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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 Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur, the Chairperson of the Working Party at its forty-fifth session will be a representative of one of the States members in list D. The Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members of list A (Africa).

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its forty-fifth session, as reproduced in section I above.

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 “A review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD” (TD/B/WP/181) dealing with activities undertaken in 2004, which is being submitted both to the Working Party at its forty-fifth session and to the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-second session. The report also provides an assessment of the mandates, as related to technical cooperation, contained in the São Paulo Consensus, as well as the implications of such mandates for the technical cooperation strategy adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its fiftieth session in October 2003. It also contains information on different sources of financing for UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities, as well as the structure of technical cooperation projects.

4. Annex I to the above document – “Review of activities undertaken in 2004” (TD/B/WP/181/Add.1) – provides a programme-by-programme review of technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2004 under various programmes and projects. It contains background information on activities as well as information on their impact and results.

5. Annex II to the report – “Statistical tables” (TD/B/WP/181/Add.2) – provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of activities among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of projects under implementation in 2004.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/181	A review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD
TD/B/WP/181/Add.1	Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2004 (English only)
TD/B/WP/181/Add.2	Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 4: Evaluation of technical cooperation activities:**- In-depth evaluation of the training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda**

6. In the context of its annual in-depth evaluation of a technical cooperation programme, the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, at its forty-third session in September 2004, adopted a three-year evaluation plan starting from 2005. According to this plan, at the current session the Working Party will consider an in-depth evaluation of the “training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda – implementation of paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action.” The evaluation report, contained in document TD/B/WP/182, was prepared by an independent evaluation team composed of a professional evaluator with extensive experience in this area and two additional members who are familiar with UNCTAD programmes and their planning and assessment procedures and who are regularly involved in the work of UNCTAD’s intergovernmental bodies. The latter two members were selected with a view to bringing the perspective of both the beneficiary and the donor communities into the evaluation process.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/182	In-depth evaluation of the training courses on key issues in the international economic agenda
TD/B/WP/182/Add.1	In-depth evaluation of the training courses on key issues in the international economic agenda – Annex and supporting documents (English only)

Item 5: Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Working Party

7. 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**

8. The report of the Working Party on its forty-fifth session will be before the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-second session.
