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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The fourth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 12 to 16 November 2012. The role of the Commission, as defined in Accra Accord paragraph 201, is to 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 fourth session, as provided in its provisional agenda, will review and adopt the reports of expert meetings. The Commission will examine and assess 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 paragraph 190 of the Accra Accord, the fourth session of the Commission should aim to produce outcomes that are more action oriented and to identify practical solutions to trade and development problems. Based on the experience of the previous sessions, 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 representation. 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 fourth session of the Commission will be as follows: a Chair from list B, a Rapporteur from list A, three Vice-Chairs from list A and C combined, one Vice-Chair 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 the Accra Accord and the Doha Mandate. A programme of work will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/22

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Item 3

Reports of expert meetings

(a) Reports of the multi-year expert meetings

7. 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.2/20 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its fourth session

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

TD/B/C.I/MEM.3/12 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Services, Development and Trade: the Regulatory and Institutional Dimension, on its fourth session

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

8. 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.2/12 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration on its fourth session

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

TD/B/C.I/MEM.1/12 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation on its fourth session

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

9. Under agenda item 3(b), the Commission will review and discuss the reports of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its eleventh (19–21 July 2011) and twelfth sessions (9–11 July 2012).

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/12 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its eleventh session

TD/B/C.I/CLP/18 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its twelfth session

Item 4**Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

10. Under this agenda item, the Commission will examine and assess 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.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/23	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to key trade and development issues
TD/B/C.I/24	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to commodities
TD/B/C.I/25	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to transport and trade facilitation
TD/B/C.I/26	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to cross-divisional capacity-building

Item 5

Other business

11. 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 fifth session of the Commission.

Item 6

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

12. The report of the fourth session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.
