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Expert Meeting on the Impact of Anti-Dumping and  
Countervailing Actions  
Geneva, 4-6 December 2000  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. The impact of anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions on the trade of member States, in particular developing countries
4. Main issues and areas of concern that need to be addressed in the light of concrete experiences presented by national experts
5. Adoption of the outcome of the Meeting

## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### Item 1: Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

### Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the Expert Meeting is reproduced in section I above. The provisional schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document.

3. At the consultations of the President of the Trade and Development Board with the Bureau, coordinators and interested delegations (31 March 2000), member States decided to convene the Expert Meeting on the Impact of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Actions. The decision was made in accordance with the UNCTAD X Plan of Action (TD/386), paragraph 132, which states – “UNCTAD’s work should relate first to analysis and, where appropriate, on the basis of the analysis, contribute to consensus-building on: impact of anti-dumping and countervailing duties actions”.

4. The meeting will have two substantive segments.

### Item 3: The impact of anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions on the trade of member States, in particular developing countries

5. The discussions under this substantive item will be aimed at assisting UNCTAD member States to have a better understanding of the impact of anti-dumping and countervailing duties actions. The analysis could be drawn from the secretariat’s background note and country-specific experience papers and or sector-specific cases studies to be presented by national experts which would encompass: the examination of the current trends in the application of anti-dumping and countervailing measures; and the assessment of the impact of anti-dumping and countervailing measures on the trade of member States, in particular developing countries.

### Item 4: Main issues and areas of concern that need to be addressed in the light of concrete experiences presented by national experts

6. Based upon the deliberations under item 3, experts will focus on the identification of possible ways and means by which the adverse effects of anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions on trade, particularly that of developing countries, could be reduced.

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Item 5:    Adoption of the outcome of the Meeting

7.      The Expert Meeting will adopt its outcome, which will be assessed by participating member States before being submitted to the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities in February 2001. The final report will be compiled under the authority of the Chairperson after the conclusion of the Meeting.

**SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING**

<b>Day 1 (4 December 2000)</b>	<b>Day 2 (5 December 2000)</b>	<b>Day 3 (6 December 2000)</b>
<i>(10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)</i>	<i>(10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)</i>	<i>(10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)</i>
<p><b><u>Plenary</u></b> Opening statement</p> <p>Item 1: Election of officers</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p> <p><b><u>Informals</u></b></p> <p>Item 3: The impacts of anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions on the trade of member States, in particular developing countries</p>	<p><b><u>Informals (continued)</u></b></p> <p>Item 3: (continued)</p> <p>Item 4: Main issues and areas of concern that need to be addressed in the light of concrete experiences presented by national experts</p>	<p><b><u>Informals (continued)</u></b></p> <p>Item 4: (continued)</p>
<i>(3 p.m.- 6 p.m.)</i>	<i>(3 p.m.- 6 p.m.)</i>	<i>(3 p.m.- 6 p.m.)</i>
<p><b><u>Informals (continued)</u></b></p> <p>Item 3: (continued)</p>	<p><b><u>Informals (continued)</u></b></p> <p>Item 4: (continued)</p>	<p><b><u>Plenary</u></b> (closing)</p> <p>Item 5: Adoption of the outcome</p>

### **Inputs from Experts**

Experts nominated by member States are requested to submit brief papers in advance of the meeting to the UNCTAD secretariat. Papers will be made available to other participants at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. An expert's paper may discuss how his/her country's trade policy objectives in the area of anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions and/or market access conditions have been affected by these actions by showing concrete examples. Inputs from experts from all UNCTAD member States (developing countries and countries in transition, and developed countries) will be pertinent to enhancing the deliberations at the Meeting.

In order to facilitate the preparation of country-specific or sector-specific experience papers by experts, experts may wish to take into account the questions raised in the relevant paragraphs of the secretariat's background note, although it is not compulsory to follow it. Experts are encouraged to provide concrete examples of experiences of the country as specifically as possible.

#### **Country-specific experience paper**

The country-specific experience papers are to be prepared by experts nominated by member States. The papers should concentrate on the specific experience of an individual country both as a complainant in terms of using anti-dumping and countervailing measures to protect its domestic industries from injury imports and/or as a respondent in terms of its firms defending their exports being accused of dumping or being subsidized in a complainant importing country.

#### **Sector-specific case study**

The sector-specific case studies should focus on the identification of specific product sectors which have been mostly affected by anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions (e.g. steel, textiles, etc.) or particular procedural and substantive issues (e.g. back to back investigation, sales below cost, sunset reviews, etc.) related to the initiation and imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions.

Experts are requested to submit papers by 15 November 2000 to:

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