

Statement by Nigeria at the 55th Joint Advisory Group (JAG)
Meeting held at Palais Des Nations on 02/11/2021.

Nigeria seizes this opportunity to congratulate the chair of the 55th session of ITC, H.E. Mr. Paul Bekkers, the Executive Director ITC and WTO representative for their statements. Nigeria is delighted to be part of this important meeting.

Mr. Chair,

Responding to a request from the government of Nigeria, ITC recently hosted a high-level roundtable, including a peer review to help stake the way ahead for **Nigeria's new trade policy**, currently being prepared, the updated policy was meant to strengthen the study of **small and medium-sized exporters in Nigeria**.

In an informal setting, Nigeria officials were able to tap into the views of experts from ITC, WTO, Academia and other officials from emerging economies that have experienced similar issues. On this note, Nigeria wishes to once again express sincere gratitude and appreciation to ITC for the cooperation. At this point, it is imperative to reassure the chair and other partners that Nigeria is fully committed in the work of ITC.

Thank you, Mr. Chair for the opportunity.

