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Expert Meeting on Policies and Programmes for Technology
Development and Mastery, including the role of FDI
Geneva, 16–18 July 2003
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Policies and programmes for technology development and mastery, including the role of FDI
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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and the organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the Expert Meeting is reproduced in section I above. The Expert Meeting will have three days, from 16 to 18 July 2003, to complete its work. The provisional schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.18/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3: Policies and programmes for technology development and mastery, including the role of FDI

3. At its seventh session, held in Geneva from 24 to 27 February 2003, the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development decided to convene an Expert Meeting on Policies and Programmes for Technology Development and Mastery, including the Role of FDI.

4. As agreed by the Commission, this Expert Meeting will discuss policy options conducive to moving up the technology ladder, including for technology transfer, development and mastery in order to meet international quality standards, as well as financial and fiscal measures to promote collective action among the actors (home and host Governments, support agencies, and large and small firms) for “linking, leveraging and learning”.

5. The aim is to identify policies and programmes that have allowed some countries to move up the technology ladder, as well as to identify the main constraints and obstacles that have hindered development in other countries. The outcome of the Expert Meeting will be directly relevant to the UNCTAD XI themes.

6. To facilitate the discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared an issues note entitled “Policies and programmes for technology development and mastery, including the role of FDI”. Further, a background document will be circulated during the Meeting containing six detailed country studies. In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. Panels will be organized to bring together three to four experts on each issue to launch the discussion.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.18/2 “Policies and programmes for technology development and mastery, including the role of FDI”

Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting

7. The report of the Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development at its eighth session in December 2003. The Expert Meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chairperson, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

<p>WEDNESDAY 16 July 2003</p>	<p>THURSDAY 17 July 2003</p>	<p>FRIDAY 18 July 2003</p>
<p><i>(10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Plenary</p> <p>Opening statement</p> <p>Item 1: Election of officers</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and the organization of the Meeting</p> <p>Introduction of item 3</p> <p>Informals</p> <p>Item 3: Policies and programmes for technology development and mastery, including the role of FDI</p>	<p><i>(10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Informals</p> <p>Item 3: (continued)</p>	<p><i>(10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Informals</p> <p>Item 3: (continued)</p>
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