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Preparatory Committee for the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Second Hearing with Civil Society Thursday, 26 May 2016, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Room XXVI, Palais des Nations

Draft guidelines for participants

Objectives of the hearing

- To have a constructive exchange of views between member States and civil society on the themes of the conference and the pre-conference negotiating text
- To improve and facilitate relations between member States and civil society

Guidelines for all participants

- The hearing will be held under the “Chatham House rule”
- Each topic of the agenda will be introduced by a civil society representative and an official from a member State or a regional group before the floor is open to debate
- Other participants are encouraged to engage in the debate: each intervention must be no more than three minutes long and must directly address the topic/question
- The debate should be issue-oriented
- The interactive debate format should ensure the alternating expression of views between civil society and member States
- Interventions should highlight priorities or controversial issues

For civil society representatives

- All written and prepared statements should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance: documentation, material and prepared speeches provided by civil society organizations will be made available as background information for all participants in the room
- Civil society representatives should avoid delivering statements on their organization’s achievements or areas of work

For representatives of member States

- Representatives of Governments are expected to interact with other participants and to respond to civil society’s concerns and points raised during the debate, rather than express well-known governmental positions or deliver prepared speeches

Outcome of the hearing

- The report of the hearing will be finalized by the UNCTAD secretariat and will form part of the official documentation of the Preparatory Committee
- Issues that need follow-up will be identified, as will possible future initiatives by member States and civil society