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Sectors of World Trade
Geneva, 7–9 February 2005
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. Promoting participation of developing countries in new and dynamic sectors of world trade
4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

* This document was submitted on the above date for technical reasons.

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. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

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Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3. Promoting participation of developing countries in new and dynamic sectors of world trade

3. The Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, at its eighth session in 2004, decided to convene an expert meeting on promoting participation of developing countries in new and dynamic sectors of world trade. The São Paulo Consensus also mandated UNCTAD to convene sectoral reviews of dynamic sectors of world trade (São Paulo Consensus, para.95).

4. The Expert Meeting will review national and international policies and actions to enhance developing country participation in three sectors: (a) IT-enabled outsourcing of services; (b) textiles and clothing; (c) renewable energy products, including bio-fuels. It will also consider enhancing the contribution of these to the diversification of the economic and technological base of developing countries, improvement in export value-added and growth performance. Particular focus will be given to the least developed countries (LDCs).

5. The Expert Meeting will build on the outputs of the forum on Export Competitiveness: Increasing Developing Countries' Participation in Dynamic and New Sectors of International Trade (Rio de Janeiro, 7 June 2004) and the UNCTAD XI thematic session on Policy Options and Strategies to Support Developing Countries' Competitiveness in the Most Dynamic Sectors of International Trade" (São Paulo, 16 June 2004).

6. The UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note "Strengthening participation of developing countries in dynamic and new sectors of world trade: Trends, issues and policies" to facilitate discussions.

Documentation

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| TD/B/COM.1/EM.26/2 | Strengthening participation of developing countries in new and dynamic sectors of world trade: Trends, issues and policies: Background note by the UNCTAD secretariat |
| TD/L.395 | Report on the Rio Trade Week Preparatory to UNCTAD XI (Rio de Janeiro, 7-12 June 2004): Summary prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat |
| TD/412 | Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its Eleventh Session, São Paulo, Brazil, 13-18 June 2004 |

Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting

7. The report of the Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities at its next session. The Expert Meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chairperson, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.