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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The tenth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 12 to 16 November 2018. The role of the commissions, as subsidiary bodies of the Trade and Development Board and 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 their purview and promote and strengthen synergies among the three pillars.

2. The topic of the substantive agenda item of the tenth session of the Trade and Development Commission, approved on 26 June 2018 at the sixty-fifth session, part I, of the Trade and Development Board, is entitled "Trade, multilateral cooperation and sustainable development". In addition, the Commission will review and adopt the reports of expert meetings and of meetings of intergovernmental groups of experts. Furthermore, the Commission will examine relevant activities implemented by the secretariat which have promoted and strengthened synergies among the three pillars.

3. As specified in paragraph 190 of the Accra Accord on outcomes of intergovernmental meetings, the tenth session of the Commission should aim at producing 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 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

4. In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Main Committees of the Trade and Development Board, the Trade and Development 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.

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

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Trade and Development Commission was approved on 26 June 2018 at the sixty-fifth session, part I, of the Trade and Development Board. A programme of work will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/44 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3

Reports of expert meetings

(a) Reports of the multi-year and single-year expert meetings:

7. Under agenda item 3 (a), the Commission will review and discuss the outcomes of multi-year and single-year expert meetings as follows:

(i) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/43 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its tenth session

(ii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/18 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its sixth session

(iii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/6 Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation on its second session

(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

8. Under agenda item 3 (b), the Commission will review and discuss the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its seventeenth session.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/52 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its seventeenth session

(c) Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

9. Under agenda item 3 (c), the Commission will review and discuss the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy on its third session.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/15 Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy on its third session

Item 4

Trade, multilateral cooperation and sustainable development

10. Under the agenda item, and in the context of growing concern over the integrity of the multilateral trading system and prospects for sustainable global trade growth and achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the tenth session of the Trade and Development Commission will discuss trends in international trade and development, cooperation in trade and the Sustainable Development Goals, and some key challenges to multilateral trade cooperation and ways to overcome them through global trade partnerships.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/45 Trade, multilateral cooperation and sustainable development Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 5

Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

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

Item 6

Other business

12. Under the agenda item, the Trade and Development Commission may also wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board, for approval, the substantive topic(s) for the next session of the Commission.

Item 7

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

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