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À GENÈVE**

**Statement by HE. Pedro Comissário, Ambassador and Permanent
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International Organizations in Geneva, to the 52nd Joint Advisory Group
Meeting of the International Trade Centre**

Mr. Chairman

At the outset, my delegation feels honoured to be participating in this Joint Advisory Group meeting of the International Trade Centre. We congratulate you on your election to guide this Session of the JAG, and thank HE Ambassador of Australia, who is handing over the Chairmanship today, for her important contribution since last year.

We would like to equally congratulate the ITC Executive Director and the Deputy Director, the entire ITC Team for the important work that for years, have been undertaking, providing to LDC's and Developing Countries, technical assistance activities in a joint effort, in view of a more prosperous future for the Least Developed and Developing Countries in general, to which Mozambique is part.

Like the previous speakers, we thank you Chair, the Secretary General of UNCTAD and the Deputy Director General Agha for their enlightening opening remarks.

We commend the Executive Director Arancha González for the presentation in the morning, of the activities carried out during 2017, some of which were very well illustrated through the experiences presented, that enriched the Executive Director's assessment, given the factual and concrete cases brought by the Young Entrepreneurs from Ghana and Líbia, to whom we thank very much.

The 2017 achievements are very much commendable, and we welcome the Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021.

Mozambique is one of the beneficiaries of the ITC technical assistance and capacity activities, mainly in the sector strategies, which have been being delivered through the Export Promotion Institute, the Institute for Small and Medium Enterprises, as well as those directly addressed to the Ministries of Industry and Trade and Culture and Tourism.

All of them aimed at strengthening institutional capacity, trade strategies and policy development, foster and diversification of production and exports, small and medium enterprise capacity building, so to mention some areas.

Under the Partnership for Investment and Growth in África, Mozambique is one of the beneficiaries of the ITC assistance and it is our hope that more ITC technical assistance will come through, so that more activity areas may benefit, including Women and Youth empowerment, agro-production, SME's Cotton sector, Tourism, these, to mention some.

The role played by ITC is very crucial role in helping and assisting our countries, to develop capacity in view to increase and diversify production, transformation and diversification of products and exports, etc. It is of no doubt that ITC, if continuously provided with financial support and being able to deliver on technical assistance; countries like Mozambique will benefit through increase on productive capacity, exports diversification, human resources capacity building, and Youth and Women empowerment may gradually be a reality.

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude to all donors and partners who, in addressing financial resources, join their valuable efforts for the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals in our countries. We highly appreciate for all the contributions.

Encouraged by the positive results continuously achieved so far, we appeal them to allocate more financial resources that will enable ITC to cope with the pressure due to various demands we have been addressing, through our requests for more technical assistance and capacity to our countries.

To conclude, we wish this JAG, very successful and fruitful deliberations.

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