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Mr President, Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

The European Union and its Member States take note of the presentation made by the Secretariat on UNCTAD contributions to major UN conferences.

We would like to highlight the importance of UNCTAD’s collaborative approach in all UN and other multilateral conferences relevant for UNCTAD’s mandate. Indeed, to ensure that the UN system “delivers as one”, a coherent and mutually reinforcing action must always be sought. This applies to UNCTAD’s contribution to other relevant multilateral conferences, as well as for UNCTAD to integrate contributions from other organisations into its own deliberations, as relevant.

In the same spirit, opening parallel tracks should be strongly avoided. Such parallel work wastes precious resources and at times forces experts to choose in which forum they can invest their time, resulting in suboptimal overall outcomes. We call upon UNCTAD secretariat and membership to be particularly attentive to such cases.

Thank you.