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## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### Item 1

#### Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

1. The provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth executive session of the Trade and Development Board was approved on 4 October 2019 of the sixty-eighth executive session of the Board. The provisional agenda for the sixty-ninth executive session is reproduced in chapter I above.

#### *Documentation*

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### Item 2

#### *The Least Developed Countries Report 2019: The Present and Future of External Development Finance – Old Dependence, New Challenges*

2. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2019: The Present and Future of External Development Finance – Old Dependence, New Challenges* will be presented to the Trade and Development Board. The new aid architecture presents a wider array of external finance sources to the least developed countries, but it results in more complexity and opacity for them. Moreover, this wider array is not translating into meaningful increases in development finance from all sources, but it leads to the expansion of the number of actors and instruments. Critically, the linkages between external development finance and national development priorities are weakening. The limited State capacities of the least developed countries are further challenged by these developments. In order to best manage their aid dependence and eventually escape it, the least developed countries need to take a more proactive role to ensure that external finance from all sources is directed to national development priorities, by implementing, among other things, a proposed “Aid Effectiveness Agenda 2.0”.

#### *Documentation*

UNCTAD/LDC/2019                      *The Least Developed Countries Report 2019: The Present and Overview*  
and Overview                              *and Future of External Development Finance – Old Dependence, New Challenges*

### Item 3

#### **Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-ninth session**

3. The report of the seventy-ninth session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget, to be held from 20 to 22 January 2020, will be before the Board for its consideration.

#### *Documentation*

TD/B/WP/302                              Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-ninth session

**Item 4**  
**Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission**

4. The report of the eleventh session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be before the Board for its consideration.

*Documentation*

TD/B/C.II/44                      Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission on its eleventh session

**Item 5**  
**Report of the Trade and Development Commission**

5. The report of the eleventh session of the Trade and Development Commission will be before the Board for its consideration.

*Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/49                      Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its eleventh session

**Item 6**  
**Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development**

6. The report of the third session of Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development will be before the Board for its consideration.

*Documentation*

TD/B/EFD/3/3                      Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development on its third session

**Item 7**  
**Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre**

7. The Trade and Development Board will consider the report of the fifty-third session of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre.

**Item 8**  
**Provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board**

8. The draft provisional agenda for the sixty-seventh session of the Board will be prepared by the secretariat.

*In-session documentation*

**Item 9**

**Provisional agenda of the seventieth executive session of the Trade and Development Board**

9. The draft provisional agenda for the seventieth executive session of the Board will be prepared by the secretariat.

*In-session documentation*

**Item 10**

**Other business**

**Item 11**

**Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixty-ninth executive session**

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