

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY ZIMBABWE AT THE INFORMAL JOINT
ADVISORY GROUP MEETING OF 26 JANUARY 2015: WTO ROOM W.**

REMARKS ON ITC'S EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT EVALUATION.

THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

**OUR DELEGATION IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ITC'S MANAGEMENT
RESPONSE, AND IN LINE WITH THIS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW
POINTS:**

- 1. ITC HAS DEMONSTRATED STRENGTH AND CAPACITY TO PROVIDE
EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL SERVICES THAT HAVE IMPACTED POSITIVELY ON
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' ECONOMIES.**

- 2. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT WE ARE
RECEIVING FROM THE ITC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HER TEAM, AND
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE SUPPORT FROM DONORS ESPECIALLY, THE
EU WHICH PROVIDED FUNDING FOR THE TRADE AND PRIVATE
SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN
ZIMBABWE THROUGH ITC. WE ARE ANTICIPATING THAT THIS
PROGRAM WILL PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN IMPROVING OUR
ECONOMY'S COMPETITIVENESS.**

- 3. WE HOWEVER WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO DONOR PARTNERS TO
PROVIDE LONG TERM AND PREDICTABLE FUNDING FOR EFFECTIVE AID
FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. IN THIS REGARD,
DONOR SUPPORT SHOULD ALSO COVER DEMAND DRIVEN ACTIVITIES
THAT ARE COMPLIMENTARY TO THE PROGRAMS UNDER
IMPLEMENTATION.**

- 4. WE ARE GLAD THAT ITC ADOPTED THE RESULT BASED MANAGEMENT
PLANNING AND HOPE THAT THIS WILL STRENGTHEN ITC'S
ACCOUNTABILITY, RESULT ORIENTATION, AND TRANSPARENCY.**

- 5. WE WELCOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONVENING SMALL INFORMAL “FRIENDS OF CHAIRS” AS THIS WILL FACILITATE ENGAGEMENT WITH MISSIONS IN GENEVA AND CAPITALS, AS WELL AS IMPROVE PUBLICITY OF ITC PROGRAMS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE THE “ITC OPEN DAY” AS A REGULAR EVENT.**

- 6. OUR DELEGATION COMMITS ITSELF TO PLAYING A SUPPORTIVE ROLE IN ENSURING THAT ITC SUCCESSFULLY FULFILS ITS MANDATE.**