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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

**Proposed programme budget for 2016-2017 for Section 13, International Trade Centre
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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

I have the honour to present the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2016-2017 for Section 13, International Trade Centre.

The International Trade Centre is the joint development agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. The Centre is responsible for the implementation of subprogramme 6, Operational aspects of trade promotion and export development, of programme 10, Trade and development, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017. The United Nations and the World Trade Organization equally share the funding of ITC's regular budget. The Centre is a joint body of the United Nations and WTO mandated to provide technical assistance to facilitate the integration of developing countries and economies in transition, and in particular the least developed countries, into the multilateral trading system through export promotion and international business development.

ITC focuses on improving the international competitiveness of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. ITC is about translating the trade opening negotiated in the WTO, bilaterally and regionally into real trade on the ground to contribute to growth and development.

The proposed **overall level of resources** for the biennium 2016-2017 for ITC, amounts to 75,101,700 Swiss Francs, after recosting.

Based on the 50 per cent **share of the United Nations**, the proposed resources for the biennium 2016-2017 for ITC amount to 37,550,850 Swiss Francs, which after recosting, is equivalent to 39,527,200 United States dollars.

I shall be pleased to respond to any questions or further information that may be requested by the Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.