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Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session

1. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced in chapter one above.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(66)/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 2

The Least Developed Countries Report 2017: Transformational Energy Access

2. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2017: Transformational Energy Access* will be presented to the Trade and Development Board. The report argues that the economic dimension of modern energy access in the least developed countries has so far received too little attention in the discourse on achieving universal access to modern energy, foreseen in Sustainable Development Goal 7. In order for these countries to achieve structural transformation and fully harness the economic potential of energy access, they need to adopt a different strategy for energy. They require an approach that goes beyond meeting basic domestic needs to encompass what the report calls transformational energy access. In particular, the approach required is one that meets the needs of firms and farms for adequate, reliable, affordable and sustainable supplies of energy for productive uses.

Documentation

UNCTAD/LDC/2017 *The Least Developed Countries Report 2017:*
and Overview *Transformational Energy Access*

Item 3

Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-sixth session

3. At its meeting on 24 October 2017, the extended Bureau of the Trade and Development Board decided to postpone the seventy-sixth session of the Working Party due to changes to the budgetary process of the United Nations. The seventy-sixth session of the Working Party will be rescheduled in the first quarter of 2018, and the exact dates will be determined once the modalities for the budgetary process are decided. Therefore, consideration of the report of the Working Party is postponed to another session of the Board.

Item 4

Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission

4. The report of the ninth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/37 Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development
Commission on its ninth session

Item 5
Report of the Trade and Development Commission

5. The report of the ninth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/43 Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its ninth session

Item 6
Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy

6. The report of the first session of Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/EDE/1/3 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy on its first session

Item 7
Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development

7. The report of the first session of Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/EFD/1/3 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development on its first session

Item 8
Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the fourteenth session of the Conference

8. The Trade and Development Board will take stock of the progress made in phase II of the implementation of the Nairobi Maafikiano, namely the revitalization of the intergovernmental machinery.

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Other business

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Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixty-sixth executive session
