ITC SUBMISSION LDC5 OUTCOME DOCUMENT ZERO DRAFT

, based on the

zero draft of the Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries.

As the joint development agency of the UN and the World Trade Organization, ITC works to support the competitiveness of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in developing countries, including the least developed countries. We believe that empowering MSMEs to be resilient and competitive internationally and to act as agents of change in structural transformation are necessary for inclusive and sustainable development in LDCs.

We commit to supporting the Doha Programme of Action through tailor-made solutions aligned predominantly to the following two focus areas of the zero draft:

- III. Structural transformation as a driver of prosperity
- IV. Enhancing international trade of least developed countries and regional integration

Suggested language for section III. Structural transformation as a driver of prosperity

ITC recommends the following language, related to paragraph 128 of the zero draft:

Para 128 Current formulation (zero draft) We will promote micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises by ensuring full and equal access to financial services and products, supporting them to enter into national, regional and global value chains and support them for d