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## NOTIFICATION

### Trade and Development Commission Fifth session

**Geneva, 17–21 June 2013**

The fifth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 17 to 21 June 2013. It will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 17 June, in Room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The Commission will provide the opportunity for member States and other stakeholders to discuss key trade and development issues related to building more resilient, sustainable and inclusive development.

Under provisional agenda item 3, member States and other stakeholders will consider the reports of four multi-year expert meetings on (a) trade, services and development; (b) commodities and development; (c) promoting economic integration and cooperation; and (d) enhancing the enabling economic environment at all levels in support of inclusive and sustainable development. In addition, there will be consideration of the outcome of the expert meeting on tourism's contribution to sustainable development.

Under provisional agenda item 4, the Commission will then consider recent trends in trade in goods and services, and in the international trading system, as well as trends in the nature and level of employment and poverty reduction in developing countries, and how these two trends interact with each other. Ways in which trade policies and complementary measures could boost employment and poverty reduction will be highlighted.

Under provisional agenda item 5, the Commission will have the opportunity to discuss trends currently reshaping international maritime transport and trade. These include the growing importance of developing countries in the demand for maritime transport services, as well as their increasing market share in the supply of maritime business. Other issues that may be examined include rising sustainability imperatives and climate change concerns, which are shaping transport policies and strategies of the future to ensure effective integration of developing countries into global transport and trading networks.

The Commission will also consider progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD's work in the areas covered by this Commission.

Membership of the Commission is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Those members States wishing to attend the session are requested to provide the UNCTAD secretariat with the credentials of their representatives and the names of their alternate representatives and advisers by **3 June 2013**.



Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies, and non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category, who wish to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.

Upon arrival, participants are requested, before entering the Palais des Nations, to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete the entry procedures in good time and then proceed to the meeting in the E-Building (Bâtiment E) of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors will therefore be dropped off at the requested entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

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