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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The fifth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 17 to 21 June 2013. The role of the Commission, as defined in paragraph 201 of the Accra Accord, 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 substantive agenda items of the fifth session of the Trade and Development Commission were approved by the resumed fifty-fifth executive session of the Trade and Development on 15 October 2012. This Commission session will discuss the impact of trade on employment and poverty reduction as well as key trends in international transport and implications for development. It will review and adopt the reports of expert meetings. Furthermore, the Commission will examine relevant activities implemented by the secretariat which have promoted and strengthened synergies among the three pillars.

3. As provided in paragraph 202 of the Accra Accord, the Trade and Development Commission has the mandate of the previous Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, and also assumes responsibility for transport and trade logistics issues from the previous Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development.

4. As provided in paragraph 190 of the Accra Accord, the fifth session of the Commission should aim to produce outcomes that are more action-oriented and identify practical solutions to trade and development problems. As stipulated in paragraph 203 of the Accra Accord, the outcomes of the Commission session will be agreed conclusions from the policy dialogue and recommendations to the secretariat achieved within the scheduled time of the session.

Item 1

Election of officers

5. 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.

6. Accordingly, following the cycle of rotation, the Bureau for the fifth session of the Commission will be as follows: a Chair from list A, a Rapporteur from list D, three Vice-Chairs from list A and C combined, and two Vice-Chairs from list B.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

7. The agenda was prepared in accordance with the Accra Accord and the Doha Mandate. A programme of work will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Documentation

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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 Trade, Services and Development**Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/3 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its first session

*(ii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development**Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/23 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its fifth session

*(iii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Promoting Economic Integration and Cooperation**Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.6/3 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Promoting Economic Integration and Cooperation on its first session

*(iv) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at all Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development**Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.5/3 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at all Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development on its first session

(b) Report of the Expert Meeting on Tourism's Contribution to Sustainable Development*Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/EM.5/3 Report of the Expert Meeting on Tourism's Contribution to Sustainable Development

Item 4**The impact of trade on employment and poverty reduction**

9. Under this agenda item, the Commission will consider recent trends in trade in goods and services, and in the international trading system, as well as trends in the nature and quantity 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.

Documentation

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Item 5**Key trends in international transport and implications for development**

10. Under this agenda item the secretariat will submit a note briefly presenting some key trends currently reshaping international maritime transport and trade. The Commission may want to consider factors already impacting on transport policies and strategies of the future as well as policy and regulatory issues related to sustainability in shipping.

Documentation

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Recent developments and trends in international maritime transport affecting trade of developing countries

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

11. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD's work in the areas covered by this Commission. A presentation of the progress accomplished since the last session of this Commission will be made by the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities; the Division on Technology and Logistics; and the Special Unit on Commodities.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CRP.3

Progress report on activities related to the implementation of the provisions of the Doha Mandate related to commodities

TD/B/C.I/CRP.4

Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars related to transport and trade facilitation and cross-divisional capacity-building.

UNCTAD/DTL/2013/1

Division on Technology and Logistics Activity Report 2012

UNCTAD/DITC/2013/1

Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities Activity Report 2012

Item 7

Other business

12. 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 sixth session of the Commission.

Item 8

Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

13. The report of the fifth session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.
