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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

I. Provisional agenda

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Item 1. Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the expert meeting elect a Chair and two Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteurs.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the expert meeting is reproduced in chapter I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

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Item 3. South–South and triangular cooperation for sustainable agriculture development and food security

3. The 55th session of the Trade and Development Board in September 2008 agreed that the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration should address the strengthening of cooperation among developing countries for more inclusive globalization including, inter alia, through the development-enhancing role of triangular cooperation.

4. The first session of the expert meeting in February 2009 discussed the role of South–South economic cooperation and integration in supporting trade flows, growth and development of developing countries, in particular its potential role in mitigating the detrimental impact of the global financial and economic crisis on developing countries. Picking up on these themes and in particular on the impact of the continuing global food crisis, the second session of the expert meeting will discuss areas in which South–South and triangular cooperation can support the development of sustainable agricultural practices in developing countries, deal with emerging challenges posing risk to agriculture development and food security, and help tackle the scourge of global hunger.

5. In many developing countries, especially least developed countries, a sustained increase in agricultural output and productivity is essential, not only to ensure food security but to bolster economic development more generally. The expert meeting will facilitate a sharing of experiences in key areas of South–South and triangular cooperation with a view to promoting sustainable agricultural development and ensuring greater food security in developing countries. These areas include, inter alia, technology transfer, research and development, including training, investment, trade and trade facilitation, and access to finance, as well as regional and interregional cooperation and integration. The meeting will look to establish a practical agenda of policy action and technical support where South–South cooperation and triangular cooperation can make a difference to lives and livelihoods of developing countries, including through helping meet the Millennium Development Goals.

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Item 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

6. The report of the expert meeting will be submitted to the Trade and Development Commission and the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission at their next

sessions. The expert meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteurs, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

Inputs from experts

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (approximately five pages) as contributions to the work of the meeting. The papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting. The papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Experts are requested to submit papers to the UNCTAD secretariat by 1 December 2009, addressed to Mr. Mohamed Elkeiy, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; fax: +41 22 917 0044; e-mail: mohamed.elkeiy@unctad.org.
