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- Thank you Chair
- What can I say more than what has already been said? There is an exceptional consensus in the room that ITC is doing really excellent work, delivering quality and results.
- The EU is the ITC's largest development partner. We are working with the ITC in all regions as well as on global public goods such as market analysis tools. We are particularly proud to be supporting many of the ITC's flagship projects.
- It is no coincidence that we work so much with the ITC, as ITC's mandate is closely aligned to EU's Aid for Trade strategy. ITC's work responds, in a very concrete way, to the main pillars of the EU strategy.
- Our collaboration with ITC cuts across, on our side, several EU institutions and many Commission departments beyond just the usual suspects of development cooperation and trade, such as those working on health, culture and environment.
- One of the ingredients of this successful partnership is regular dialogue. Both at top level between Geneva and Brussels as well as at operational level in the field. This partnership is also supported by a dedicated EU focal point at ITC, whose support we appreciate very much.
- I would like to reiterate what we have said last year and hope to say next year as well - that the EU considers ITC to be a reliable partner which can deliver tangible and impact-oriented results on the ground using its own technical

expertise and teaming up with a strong network of local and international partners. We hope to continue launching projects together in the years to come.

- I cannot conclude without congratulating the ITC team and ED Arancha Gonzales personally for assuming the role of torchbearer and thought leader in enhancing women's economic empowerment on a global scale.
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