

Statement by Jamaica

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Thank you, Madame Chair

The Delegation of Jamaica is pleased to participate in this 48th Session of the Joint Advisory Group and wishes to thank Executive Director Gonzalez, Secretary General Kituyi and Director General Azevedo for their insightful and informative statements this morning. We would also wish to record our appreciation to the staff of the ITC which, under the able leadership of the Executive Director, has done a tremendous job in carrying out the organization's mandate.

Madame Chair, Jamaica would like, at the outset, to express heartiest congratulations to the ITC on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Since its inception, the ITC through its ongoing technical cooperation and capacity building assistance has been a key resource for developing countries in their pursuit of economic transformation through enhanced trade and development .

We note, with great satisfaction, the tremendous support that the ITC has been providing over the past five decades to the most vulnerable developing countries. In this regard, we would like to commend the ITC for its work on LDC and SVE-related issues, as well as on numerous national and regional projects undertaken within Latin America and the Caribbean in particular.

Madame Chair, since the launch of the global Aid for Trade initiative in 2005, the ITC has played a crucial role in designing, promoting, and implementing AFT-related projects and strategies and for this we applaud the Centre.

While we take great pleasure in celebrating this significant milestone with the ITC, we are reminded that there is still more to be accomplished ,as the ITC looks towards the next 50 years. Jamaica is nevertheless confident that the ITC will be able to surmount the challenges and continue to make a powerful impact on the trade and development prospects for developing countries and LDCs at different levels.

I thank you.

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