

- **Thank you chair**, good afternoon, ladies, and gentlemen, being conscious of the time, let me be rather brief.
- First of all, let me underline that SWE fully aligns itself with the donor statement delivered earlier today by our donor coordinator, the Netherlands.

- SWE considers ITC as one of our most important partners in the important work done in the context of AidforTrade. Our engagement is also reflected as SWE is being one of the top donors to ITC. Furthermore, SWE appreciate the excellent regular dialogue and cooperation with ITC, multilaterally, as well as bilaterally, highlighted by the Executive Director's recent visit to Stockholm to discuss pertinent matters related to Aidfortrade.

- ITC work plays a vital part to attain the sustainable development goals and the 2030-agenda. ITC's work is today perhaps more relevant than ever, in the light of the Covid19-pandemic and its negative effects on the vulnerable populations all over the world, as well as the backdrop of the effects of the looming climate crisis affecting us all.

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- The pandemic highlighted the need for flexibility and ability for ITC to reprogramme its work in order to deliver on its mandate.
- Sweden, being the largest supporter of regular budgetary funding, would welcome more donors to provide support to Windows 1, enabling ITC to adapt to any changing circumstances such as the pandemic as well as being able to meet any unforeseen challenges for ITC and its beneficiaries in the future.
- Sweden highly value the work of ITC and is very much looking forward to continuing our excellent cooperation with ITC.

I thank you!