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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The ninth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 27 November to 1 December 2017. The role of the Commission, as defined in paragraph 201 of the Accra Accord, 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 substantive agenda item of the ninth session of the Trade and Development Commission was approved on 5 April 2017, during the thirty-first special session of the Trade and Development Board. The substantive topic for the ninth session of the Trade and Development Commission is entitled "From decisions to actions: Trade as a catalyst for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". In addition, the Commission will review and adopt the reports of expert meetings and intergovernmental groups of experts. Furthermore, the Commission will examine relevant activities implemented by the secretariat which have promoted and strengthened synergies among the three pillars.
3. As provided in paragraph 190 of the Accra Accord, the ninth session of the Commission should aim at producing outcomes that are more action-oriented and identify practical solutions to trade and development problems. As stipulated in paragraph 203 of the Accra Accord, the outcomes of the session will be agreed conclusions from the policy dialogue and recommendations to the secretariat achieved within the scheduled time of the session.

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 ninth session of the Commission will be as follows: a Chair from list B, a Rapporteur from list A (Asia), three Vice-Chairs from lists 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

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Item 3

Reports of expert meetings

(a) Reports of the multi-year and single-year expert meetings:

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

- (i) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/15 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation on its fifth session

- (ii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/39 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its ninth session

- (iii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/15 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its fifth session

- (iv) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/3 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation on its first session

- (v) Expert Meeting on the Ways and Means of Improving the Implementation of Priority Areas Agreed in the Istanbul Programme of Action

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.9/3 Report of the Expert Meeting on the Ways and Means of Improving the Implementation of Priority Areas Agreed in the Istanbul Programme of Action

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

8. 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 sixteenth session.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/47 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its sixteenth session

- (c) Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts Consumer Protection Law and Policy**

9. Under agenda item 3 (c), the Commission will review and discuss the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy on its second session.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/9 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy on its second session

Item 4**From decisions to actions: Trade as a catalyst for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

10. Under this agenda item, and in the context of ongoing preparatory processes towards the forthcoming Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, the ninth session of the Trade and Development Commission will consider trends in international trade and development; contribution of the international trading system to the Sustainable Development Goals; developments in the Doha Round and preparations for the Eleventh Ministerial Conference; non-tariff measures and voluntary sustainability standards; trade, environment and sustainable development; relevance of trade and gender issues for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals; and relevance of trade logistics for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

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Item 5**Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

11. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD work in the areas covered by this Commission. A presentation of the progress accomplished since the last session of this Commission will be made by the Division on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities; the Division on Technology and Logistics; and the Special Unit on Commodities.

Item 6**Other business**

12. Under this agenda item, the Commission may also wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board, for approval, the substantive topic(s) for the next session of the Commission.

Item 7**Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board**

13. The report of the ninth session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.
