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Item 1 **Election of officers**

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

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda

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

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3

Regional integration and foreign direct investment in developing and transition economies

3. The topic for this first session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development was decided at the fifty-fifth executive session of the Trade and Development Board in 2012. The proposed terms of reference, as agreed on 31 October 2012 by the Extended Bureau of the Trade and Development Board, are as follows:

The link between productive capacity-building and regional integration is an essential component of today's strategies aiming at achieving inclusive growth and sustainable development. The expert group meeting will analyse the impact of regional integration, including subregional, regional and interregional initiatives, on investment flows and the integrating effects of regional investment clusters, and draw best practice policy lessons, including with regard to regional investment agreements, regional investment promotion and related sustainable development implications.

4. Experts will be requested to elaborate on, and add to, the key issue areas as identified above, bringing their particular regional perspective into the debate. Experts may also wish to shed light on other areas of concern and future considerations with respect to the topic of regional integration and foreign direct investment.

5. To facilitate the discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat will prepare an issue paper on "Regional integration and foreign direct investment in developing and transition economies". In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/2 Regional integration and foreign direct investment in developing and transition economies

Item 4

Adoption of the report of the meeting

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