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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The second session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 3 to 7 May 2010. The role of the Commission, as defined in Accra Accord paragraph 201, is to conduct policy dialogue on one or two selected issues, consider reports of expert meetings, manage and recommend for approval the work programme of expert meetings within its purview, and promote and strengthen synergies among the three pillars.

2. The second session, as provided in its provisional agenda approved by the Trade and Development Board and contained in document TD/B/EX(47)/4, would discuss, in particular, successful trade and development strategies for mitigating the impact of the global economic and financial crisis. The session would also address tourism's contribution to development, which has been affected by the crisis. In addition, reports of multi-year and single-year expert meetings falling within the ambit of the Commission would be considered. Furthermore, the Commission will examine progress in the implementation of the Accra Accord by the secretariat, including areas in which synergies have been achieved among the three pillars.

3. As provided in the Accra Accord paragraph 190, the second session of the Commission should aim to produce outcomes that are more action-oriented and identify practical solutions to trade and development problems. Based on the experience of the first session, these outcomes could be expressed in the form of agreed conclusions.

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: four members from lists A and C combined, two from list B and one from list D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) as amended.

5. Accordingly, following the cycle of rotation, the Bureau for the second session of the Commission will be as follows: Chair from list C; Rapporteur from list A (Africa); two Vice-Chairs from list A and C combined; two Vice-Chairs from list B; and one Vice-Chair from list D.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The agenda was prepared in accordance with paragraph 204 of the Accra Accord and was approved by the Trade and Development Board at its forty-seventh executive session in Geneva, 30 June 2009 (para. 19).

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, which 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

TD/B/C.I/6 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3**Reports of expert meetings****(a) Reports of the multi-year expert meetings**

8. Under item 3(a), the Commission will review and discuss the outcomes of four multi-year expert meetings as follows:

(i) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development*Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/11 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its second session

(ii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Services, Development and Trade: the Regulatory and Institutional Dimension*Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.3/6 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Services, Development and Trade: the Regulatory and Institutional Dimension on its second session

(iii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration

9. The topic covered by this multi-year expert meeting concerns the work of the Trade and Development Commission as well as that of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission. The expert meeting will, therefore, report to both Commissions.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.2/6 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration on its second session

(iv) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation*Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.1/6 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation on its second session

(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

10. Under agenda item 3(b), the Commission will review and discuss the Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its tenth session (7–9 July 2009).

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/6 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on
TD/B/C.I/CLP/6/Corr.1 Competition Law and Policy on its tenth session

(c) Reports of the single-year expert meetings

11. Under agenda item 3(c), the Commission will review and discuss the outcomes of single-year expert meetings. The Commission may also wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board specific topics for future single-year expert meetings.

(i) **Expert Meeting on Green and Renewable Technologies as Energy Solutions for Rural Development**

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/EM.3/3 Report of the Expert Meeting on Green and Renewable Technologies as Energy Solutions for Rural Development

(ii) **Expert Meeting on the Contribution and Effective Use of External Resources for Development, in Particular for Productive Capacity-building**

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/EM.1/3 Report of the Expert Meeting on the Contribution and Effective Use of External Resources for Development, in Particular for Productive Capacity-building

Item 4

Successful trade and development strategies for mitigating the impact of the global economic and financial crisis

12. Under this agenda item, the Commission will examine developments regarding the global crisis and impact on trade and development prospects of developing countries, discuss mitigating strategies that have been adopted by countries, and suggest action-oriented trade and development strategies that can be successful in mitigating the impact of the global economic and financial crisis and building more resilience and sustainable development processes that promote the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/7 Successful trade and development strategies for mitigating the impact of the global economic and financial crisis

Item 5

The contribution of tourism to trade and development

13. Tourism makes an important contribution to the development of many developing countries. This contribution has been affected by the impact of the global crisis with projected falls in tourism in 2009. Under this agenda item, the Commission will discuss the impact of the crisis on tourism and suggest action-oriented strategies that can be successful in mitigating the impact of the global economic and financial crisis on this key sector.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/8 The contribution of tourism to trade and development

Item 6

Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

14. Under this agenda item, the Commission will examine progress in the implementation of the Accra Accord by the secretariat, identifying areas in which synergies have been achieved among the three pillars. Such progress reports will be provided on Accra Accord paragraphs pertaining to the work of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities; the Division on Technology and Logistics; and the Special Unit on Commodities.

15. Under this agenda item as well, it is proposed to have two reports on two specific areas of UNCTAD's work on trade development. One report is by the Minister of Trade and Industry of Rwanda on Rwanda's Development Driven Trade Policy Framework" (UNCTAD/DITC/2009/2), prepared jointly by the Government and UNCTAD.

16. The second report will be an oral one of the Fifth Annual Meeting of Global Network of Exim Banks and Development Finance Institutions (G-NEXID). The meeting will be held on 7 May back to back to the Commission, as was the case with past sessions of the network.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/9	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to key trade and development issues
TD/B/C.I/10	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to commodities
TD/B/C.I/11	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to transport and trade facilitation
TD/B/C.I/12	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to cross-divisional capacity-building
UNCTAD/DITC/2009/2	Rwanda's Development-Driven Trade Policy Framework

Item 7

Other business

17. 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 third session of the Commission.

Item 8

Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

18. The report of the second session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.