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Mr President, Secretary General, Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, I wish to thank the outgoing Chair, the Amb. of Ireland, H.E. *Michael Gaffey*, for his relentless work, his keen understanding and strong engagement in finding the way forward during his Presidency of the TDB, in particular during the recent months impacted by the pandemic lockdown. We would also like to warmly welcome the new Chair, the Amb. of Argentina, H.E. Federico Villegas, to the 67th session of the TDB. We wish you all the best in your endeavours and look forward to working with you in the most constructive way during this important UNCTAD XV Conference year.

Thank you.