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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The twelfth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 17 to 19 February 2021. 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 of work of UNCTAD.

2. The topic of the substantive agenda item is “From inequality and vulnerability to prosperity for all”. In addition, the Commission will review and adopt the reports of expert meetings. Furthermore, the Commission will examine relevant activities implemented by the secretariat that have promoted and strengthened synergies among the three pillars.

Item 1

Election of officers

3. 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 shall 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.

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

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. The provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Trade and Development Commission was approved by the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-seventh session. 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

6. Under this agenda item, the Commission will review and discuss the outcomes of the following expert meetings:

(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.

Documentation

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| TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/51 | Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its twelfth session |
| TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/24 | Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its eighth session |
| TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/12 | Report of the 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 on its fourth session |
| TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/24 | Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation on its eighth session |

Item 4**From inequality and vulnerability to prosperity for all**

7. Under this agenda item, the Trade and Development Commission will contribute to the preparation process for the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Item 5**Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

8. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars of work of UNCTAD 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 7**Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board**

9. The report of the twelfth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.
