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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA\***

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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  - (c) Report of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, eleventh session
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5. Proposed amendments to certificate of origin GSP form A

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\* This document was submitted after the normal submission date because of the need for approval by the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board.

6. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:
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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The provisional agenda is contained in part I above.

### Item 2. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies:

#### (a) Report of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, eleventh session

2. The Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities held its eleventh session from 19 to 23 March 2007 in Geneva. The report of the session will be before the Board in document TD/B/COM.1/88.

#### (b) Report of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, eleventh session

3. The Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues held its eleventh session from 8 to 14 March 2007 in Geneva. The report of the session will be before the Board in document TD/B/COM.2/78.

#### (c) Report of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, eleventh session

4. The Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development held its eleventh session from 19 to 23 February 2007 in Geneva. The report of the session will be before the Board in document TD/B/COM.3/82.

#### (d) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its forty-eighth session

5. The first part of the forty-eighth session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget took place from 29 to 31 January 2007. The report of this session is contained in document TD/B/WP/193.

### Item 3. Report on the in-depth examination of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons

6. On 19 January, the extended Bureau of the Board approved terms of reference for informal consultations on the recommendations contained in the Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons (UNCTAD/OSG/2006/1). The consultations were expected to finalize work on this item before mid-April in order to report back to the Board at its forty-first executive session. Ambassador Burhan Gafoor of Singapore facilitated the open-ended informal consultations on these recommendations and will report to the Board.

### Item 4. Theme and preparatory process for UNCTAD XII

7. On 19 January, the extended Bureau of the Board approved terms of reference for informal consultations to review proposals for the theme for UNCTAD XII. The aim was to conclude the work with a concrete proposal that could be formally adopted by the Board at its forty-first executive session. Ambassador Don Stephenson of Canada facilitated these open-ended informal consultations and will report to the Board.

**Item 5. Proposed amendments to certificate of origin GSP form A**

8. The Board is invited to approved proposed amendments to certificate of origin Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Form A, following the enlargement of the European Union. The background information is contained in document TD/B/EX(41)/2.

**Item 6. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:**

**(a) Review of the calendar of meetings**

9. The Board will have before it the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2007 and a tentative calendar for part of 2008. The calendar of Meetings will be before the Board in document TD/B/EX(41)/L.1.

**(b) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)**

10. At its fortieth executive session, the Board decided that consultations should continue in Group D with a view to reaching consensus on Kyrgyzstan's application for membership of that Group. It took note of those ongoing consultations and decided to put the issue of Kyrgyzstan's application on the agenda of the next executive session of the Board, to be held in April 2007.

**(c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

11. At present, there are 112 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD. A list of these organizations is contained in document TD/B/IGO/LIST/6.

12. The Board will be invited to consider one application from an intergovernmental organization, the Southern African Customs Union (SACU). Background information on this organization is contained in document TD/B/EX(41)/R.2.

**(d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

13. At present, there are 196 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD. A list of these organizations is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/8. Of these organizations, 108 are in the General Category and 88 in the Special Category.

14. The Board will be invited to consider one application from a non-governmental organization, the Arab Federation for Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (AFPIPR). Background information on this organization is contained in document TD/B/EX(41)/R.1.

**Item 7. Other business**

**Item 8. Report of the Board on its forty-first executive session**

15. The Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to finalize the report on its forty-first executive session.