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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

First session
Geneva, 27-28 September 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION *

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on 27 September 2006

I. INTRODUCTION

At its December 2005 session, through the adoption of the Work Plan on UNECE Reform, the Economic Commission for Europe established a new subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration, which will be implemented by the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1, paragraphs 45 – 51). The first (inaugural) annual session of the Committee will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 27 to 28 September 2006. During this session, the Committee will adopt its terms of reference and programme of work. It will also discuss possibilities for cooperation in its implementation with

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other international and national stakeholders. The tentative timetable for the first session is presented in Annex I.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
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7. Building of the Network of Experts in support of the Programme of Work
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9. Other business
 - (a) Establishment of ad hoc groups of experts (teams of specialists), if required
 - (b) Procedures for the adoption of the report
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III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Documentation:

- Provisional Agenda for the first session ECE/CECI/2006/1

The Committee will adopt its agenda.

Item 2. Election of Officers

The Committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs. Member States are invited to inform the secretariat of their nominations.

Item 3. Matters arising from the sixty-first session of the Commission

Documentation:

- Work Plan on UNECE Reform E/ECE/1434/Rev.1
- Report of the sixty-first session of the Commission E/2006/37:
E/ECE/1444

The secretariat will inform the session on the outcome of the UNECE reform process, which resulted in the establishment of a new subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration.

Item 4. Adoption of the Terms of Reference

Documentation:

- Draft Terms of Reference of the Committee ECE/CECI/2006/2

The Committee will discuss and adopt the draft Terms of Reference of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration.

Item 5. Substantive Discussion Segment “Competitiveness in the Modern Economy: Challenges for the UNECE Region”

Documentation: Competitiveness and Innovation:

- Inventory of Substantive Work ECE/CECI/2006/3
ECE/CECI/2006/3/Add.1
- Draft Programme of Work ECE/CECI/2006/5

This segment will include an interactive dialogue of member States with representatives of business and research communities focusing on major components of the CECI’s programme of work and sequencing of its implementation. The outcome of this discussion will be taken into account when deciding on the programme of work under item 8 of the provisional agenda.

Item 6. Cooperation and partnerships with international and regional organizations

Documentation:

- Inventory of Activities and Prospects for Cooperation with Other International Organizations ECE/CECI/2006/4
and Adds. 1 - 4

The Committee will discuss the ways and means to strengthen its cooperation with the other international organizations, the activities of which are relevant to the Committee. The participating international organizations will be invited to make proposals on possible cooperation with the Committee.

Item 7. Building of the Network of Experts in support of the Programme of Work

The secretariat expects member States to provide information regarding the national experts, who could be involved in the implementation of the programme of work of the Committee. Once such information is provided, a roster of experts will be compiled. The Committee will discuss

how these experts could be most effectively involved in the implementation of the programme of work.

Item 8. Adoption of the Programme of Work

Documentation:

- Draft Programme of Work ECE/CECI/2006/5

On the basis of the substantive discussion under item 5 of the Provisional Agenda, the Committee will adopt its programme of work.

Item 9. Other business

- (a) establishment of ad hoc groups of experts (teams of specialists), if required

If required by its programme of work, the Committee will establish ad hoc groups of experts (teams of specialists).

- (b) procedures for the adoption of the report

In the spirit of the Secretary-General's reform aimed *inter alia* at streamlining the work and reducing the workload of the conference services, the secretariat proposes that the session's report be prepared not later than ten days following the session and that it be reviewed and adopted by the Bureau (Chair and Vice-Chairs) on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee will discuss whether the proposed procedures of report preparation and adoption are acceptable, and decide on the appropriate procedures.

- (c) dates of the next session

The secretariat proposes that the second session of the Committee take place on 5-7 December 2007 (Wednesday – Friday). The Committee will decide on the dates of the next session.

DOCUMENTS

Documents for the first session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration will be issued with the symbol ECE/CECI/2006/1-5. They will be downloadable from the official document system of the United Nations: <http://documents.un.org> as well as from the Committee's web page at the following address:

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Delegates are requested to bring their copies of session documents.

ANNEX I

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Time	Agenda items
Wednesday, 27 September 2006	
10:00-13:00	Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda Item 2. Election of Officers Item 3. Matters arising from the sixty-first session of the Commission Item 4. Adoption of the Terms of Reference Item 5. Substantive Discussion Segment "Competitiveness in the Modern Economy: Challenges for the ECE Region"
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-18:00	Item 5. Substantive Discussion Segment "Competitiveness in the Modern Economy: Challenges for the UNECE Region" (continued) Item 6. Cooperation and partnerships with international and regional organizations
Thursday, 28 September 2006	
10:00-13:00	Item 7. Building of the Network of Experts in support of the Programme of Work Item 8. Adoption of the Programme of Work
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-18:00	Item 9. Other business (a) establishment of ad hoc groups of experts (teams of specialists), if required (b) procedures for the adoption of the report (c) dates of the next session