union for providing the funding for the South Sudan Jobs Creation and Trade Development project and the Market Access Upgrade Programme. We also thank the German Development Agency, GIZ, for funding the project on economic empowerment for vulnerable communities.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The projects ITC is implementing are important initiatives in promoting socioeconomic development in South Sudan which have great impact for sustainable development. They benefit our youth and women by improving their income from production and marketing of the products targeted by the projects as well as through employment opportunities that are created along the various value chains.

Chairperson,

South Sudan supports ITC's work and its approach of supporting trade development. We therefore request development partners to continue to support ITC's work in expanding its technical assistance across Africa to build enterprise competitiveness, trade capacity as well as to contribute to regional and continental integration efforts of countries like the Republic of South Sudan.

In conclusion, **Chairperson**, we wish to congratulate Ms. Coke-Hamilton and her team for the commendable work done and achievements of the organization over the past year.

Thank you.