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* This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date as a result of processing delays.

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-seventh session will be a representative of one of the States members in list A (Africa). The Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members in list C.

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-seventh 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/188) dealing with activities undertaken in 2005, which is being submitted both to the Working Party at its forty-seventh session and to the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-third session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities, i.e. voluntary contributions and their allocation by thematic areas and by regions or countries, as well as an updated overview of the structure and main features of UNCTAD technical cooperation programmes and projects.

4. Annex I to the above document — “Review of activities undertaken in 2005” (TD/B/WP/188/Add.1) — provides a programme-by-programme review of technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2005 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/188/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 2005.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/188	A review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD
TD/B/WP/188/Add.1	Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2005 (English only)
TD/B/WP/188/Add.2	Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 4: Evaluation of technical cooperation activities:**— In-depth evaluation of the technical cooperation programme on accession to WTO**

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 “technical cooperation programme on accession to WTO.” The evaluation report, contained in document TD/B/WP/190, 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.

7. At its forty-fifth session in September 2005, the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget considered the in-depth evaluation of the training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda and requested the secretariat to report back on progress in implementing them no later than at its forty-seventh session. The note by the secretariat, as contained in document TD/B/WP/189, provides a report on the implementation of recommendations between October 2005 and June 2006.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/190	Evaluation of UNCTAD's WTO accession trade-related technical assistance and capacity building
TD/B/WP/189	Progress report on the implementation of recommendations by the independent external evaluation of the course on key issues on the international economic agenda

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

8. 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**

9. The report of the Working Party on its forty-seventh session will be before the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-third session.

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