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Building a Gender Balanced WTO For All Generations**

Speech

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Good morning everyone.

In October 2017, we launched a 2-year Action Plan on Trade and Gender, with 4 key objectives:

- First, raising awareness on the link between trade and gender.
- Second, facilitating members' actions on trade and gender.
- Third, generating new data on the impact of trade on women.
- And, fourth, providing training on these issues.

This action plan was only a start. It has helped build the foundations of the WTO's work on gender. Now we need to build the house.

For this purpose, this year we will launch a 5-year action Plan. Training will be placed at the core of this strategy.

As the DG mentioned, we have developed and are implementing a training module for governments officials, and I would like to thank my colleagues in ITTC for their continuous support. In the coming years, we will extend the training offer via different channels, including interactive online platforms. We will create a programme for WTO delegates based in Geneva and one for women entrepreneurs.

