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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION¹

To be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva
from 22 to 25 October 2007

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA²

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Implementation of the UNECE reform and follow-up to the 2007 session of the Commission.
3. Subsidiary body reports.

¹ The second session of the Committee on Trade will take place in conjunction with the Committee's International Symposium entitled "Trade rules, regulations and standards: Different levels of rule-making and their impact", to be held on 23 October 2007. A provisional programme for the Symposium will be set out in document ECE/TRADE/379. Documents for the Symposium will be posted on the UNECE Trade and Timber Division website as they become available, as well as being distributed through the normal channels.

Registration. Delegates attending these meetings at the Palais des Nations should complete the registration form, downloadable from <http://www.unece.org/trade/ct/welcome.htm> and transmit it to the secretariat either by e-mail (poppy.willard@unece.org) or by fax (+41-22-917-0629). Prior to the first meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves with a valid identification card/passport at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny entrance, Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix, to obtain a security badge to enter the Palais.

Documents for the meeting, maps of Geneva, lists of hotels and restaurants, and information for visitors are available on the UNECE Trade and Timber Division website at: http://www.unece.org/trade/trd_mtg_07.htm

² A tentative timetable can be found at the end of this document.

- (a) Trade facilitation and electronic business.
 - (b) Regulatory cooperation and standardization policies.
 - (c) Commercial agricultural quality standards.
4. Activities directly under the Committee.
 5. Capacity-building.
 6. Programme of work and its evaluation.
 - (a) Programme of work.
 - (b) Evaluation.
 7. Procedures and organization of future sessions.
 8. Election of officers.
 9. Other business.
 10. Adoption of the decisions.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA³

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

At its April meeting, the Extended Bureau agreed upon the provisional agenda, which is hereby presented to the Committee on Trade for adoption.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/decision</u>
Annotated provisional agenda	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/1	I/D

Additionally, in accordance with the Committee's procedures as found in document ECE/TRADE/2005/19, three rapporteurs will be appointed (one for each of the UNECE official languages). They will assist the secretariat in preparing the conference room paper "Decisions adopted by the Committee at its annual session", which will be drawn up in the three languages and approved at the end of the session.

Item 2: Implementation of the UNECE reform and follow-up to the 2007 session of the Commission

The secretariat will report on recent developments.

³ **Note:** documents marked "D" for decision and "I" for information.

Item 3: Subsidiary body reports

Each subsidiary body will report on its priorities and challenges and present a technical assistance activity or a project, which may be work in progress or recently completed. They will also introduce any decisions that they will be requesting the Committee to make.

(a) Trade facilitation and electronic business

The Chairperson of UN/CEFACT will present an initiative to expedite the delivery of standards and tools to support an integrated and coordinated flow of information, goods and payments in international trade. UN/CEFACT will also request approval of its 2008-2009 programme of work and the renewal of the mandate of its working groups.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/decision</u>
Report on UN/CEFACT Forum activities since the 12th Plenary session	ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/4	I
Report of the 2007 UN/CEFACT Plenary session	ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/29	I
Recent developments under UN/CEFACT	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/2	I
Draft programme of work of UN/CEFACT 2008-2009: Work items	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/17	D
Renewal of UN/CEFACT subgroups	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/3	D

(b) Regulatory cooperation and standardization policies

The Chairperson of WP.6 will present a project on the protection of intellectual property rights and prevention of the proliferation of counterfeit goods, which is being developed under the auspices of the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance ("MARS" Group). Delegations will be invited to report on developments in regulatory cooperation.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/decision</u>
Report of the 2006 session of WP.6	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2006/13	I
	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2006/13/ Add.1 - ECE/TRADE/C/2006/18/Add.2	
Recent developments under WP.6	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/4	I/D

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/decision</u>
Questions from the Russian regulatory authority and preliminary replies	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/16	I

(c) Commercial agricultural quality standards

The Chairperson of WP.7 will present the Working Party's recent achievements and, in particular, a progress report on the concentration of work on commercial agricultural quality standards within the UNECE.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/decision</u>
Report of the 2006 session of WP.7	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2006/20	I/D
Recent developments under WP.7 and any changes to the programme of work for the 2006-2007 biennium	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/5	I/D
Progress report on the concentration of work on commercial agricultural quality standards within UNECE	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/6	I

Item 4: Activities directly under the Committee

Participants will discuss the work undertaken directly under the Committee, the synergies between the Committee and other UNECE bodies and the cooperation between the Committee and other organizations.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/decision</u>
Report on activities directly under the Committee	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/7	I
Report on cooperation with the Committee on Inland Transport	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/8	I
Report on cooperation with other organizations	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/9	I

Item 5: Capacity-building

The regional adviser will present recent technical cooperation activities, with particular emphasis on the harmonization of international trade data and trade facilitation in countries with economies in transition.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/for decision</u>
Report on capacity-building and implementation activities	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/10	I

Item 6: Programme of work and its evaluation

(a) Programme of work

The Committee will discuss its programme of work and approve the strategic framework for the 2010-2011 biennium.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/for decision</u>
2010-2011: Draft Strategic Framework	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/11	D
Changes to the 2008-2009 programme of work	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/12	D

(b) Evaluation

The Committee will discuss the accomplishment accounts for the 2006 - 2007 biennium. It will also discuss the new UNECE procedures for the evaluation of subprogrammes for the upcoming 2008 - 2009 biennium and will approve the proposed evaluation plans.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/for decision</u>
Accomplishment accounts for the 2006-2007 biennium	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/13	I
Evaluation plans for the 2008-2009 biennium	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/14	D

Item 7: Procedures and organization of future sessions

A new document on the Committee's procedures (ECE/TRADE/C/2007/15) is presented for approval. The Committee recommended that the Bureau draw up proposals for an improved structure for Committee sessions. The proposals are included in this document.

<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>For information/for decision</u>
Committee on Trade: Guidelines and procedures	ECE/TRADE/C/2007/15	D

Item 8: Election of officers

The mandates of the Chairperson and two vice-chairpersons expire at the current session. The Bureau proposes that the Committee elect its new officers for a two-year period, until the end of the 2009 session. The current officers are as follows: Mr. Alexander Šafařík-Pštroš (Czech Republic) as Chairperson, and Mr. Dimitri Japaridze (Georgia), Mr. Zoran Jolevski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Ms. Christina Rahlén (Sweden) and Mr. José Luis Sanz-Benito (Spain) as vice-chairpersons.

Item 9: Other business

The Committee will approve the dates for its third session.

Item 10: Adoption of the decisions

The Committee will adopt the decisions taken during the session. The final report of the session will be produced by the secretariat, after the annual session, according to the Committee's procedures.

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Date	Time	Agenda item	
Monday, 22 October	15:00-18:00	1	Adoption of the agenda
		2	Implementation of the UNECE reform and follow-up to the 2007 session of the Commission
		3	Subsidiary body reports
		3(a)	Trade facilitation and electronic business
Tuesday, 23 October	10:00-18:00	International Symposium: "Trade rules, regulations and standards: Different levels of rule-making and their impact"	
Wednesday, 24 October	10:00-13:00	3(b)	Regulatory cooperation and standardization policies
		3(c)	Commercial agricultural quality standards
		4	Activities directly under the Committee
		5	Capacity-building
	15:00-18:00	6	Programme of work and its evaluation
		6(a)	Programme of work
		6(b)	Evaluation
		7	Procedures and organization of future sessions
		8	Election of officers
		9	Other business
Thursday, 25 October	10:00-11:00	10	Adoption of the decisions
	11:00-13:00	Meeting of the Bureau with the Executive Committee	
	15:00-18:00	Meeting of the Extended Bureau	