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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on 5 December 2007^{2,3}

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Matters arising from the sixty-second session of the Commission

¹ This document was submitted after the deadline of 12 September 2007 because the Bureau of the Committee approved it at its meeting on 17 September 2007.

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3. Status of Programme Implementation
 - (a) Creating a supportive environment for innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness
 - (b) Facilitating the effective regulatory protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening their role in innovative development
 - (c) Promoting an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and SME development
 - (d) Promoting an enabling environment for efficient financial intermediation in support of innovative development
 - (e) Promoting best practice in efficient public-private partnerships
 - (f) Discussion of inter-linkages between various thematic areas placed on the CECI Programme of Work, as well as of capacity-building activities
 - (g) Status of CECI virtual platform for exchange of information
4. Policy Discussion Segment on Fostering Wider and Deeper International Economic Integration in the UNECE Region
5. Discussion of the draft Programme of Work for 2008 and general orientation of the work in 2009 and beyond
6. Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009
7. Presentation of the Chair's summary of the Policy Discussion Segment
8. Adoption of conclusions and decisions, including those on the Programme of Work and on the establishment of new teams of specialists, if required
9. Other business
 - (a) Dates of the next session
 - (b) Procedures for future election of the Chair and Vice-chairs of the Committee

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Documentation: Provisional Agenda for the second session (ECE/CECI/2007/1)

1. The Committee will adopt its agenda.

Item 2. Matters arising from the sixty-second session of the Commission

2. The secretariat will inform the session on the outcome of the sixty-second session of the Commission and the subsequent decisions of the Executive Committee having implications for the work of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration. A conference room paper will be circulated.

Item 3. Status of programme implementation

(a) Creating a supportive environment for innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness

Documentation: Report of the Annual Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (ECE/CECI/ICP/2007/3)
Synopsis of good practices in facilitating the generation and diffusion of innovation (ECE/CECI/2007/3)

3. The Committee may wish to discuss the synopsis of good practices in facilitating the generation and diffusion of innovation.

(b) Facilitating the effective regulatory protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening their role in innovative development

Documentation: Reports of the Annual Meetings of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (ECE/CECI/IP/2006/1; and ECE/CECI/IP/2007/2)
Report of the International Conference on intellectual property rights protection and transforming research and development outputs into intangible assets in economies in transition (ECE/CECI/IP/CONF.1/2007/2)
Synopsis of good practices and good policies of intellectual property commercialization and protection in the UNECE member countries with the aim to identify specific areas of action (ECE/CECI/2007/4)

4. The Committee may wish to discuss the synopsis of good practices and good policies of intellectual property commercialization and protection in the UNECE member countries.

(c) Promoting an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and SME development

Documentation: Report of the International Conference on reducing barriers to entrepreneurship and encouraging enterprise development: policy options (ECE/CECI/2007/5)
Review of policy approaches for solving problems in legal and institutional frameworks which hinder entrepreneurship and enterprise development (ECE/CECI/2007/6)

5. The Committee may wish to discuss the review of policy approaches for solving problems in legal and institutional frameworks, which hinder entrepreneurship and enterprise development.

(d) Promoting an enabling environment for efficient financial intermediation in support of innovative development

Documentation: Report of the Meeting of Experts on Financing for Innovative Development (ECE/CECI/FID/2007/2)
Synopsis of good practices in financial intermediation in support of innovation and knowledge-driven development (ECE/CECI/2007/7)

6. The Committee may wish to discuss the synopsis of good practices in financial intermediation in support of innovation and knowledge-driven development.

(e) Promoting best practice in efficient public-private partnerships

Documentation: Report of the International Conference on knowledge-sharing and capacity-building on promoting successful public-private partnerships in the UNECE region (ECE/CECI/2007/8)
Summary of the Guidelines to promoting good governance in public-private partnerships (ECE/CECI/2007/9)

7. The Committee may wish to discuss the summary of the Guide to promoting good governance in public-private partnerships.

(f) Discussion of interlinkages between various thematic areas placed on the CECI Programme of work, as well as of capacity-building activities

Documentation: Progress report on related capacity-building activities (ECE/CECI/2007/10)

8. The Committee will discuss the interlinkages between various thematic areas and capacity-building activities with the view of enhancing synergies emerging in the course of programme implementation.

(g) Progress report on CECI virtual platform for exchange of information

9. The Committee will be briefed by the secretariat on the progress achieved in this area. A conference room paper will be circulated.

Item 4. Policy Discussion Segment on Fostering Wider and Deeper International Economic Integration in the UNECE Region

10. At its meeting on 17 September 2007, the Bureau of the Committee agreed that the topic to be addressed under this thematic area would be “Regional economic integration and internationalization of business activity: challenges and opportunities for innovative and competitive industries in the UNECE region”. The Policy Discussion Segment will be organized as a panel discussion with representatives of governments, integration structures and the business community on issues related to economic integration with the objective of encouraging a multi-stakeholder dialogue relevant for the CECI programme of work. This discussion may contribute to the adjustment of the focus of this thematic area for the next biennium.

Item 5. Discussion of the Draft Programme of work for 2008 and general orientation of the work in 2009 and beyond

Documentation: Draft Programme of Work for 2008 and general orientation of the work in 2009 and beyond (ECE/CECI/2007/11)

11. The Committee will consider its programme of work on the basis of experience gained in 2006–2007. The decisions on the Programme of Work for 2008-2009 and beyond will be made under item 7 of the Provisional Agenda.

Item 6. Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009

Documentation: Planning for the performance evaluation of the 2008-2009 Programme of Work (ECE/CECI/2007/12)

12. As decided by the Commission, the Committee will discuss and agree on the expected accomplishments for the 2008-2009 biennial performance evaluations, and review the draft 2010-2011 strategic framework before its submission to the Executive Committee.

Item 7. Presentation of the Chair’s summary of the Policy Discussion Segment

13. The Committee will take note of the Chair’s summary of the Policy Discussion Segment.

Item 8. Adoption of conclusions and decisions, including those on the programme of work and on the establishment of new teams of specialists, if required

14. The Committee will adopt the conclusions and decisions formulated under items 3 and 5 of the Provisional Agenda. The Committee may also decide on establishing a Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships as invited by the International Conference on Knowledge Sharing and Capacity-Building on Promoting Successful Public-Private Partnerships in the UNECE Region (Tel Aviv, Israel, 5–8 June 2007). A conference room paper will be circulated.

Item 9. Other business

(a) Dates of the next session

15. The secretariat proposes that the third session of the Committee take place on 3-5 December 2008 (Wednesday – Friday) or 8-10 December 2008 (Monday-Wednesday). The Committee will decide on the dates of the next session.

(b) Procedures for future election of the Chair and Vice-chairs of the Committee.

ANNEX
TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Time	Agenda items
Wednesday, 5 December 2007	
10:00-13:00	Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda Item 2. Matters arising from the sixty-second session of the Commission Item 3. Status of programme implementation
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-18:00	Item 3. Status of programme implementation (continued)
Thursday, 6 December 2007	
10:00-13:00	Item 4. Policy Discussion Segment “Fostering Wider and Deeper International Economic Integration in the UNECE Region”
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-17:00	Item 4. Policy Discussion Segment “Fostering Wider and Deeper International Economic Integration in the UNECE Region” (continued)
17:00–18:00	Item 5. Discussion of the programme of work for the period 2008-2009 and beyond Item 6. Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009
Friday, 7 December 2007	
10:00–10:15	Item 7. Presentation of the Chair’s summary of the Policy Discussion Segment
10:15–12:00	Item 8. Adoption of conclusions and decisions, including those on the programme of work and on the establishment of new teams of specialists, if required
12:00–13:00	Item 9. Other business