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NOTIFICATION

Trade and Development Commission Fourth session

Geneva, 12–16 November 2012

The fourth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 12 to 16 November 2012. It will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 12 November, in Room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The Commission will provide the opportunity for member States and other stakeholders to discuss key trade and development issues related to building more resilient, sustainable and inclusive development, especially in the context of issues raised during intergovernmental deliberations over the four years of the Accra Accord under expert meetings falling within the purview of the Commission, and to provide guidance on issues that could be addressed in pursuance of the outcomes of UNCTAD XIII.

Member States and other stakeholders will consider the reports of four multi-year expert meetings on (a) commodities and development; (b) services, development and trade: the regulatory and institutional dimension; (c) international cooperation: South–South cooperation and regional integration; and (d) transport and trade facilitation. There will also be consideration of the outcomes of the eleventh and twelfth sessions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, with discussions on a review of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection in order to assess how relevant the guidelines are in today's marketplace.

In addition, the Commission will examine and wrap up progress in the implementation of the Accra Accord mandates 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. Areas in which synergies have been achieved among the three pillars will be identified.

Membership of the Commission is open to all States members of UNCTAD. States members of UNCTAD wishing to attend the session are requested to provide the UNCTAD secretariat with the credentials of their representatives and the names of their alternate representatives and advisers **by 29 October 2012**.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the meeting, and non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category who wish to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.



Upon arrival, participants are requested, before entering the Palais des Nations, to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete the entry procedures in good time and then proceed to the meeting in the E-Building (Bâtiment E) of the Palais.

Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors will therefore be dropped off at the requested entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

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