



PERMANENT MISSION OF PAKISTAN TO THE WTO

**Pakistan intervention
58th meeting of the Joint Advisory Group of the ITC**

Thank you Chair.
Excellencies,
Colleagues,

I welcome ITC Executive Director, Pamela Coke-Hamilton to WTO

At the outset, I wish to thank Ambassador Nadia Theodore for her chairpersonship of the 57th session and welcome and congratulate Ambassador Heng Abdalrahman Al-Muftah for chairing the 58th session.

Let me congratulate the ED and ITC staff on ITCs 60th anniversary this year and for its remarkable achievements for the year 2023. The report shared with us provides an impressive assessment of the impact of the ITC's work globally. The case studies highlighted in the report eloquently testify to ITC's success.

In this environment of increasing "cooperation void", the work of ITC underpinned by multilateral cooperation gives us hope.

As a representative of one of the beneficiary countries of the ITC's projects that are attempting to prime the pump to address some of the key challenges, I truly appreciate ITC's support.

Further, ITC's dedication to aligning its work with its core values and aspirations through the implementation of its Moving Forward Action Plan in 2023 is laudable. It is a significant step forward and a commitment for a continuous improvement.

It will be remiss if I do not thank the funders especially the EU and UK who have supported the ITC's much needed work. Please know that your invaluable contribution to the ITC truly makes a significant impact on the ground. We wish to encourage not just the continuation but increase in support and cooperation.

I thank you Chair.