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Item 1

Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Multi-Year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Multi-Year Expert Meeting is reproduced in chapter I above.
3. The Trade and Development Board agreed on the topic for this session at its sixty-fifth session, part II, on 4 October 2018, in line with paragraph 55 (k) and (l) of the Nairobi Maafikiano. The meeting will have three days, 20–22 April 2020, to complete its work. The provisional schedule of meetings for the three days is attached in the annex to this document. A detailed programme will be available at the latest one week before the start of the meeting.

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Climate change adaptation for seaports in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

4. With over 80 per cent of the volume of world trade carried by sea from port to port, international shipping and seaports provide crucial linkages in the network of global supply chains and are essential for all countries, including landlocked countries, to be able to access global markets. Ports are likely to be affected directly and indirectly by climate change-related effects, such as rising sea levels, extreme weather events and rising temperatures, with broader implications for international trade and for the development prospects of the most vulnerable nations, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States. Given the strategic role of ports as part of the global trading system, and the potential for climate-related damage, disruption and delay across global supply chains – with significant associated costs and economic and trade-related losses – enhancing their climate resilience is a matter of strategic economic importance and will be key in achieving progress on many of the Goals and targets under the 2030 Agenda. There are considerable challenges ahead, yet there is also significant momentum, with growing international recognition of the need for the acceleration of ambition with regard to adaptation and resilience-building and commitments to take action expressed by a wide range of public and private sector actors and stakeholders.

5. The eighth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting provides a timely opportunity to build on current momentum by considering how best to translate ambitious targets into action and to develop concrete policy recommendations that both help to advance the important issue of climate change adaptation for seaports in support of the 2030 Agenda and can serve as inputs for other intergovernmental meetings and processes that will take place in 2020, including the second United Nations Global Conference on Sustainable Transport (May); the United Nations Ocean Conference (June); the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (October); and the twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November).

6. To facilitate the discussion, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a note titled “Climate change adaptation for seaports in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

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Item 4

Adoption of the report of the meeting

7. The report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Trade and Development Commission at its next session. The meeting may wish to authorize the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, under of the authority of the Chair, to prepare a final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

Input from experts

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (maximum 10 pages) as contributions to the work of the Multi-year Expert Meeting. The papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting and will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat as soon as possible, addressed to the Division on Technology and Logistics, Trade Logistics Branch, Policy and Legislation Section, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0050; email: policy.legislation@unctad.org.

Annex

Multi-Year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, eighth session: Provisional schedule

	<i>Monday</i> <i>20 April 2020</i>	<i>Tuesday</i> <i>21 April 2020</i>	<i>Wednesday</i> <i>22 April 2020</i>
10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Opening plenary Opening statements Item 1. Election of officers Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Introduction of item 3 Climate change adaptation for seaports in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Informal meetings Item 3. Climate change adaptation for seaports in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Informal meetings Item 3, continued	Informal meetings Item 3, continued
3–6 p.m.	Informal meetings Item 3, continued	Informal meetings Item 3, continued	Informal meetings Consideration of the outcome of the meeting Closing plenary Item 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting