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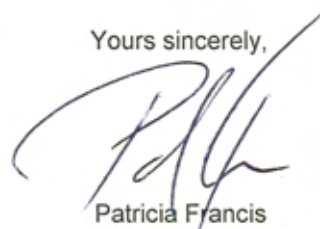
Dear Ms. Migiro,

I am attaching a copy of a letter that was sent to you on 30 April 2008 relating to the Report of the Secretary-General on "Improving the effective and **efficient** delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009" (A/62/708).

As I mentioned in the letter, ITC will be providing the World Trade Organization (WTO) with its request for resources for 2009 in the fall of 2008 and we anticipate the inclusion of a request for a limited number of additional posts in that request. It would therefore be highly appreciated if we could receive a response to my previous letter. Prior to my visit to New York in June my office had attempted to arrange for a meeting with you to discuss this issue but unfortunately, due to your other commitments, the meeting could not take place.

I look forward to your guidance on how we may best proceed with this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro,

The International Trade Centre (ITC) has recently been apprised of the Report of the Secretary-General on "Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009" (A/62/708). In assessing requirements for additional resources for the Programme Trade and Development, document A/62/708 covers all subprogrammes, including Policymaking Organs, Executive Direction and Management and Programme Support, but not Subprogramme 6.

ITC is the joint technical cooperation agency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) and as such holds a unique operational position within the international family to achieve Export Impact for Good through its activities in countries supporting sustained economic growth with a focus on the private sector. We provide practical inclusive capacity-building development work enabling countries to put into practice the advice emanating from the research and analysis, generated by UNCTAD, and therefore achieve economic and social development.

ITC's original mandate derives from General Assembly resolution 2297 (XXII). In its resolution 1819 (LV), the Economic and Social Council affirmed the role of ITC as the focal point for United Nations technical cooperation activities in trade promotion. We understand that ITC is therefore part of the development pillar of the United Nations and should be included in this proposal. ITC is particularly interested in Programme 10 Trade and Development since it implements its Subprogramme 6 Operational Aspects of Trade Promotion and Export Development. The Trade and Development Programme is implemented by UNCTAD and the ITC.

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With regard to ITC's mandate, there is a clear division of labour between ITC and its parent organizations, UNCTAD and the WTO, in the provision of Trade Related Technical Assistance, with ITC focused on trade development and UNCTAD and WTO focused on trade policy, regulations and rules. We have enclosed a brochure describing some of the work of ITC, UNCTAD and the WTO which was prepared for UNCTAD XII. It illustrates how ITC enables small business export success in developing countries and transition economies by providing, with partners, sustainable and inclusive trade development solutions to the private sector, trade support institutions and policy-makers. Within its overall vision of 'Export Impact for Good', ITC has taken significant steps to focus its outputs on its contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

We note that paragraph 73 of Res/62/236 requests the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive proposal with a view to improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities of the Secretariat, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and the Development Account.

In view of comments received from a member-state representative of ITC's Joint Advisory Group (ITC's intergovernmental advisory body) during its last meeting in 2007, it could be expected that enquiries may be raised as to the lack of reference to ITC in the Secretary-General's proposal whenever it is reviewed at the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. We would like to avoid this and would like to suggest the following approach.

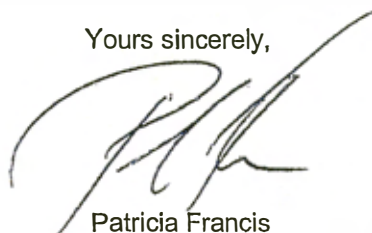
As you may be aware, the ITC operates from an administrative point of view, on the basis of administrative arrangements (A/59/405) agreed upon by both the United Nations and the WTO which equally share the ITC biennial budget. At present, ITC submits one biennial request to the United Nations and a biennial request to the WTO consisting of two consecutive financial periods covering each year of the biennium.

ITC will be providing the WTO with its request for resources for 2009 in the fall of 2008. It would therefore like to propose that it provides its submission for resources in response to paragraph 73 of Res/62/236 to both the WTO and the United Nations at that time. ITC anticipates a request, which will include a limited number of additional posts. Our proposal will refer to:

- The practical inclusive capacity-building development work of ITC that countries put into practice;
- The advice emanating from the research and analysis generated by UNCTAD;
- The realisation of economic growth through added-value in the area of Trade and Development.

ITC is hopeful that it may yet benefit from the opportunity to increase the resources available to strengthen its contribution to addressing critical gaps in the area of trade development and the achievement of the MDGs through its business focused on export led development efforts within the context of the Secretary-General's report. I look forward to your guidance on how we may best proceed with this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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