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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The third session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 6 to 10 June 2011. The role of the Commission, as defined in Accra Accord paragraph 201, 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 third session, as provided in its provisional agenda approved by the Trade and Development Board and contained in document TD/B/EX(50)/5, will discuss, in particular, the evolution of the international trading system and how its contribution to the development and economic recovery can be enhanced. The session will also discuss the integration of developing countries in global supply chains, including through adding value to their exports. Furthermore, the Commission will examine 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 third session of the Commission should aim to produce outcomes that are more action-oriented and 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 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 second session of the Commission will be as follows: Chair from list A (Africa); Rapporteur from list B; 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 paragraph 204 of the Accra Accord and was approved by the Trade and Development Board at its fiftieth executive session in Geneva, 8 July 2010 (para. 35 of the Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fiftieth executive session (TD/B/EX(50)/5)).

7. With regard to the organization of the work, and in accordance with paragraph 205 of the Accra Accord, the Commission session will have a duration of five days, which will include a break of one day for informal consultations. The first three days will focus on the substantive items of the agenda, comprising two topics and consideration of expert meetings' reports and progress reports on the implementation of the Accra Accord. After a break of one day, on the last day of the session the Commission will address the institutional issues on the agenda and adopt any agreed outcome.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/14 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3**Reports of expert meetings****(a) Reports of the multi-year expert meetings**

8. 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.2/16 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its third session

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

TD/B/C.I/MEM.3/9 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Services, Development and Trade: the Regulatory and Institutional Dimension on its third session

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

9. 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, therefore, reports to both Commissions.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.2/9 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration on its third session

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

TD/B/C.I/MEM.1/9 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation on its third session

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

10. Under this item, the Commission normally considers the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy. In 2010, however, as decided by the United Nations General Assembly, the Sixth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices was held in Geneva, and there was no session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy. The UNCTAD secretariat will brief the Commission on the Conference's outcome and report, including the resolutions adopted by the Conference.

Documentation

TD/RBP/CONF.7/11 Report of the Sixth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices

(c) Reports of the single-year expert meetings

11. Under agenda item 3(c), the Commission will review and discuss the outcome of the single-year expert meetings. The Commission may also wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board specific topics for future single-year expert meetings.

- **Expert Meeting on Maximizing the Development Impact of Remittances**

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/EM.4/3 Report of the Expert Meeting on Maximizing the Development Impact of Remittances

Item 4

Assessing the evolution of the international trading system and enhancing its contribution to development and economic recovery

12. Under this agenda item, the Commission will consider the evolution of the international trading system and its contribution to growth, development and the creation of employment in developing countries. It will review the interaction between trade, the trading system and policies needed to enhance the contribution of trade to employment creation, as well as to make the integration of developing countries into the international trading system more inclusive and sustainable.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/15 Assessing the evolution of the international trading system and enhancing its contribution to development and economic recovery

Item 5

Integration of developing countries in global supply chains, including through adding value to their exports

13. Under this agenda item, the Commission will examine the evolution of global supply chains (GSC) and the participation of developing countries therein. It will review trade and other economic policies that are important in facilitating the integration of developing countries in GSCs and moving along value chains contributing to upgrading productive and export capacities.

14. The importance of access to efficient trade logistics systems as a requisite for a better integration of developing countries in global supply chains will also be discussed. In particular, the trade facilitation components of national and regional trade policies would be examined in conjunction with institutional and physical infrastructure development policies conducive to more cost-effective trade transactions.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/16 Integration of developing countries in global supply chains, including through adding value to their exports

Item 6**Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

15. Under this agenda item, the Commission will examine 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.

16. Under this agenda item as well, the Commission will also consider an oral report on the Sixth Annual Meeting of Global Network of Exim Banks and Development Finance Institutions (G-NEXID). The meeting will be held back-to-back to the Commission.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/17	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to key trade and development issues
TD/B/C.I/18	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to commodities
TD/B/C.I/19	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to transport and trade facilitation
TD/B/C.I/20	Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to cross-divisional capacity-building

Item 7**Other business**

17. 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 fourth session of the Commission.

Item 8**Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board**

18. The report of the third session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.
