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Statement by Mr. Enkhtaivan Dashnyam Deputy Permanent Representative September 13, 2022

Thank you Chair for the opportunity to address on this important event and please accept my congratulations to you for taking on your role as a Chair of the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Advisory Group.

Madame. Chair,

Madame. Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Madame. Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan,

Madame Executive-Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mongolia commends the International Trade Centre (ITC) for its valuable contribution in supporting and helping developing countries around the globe, in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals with its proactive and solution-oriented tools during these uncertain times.

I particularly would like to congratulate Madame Executive-Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton and the entire team of ITC for developing and launching the ITC Strategic plan 2022-2025, all along delivering tangible results by building an inclusive and sustainable recovery, focused on the competitiveness and resilience of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSME) across the developing world.

Small and medium-sized businesses are at the heart of developing nations, the backbone of job creation, and local economic development. Especially, for Landlocked Developing Countries like Mongolia, who face multiple and multi-dimensional challenges compared to their coastal counterparts.

Excellencies,

Using this opportunity, I would like to express Mongolia's heartfelt appreciation to the donor community for enabling the ITC to deliver its technical assistances, capacity building and innovative analysis which fits to the specific developmental needs of each partnering country.

In this context, it is my great pleasure to remark that Mongolia, together with the support of the ITC developed the Trade and Investment Roadmap of Mongolia, and we are now working to achieve a fully-fledged National Export Strategy of Mongolia, in which we believe, would provide a greater synergy towards reforming trade and investment policy, improved trade facilitation, more strategic approach to investment promotion, and better access to finance and development in Mongolia.

Moreover, we look forward to another proactive year until the next Joint Advisory Meeting, through deepened engagement with the ITC on the organization of the next World Export Development Forum in Ulaanbaatar in 2023.

I thank you for your kind attention.

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