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**COMMITTEE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
PROPOSALS FOR 2005 AND 2006 FORUMS**

DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSION

The Bureau has agreed that the focus of the Committee's annual forums should alternate between activities under the Trade Development Subprogramme and activities under the Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development Subprogramme.

The following document thus contains two proposals, one for a forum in 2005 on "Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies: the Status of the Industrial Sector" and another for a forum in 2006 on "Creating a Regulatory Environment Supportive of International Trade"

**Proposal For A 2005 Industry and Enterprise Development Week
With a Forum on:**

“Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies: the Status of the Industrial Sector”

At its fifth session held on 12 – 13 February 2004, the Working Party on Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development (WP.8) welcomed the invitation by the Bureau of the CTIED to contribute to the organization of an Industry and Enterprise Development Week in conjunction with the ninth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development in 2005. The Working Party called on the Teams of Specialists operating under its auspices to actively participate in the Industry and Enterprise Development Week, tentatively scheduled for the week starting on 23 May 2005, and, where appropriate, to earmark their 2005 meetings for that week.

The fifth session discussed a choice of topics for the Industry and Enterprise Development Forum to be organized during the Industry and Enterprises Development Week and selected the topic of “Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies: the Status of the Industrial Sector”.

The Forum would discuss the evolution of institutional and regulatory framework for sustainable development of industry in transition economies, investigate the impact of market reforms on this sector, review the progress of industrial restructuring and the respective roles of Governments, private sector and foreign investors, and examine the prerequisites for the emerging knowledge-based economy in the transition countries of the region.

Proposal For A 2006 Trade Development Week

With a Forum on:

“Creating a Regulatory Environment Supportive of International Trade”

The purpose of this Forum will be to analyze regulatory activities in the context of globalization with a view to identifying less restrictive practices for international trade. Emphasis will be given to activities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe that affect trade regulations. In particular, the Forum will look at work undertaken by the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policy (which has requested to have its name changed to the Working Party for Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies – see document TRADE/2004/11). To give one example, a discussion will be included on experiences in implementing the Working Party’s recommendation, “L”, which is an international model for technical harmonization based on good regulatory practice.

Other work in the UNECE affecting regulations and technical barriers to trade may also be discussed with the objective of making recommendations as to how this work could even further contribute to a reduction in technical barriers to trade. Topics that might be discussed in this context include: agricultural quality standards, trade facilitation and transport standards, technical regulations for vehicles, and environmental recommendations.
