

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset on behalf of Delegation of Ukraine I would like to congratulate you as a new Chair of Joint Advisory Group meeting and reconfirm our appreciation of all efforts undertaken by the ITC team led by Ms. Arancha Gonsales. Ukraine welcomes the ITC Annual Report and expresses our strong support to the ITC activities on the both regional and functional basis.

Currently we have a number of joint projects in Ukraine starting from assisting in better integration of the Ukrainian agrarian SMEs into the global value chains to developing a complex National Export Strategy.

Ukraine strongly believes that demonstrated expanding of cooperation with ITC will not only have a positive impact on our bilateral relations but also create important synergies for regional cooperation as well.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our colleagues from ITC for the professional approach demonstrated in the course of our cooperation, their continued commitment in support of trade development in Ukraine and wish them all the success in implementation of their plans for coming year.

Thank you.