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**Trade and Development Board**  
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**and the Programme Budget**  
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Item 2 of the provisional agenda  
**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

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### II. Annotations to the provisional agenda


#### Item 1 Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chair and the

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Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, the Chair of the Working Party at its seventy-third session will be a representative of list B. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list A (Asia).

## **Item 2**

### **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its seventy-third session, as reproduced in chapter I above.

#### *Documentation*

TD/B/WP/278

Provisional agenda and annotations

## **Item 3**

### **Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing**

3. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (TD/B/WP/279), which deals with activities undertaken in 2015. This report is being submitted both to the Working Party at its seventy-third session and to the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-third session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD, the allocation of technical cooperation resources by type of project and by region and an updated overview of the structure and functioning of UNCTAD technical cooperation.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Review of activities undertaken in 2015” (TD/B/WP/279/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2015 under various programmes and projects. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impact and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Statistical tables” (TD/B/WP/279/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of expenditures among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of the projects under implementation in 2015.

6. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with paragraph 220 of the Accra Accord and paragraph 7 of Trade and Development Board decision 495 (LV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

#### *Documentation*

TD/B/WP/279

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

TD/B/WP/279/Add.1

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2015 (English only)

TD/B/WP/279/Add.2

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

## **Item 4**

### **Evaluation of UNCTAD activities**

#### **(a) Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview**

7. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled “Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview” (TD/B/WP/280), which presents findings from evaluations conducted between April 2015 and March 2016. The report contains the main messages and recommendations from each evaluation, which may be helpful in informing the assessment, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. The report also highlights lessons learned, addressed specifically to management and programme managers, when planning and implementing projects and programmes. The Working Party will also be invited to discuss how to better support evaluations at UNCTAD, including funding-related issues, and to submit its conclusions and recommendations to the Trade and Development Board.

#### **(b) Follow-up on evaluations: Progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade**

8. At its seventy-first session, the Working Party considered the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade. The evaluation report, together with the management response from UNCTAD, formed the basis for discussions by member States. The secretariat will make a presentation on the actions it has taken in further strengthening the subprogramme, in accordance with the discussions at the Working Party.

#### *Documentation*

TD/B/WP/280	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
TD/B/WP/274	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade
TD/B/WP(71)/CRP.1	Management response to the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade
TD/B/WP(71)/CRP.2	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade – Supporting materials

## **Item 5**

### **Provisional agenda for the seventy-fourth session of the Working Party**

9. In the course of the session, the secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

## **Item 6**

### **Other business**

## **Item 7**

### **Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board**

10. The report of the seventy-third session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.