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**Statement by the Delegation of Guatemala on behalf of the  
Group of Latin America and the Caribbean  
at the 70<sup>th</sup> Executive Session of the Trade and Development Board**

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**Agenda Item 8 - Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre**

*Thursday, 4 February 2021*

President of the Trade and Development Board, H.E. Ambassador Federico Villegas,  
Chair of the 54<sup>th</sup> session of the JAG, H.E. Ms. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme, Ambassador, Permanent  
Mission of the Republic of Botswana,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

1. GRULAC would like to thank you for the presentation of the report of the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Advisory Group of ITC.
2. The Group would like to take this opportunity to thank the ITC for their hard work in supporting Micro, Small and Medium enterprises from developing countries and would like to acknowledge the relevance of this work in particular during the COVID-19 Pandemic, where the economic crisis and the effects of lock-downs and sanitary restrictions have severely hit MSMEs.
3. The Group would like to highlight the joint work that ITC has been doing with UNCTAD, in particular their work on e-trade under the "eTrade for all" and eTrade for Women initiatives; their joint work on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Declaration on Women and Trade; the Global Trade Helpdesk; and more recently, the launch of the joint platform to monitor progress in attaining the trade-related SDGs.
4. Finally, the GRULAC would like to reiterate its call for ITC to increase support to the region, including by making all digital tools available in Spanish.

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