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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The eleventh session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 25 to 29 November 2019. 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 provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the Trade and Development Commission was approved by the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-sixth session. The topic of the substantive agenda item is entitled "Trade and vulnerability". 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 that 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 eleventh 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 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 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 eleventh session of the Commission will be as follows: a Chair from list D, a Rapporteur from list C, 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 eleventh session of the Commission was approved on 27 June 2019 at the sixty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board. 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 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;

- (ii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development;
- (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;
- (iv) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation;
- (v) Expert Meeting on Promoting Value Addition and Enhancement of Domestic Productive Capacity through Local Economic Empowerment.

(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 outcomes of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy.

(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 outcomes of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/47	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its eleventh session
TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/21	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its seventh session
TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/9	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 third session
TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/21	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation on its seventh session
TD/B/C.I/EM.10/3	Report of the Expert Meeting on Promoting Value Addition and Enhancement of Domestic Productive Capacity through Local Economic Empowerment
TD/B/C.I/CLP/55	Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its eighteenth session
TD/B/C.I/CPLP/20	Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy on its fourth session

**Item 4
Trade and vulnerability**

10. Under this agenda item, in the context of growing concern over the economic vulnerability of some categories of developing countries and the least developed countries, the eleventh session of the Commission will discuss how vulnerability represents a major challenge to the sustained and beneficial integration of developing countries into international trade and how member States can effectively address the causes and effects of multifaceted vulnerability to buttress economic resilience for sustainable development. The three areas addressed in the note prepared by the secretariat are as follows:

- (a) Small island developing States: Small countries, big challenges;
- (b) Commodity dependence: A vulnerable state;
- (c) Addressing multifaceted vulnerability: Trade and transport facilitation.

Documentation

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Item 5

Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

11. Under this 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 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 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 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 eleventh session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.
