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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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\* This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date as a result of processing delays.

## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The Accra Accord, adopted at UNCTAD–XII, established the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission. Paragraph 202 states that “[...] The Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will have the mandate of the previous Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, and will also assume responsibility for enterprise and ICT issues from the previous Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development.”

2. Paragraph 203 of the Accra Accord stipulates “The outcomes of commission sessions will be agreed conclusions from the policy dialogue and recommendations to the secretariat achieved within the scheduled time of the session. These conclusions and recommendations should be focused, brief and directly related to the agenda of the session and should provide inputs to the research and analysis pillar and the technical cooperation pillar.”

3. Paragraph 206 of the Accra Accord also provided that “commission meetings will have as their inputs: substantive documentation prepared by the secretariat, providing secretariat views and recommendations based on secretariat research and analysis; reports of expert meetings; inputs from the Global Network of Development Think Tanks, civil society and the private sector; and secretariat activity reports”.

### **Item 1**

#### **Election of officers**

4. In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the main committees of the Trade and Development Board, the Commission is to elect a Chair, five Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of its members, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Commission shall consist of seven members: (i.e. four members from Lists A and C combined, two members from List B and one member from List D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) as amended).

5. Accordingly, following the cycle of rotation established after UNCTAD–IX, the Bureau for the second session of the Commission will be as follows: Chair from List B; Rapporteur from List A (Africa); three Vice-Chairs from Lists A and C combined; one Vice-Chair from List B; and one Vice-Chair from List D.

### **Item 2**

#### **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

6. The third session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission is scheduled for 2–6 May 2011. The agenda was prepared in accordance with paragraph 204 of the Accra Accord and was approved by the Trade and Development Board at its fiftieth executive session, in July 2010.

7. With regard to the organization of the work, and in accordance with paragraph 205 of the Accra Accord, the Commission session will have a duration of five days, and this time period will include a break of one day for informal consultations. The first three days will focus on the substantive items of the agenda, comprising two topics and consideration of expert meetings' reports and work plans. After a break of one day, on the last day of the session the Commission will address the institutional issues on the agenda and adopt any agreed outcome.

*Documentation*

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**Item 3**

**Reports of expert meetings**

8. The Commission will have before it (a) the reports of the multi-year expert meetings; (b) the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting and (c) the report of the single-year expert meeting on the Contribution of Foreign Direct Investment to the Transfer and Diffusion of Technology and Know-How for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries, Especially Least Developed Countries.

**(a) Reports of the multi-year expert meetings**

9. Under this item, the Commission will consider the reports of three multi-year expert meetings: (a) the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enterprise Development Policies and Capacity-building in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI); (b) the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment for Development; and (c) the investment-related outcome of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South-South Cooperation and Regional Integration.

*Documentation*

TD/B/C.II/MEM.1/10	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enterprise Development Policies and Capacity-building in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) on its third session
TD/B/C.II/MEM.3/9	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment for Development on its third session
TD/B/C.II/MEM.2/9	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South-South Cooperation and Regional Integration on its third session

**(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its twenty-seventh session**

10. The Commission will also consider the Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its twenty-seventh session, which addressed a capacity-building framework for high-quality corporate reporting, and dealt with topics such as corporate governance disclosure and environmental accounting and reporting (with a specific focus on climate change-related disclosures). The Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts (IGE) will present the report, highlighting progress made on these topics and the orientation of the future work programme. The Commission is expected to endorse the report of the IGE.

*Documentation*

TD/B/C.II/ISAR/57 Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its twenty-seventh session

**(c) Report of the Expert Meeting on the Contribution of Foreign Direct Investment to the Transfer and Diffusion of Technology and Know-how for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries, Especially Least Developed Countries**

11. Under this item, the Commission will consider the Report of the Expert Meeting on the Contribution of Foreign Direct Investment to the Transfer and Diffusion of Technology and Know-how for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries, Especially Least Developed Countries.

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TD/B/C.II/EM.2/3 Report of the Expert Meeting on the Contribution of Foreign Direct Investment to the Transfer and Diffusion of Technology and Know-how for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries, Especially Least Developed Countries

**Item 4**

**Promoting investment for development: Best practices in strengthening investment in basic infrastructure in developing countries**

12. Under this item, the Commission will hold a session with stakeholders from international business, governments and the community of investment promotion agencies (IPAs). The purpose of this agenda item is to address best practices in optimizing foreign investments in infrastructure, including public private partnerships, and deliberate on how developing countries may best leverage investment in infrastructure in order to optimize the contribution of foreign direct investment (FDI) to their development. This remains a critical policy challenge for developing countries in the post-crisis landscape. Novel and rigorous investment policies can help seize opportunities, minimize negative effects and harness foreign investment for alleviating poverty, ensuring food security and promoting long-term economic growth and sustainable development. In this regard, basic infrastructure is essential, since it provides goods and services crucial for competitiveness in the case of energy efficiency and electricity, and access to markets in the case of ports and roads. Many low-income countries need huge investments to improve basic infrastructure but lack the domestic resources to fund them.

13. To guide the deliberations, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note summarizing the main conclusions of its extensive and in-depth analysis in the area of FDI in infrastructure. The discussions will also be informed by the *World Investment Report 2008*, and the series of *Best Practices in Investment for Development – the case of infrastructure (roads, electricity and ports)*.

*Documentation*

UNCTAD/WIR/2008	World Investment Report 2008
TD/B/C.II/12	Promoting investment for development: Best practices in strengthening investment in basic infrastructure in developing countries – a summary of UNCTAD’s research on FDI in infrastructure
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2009/2	Best practices in Investment for Development – How to utilize FDI to improve transport infrastructure – roads
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2009/1	Best practices in Investment for Development – How to utilize FDI to improve infrastructure – electricity

14. To complement the discussions on best practices in strengthening investment in basic infrastructure in developing countries and further elaborating on the development implications of FDI, the Commission will review national policies related to investment at

the international level. In-depth policy reviews in individual countries and peer review at the intergovernmental level (Accra Accord, para. 149) allow the exchange of national experiences in attracting and utilizing FDI in an effective and efficient manner. Following the practice established over the last 15 years, the Commission's third session will deliberate on the Investment Policy Review of Guatemala, during which the secretariat and the high-level representative will introduce the country report followed by comments of the panellists and general discussions. The panel will consist of a high-level representative from the government concerned, an international expert, and representatives from the local and international private sector. This will be followed by a discussion on the implementation of the Investment Policy Reviews for Ethiopia and the United Republic of Tanzania, and an update of implementation progress concerning administrative efficiency in previous Investment Policy Reviews.

*Documentation*

UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2010/9	Investment Policy Review of Guatemala
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2010/7	Report on the implementation of the Investment Policy Review – Ethiopia
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2010/6	Report on the implementation of the Investment Policy Review – United Republic of Tanzania

15. As in the previous sessions, the discussions will be summarized by the secretariat in the final report of the Commission.

**Item 5**

**Enhancing productive capacities for development, including through strengthened entrepreneurship policies and improved science and innovation policies**

16. Under this item, the Commission will review the elements to be considered in the formulation of entrepreneurship and science and innovation policies that are key in building productive capacity, sustaining existing companies and new start-up ventures, and creating a dynamic and innovative entrepreneurial base. A panel will formulate forward-looking policies to enhance enterprise competitiveness and to harness science, technology and innovation for strengthening their productive capacities in the post-economic crisis era. The secretariat has prepared an issue note to facilitate the deliberation.

*Documentation*

TD/B/C.II/13	Key aspects of entrepreneurship and innovation policy frameworks for enhancing local productive capacities
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**Item 6****Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

17. Under this item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD's work in the areas of work covered by this Commission. A presentation of the *2010 DIAE Activity Report* will be made by the Director of the Division on Investment and Enterprise. A presentation of the progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to the areas of work on science, technology, innovation and ICTs and the DTL Activity report of 2010 will be made by the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics.

*Documentation*

UNCTAD/DIAE/2011/1	2010 DIAE Activity Report
TD/B/C.II/14	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to the areas of work on science, technology and innovation, and information and communication technologies
UNCTAD/DTL/2011/1	DTL Activity Report 2010

**Item 7****Other business**

18. Under this agenda item, the Commission may wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board for approval, the substantive topic(s) for the fourth session of the Commission.

**Item 8****Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board**

19. The report of the third session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.

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