

- Let me start by informing you that the Netherlands aligns itself with the donor statement presented by Canada, also in thanking ambassador Lisson and congratulating ambassador Cedeno.
- The Netherlands is very pleased with the work of ITC. The organization is on the right track, assertive and has a professional approach. We applaud ITC's continuous efforts to further improve efficiency, transparency, sustainability and impact.
- I would take this opportunity to underline the fact that the Netherlands is not only a donor, but also a partner of ITC via the Centre for the Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries – the Dutch CBI.
- We appreciate that we can team up with ITC's experts both in the context of the 3rd phase of the Netherlands Trust Fund as well as in market intelligence – we look forward to furthering this.
- The new Dutch multi-annual trade and development strategy 'Investing in Perspective' focuses on the prevention of poverty, of climate change and of instability and conflict. And thus on contributing to inclusive and sustainable economic growth.
- The priorities of the Netherlands correspond closely with ITC's strategic priorities, such as SME's, female and young entrepreneurs and displaced people. Let me in this regard mention the appreciation we have for ITC's ambitious engagement in women and multilateral trade and the importance we attach to the Shetrades Programme.
- The Netherlands looks forward to engage with ITC on ideas and initiatives to further enhance local ownership and to the next steps on risk management in particular on activities in conflict affected areas.

- In conclusion, the Netherlands would like to congratulate and thank ITC, Arancha and your team, for the good work and close collaboration.