

12th UN/CEFACT Plenary session
Palais des Nations
22 – 24 May 2006

Item 1 – Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the changes as announced by the Chairman.

Item 2 – Matters arising

The Plenary took note of the results of the UNECE reform.

Items 3 and 7 – UN/CEFACT in a changing international environment

The Plenary took note of the report of the Chairman.

Items 4 and 5 – Stakeholders' session

The Plenary adopted the conclusions of the stakeholders' sessions and requested that these be incorporated into the Programme of Work and published on the UN/CEFACT website.

Item 6 – Towards an integrated strategy for UN/CEFACT

The Plenary adopted the integrated strategy for UN/CEFACT and requested the Bureau and the Forum Management Group to implement it.

The secretariat, together with the Bureau and the Information Content Management Group (ICG), were requested to prepare a financial resource plan for the UN/CEFACT Registry, which should include the necessary technical documentation, and submit it for intersessional approval.

Item 8 – Review of the activities of the UN/CEFACT Forum

The Plenary took note of the FMG and Group reports. It confirmed the election of Mr. Usva Kuusiholma as Chair of the Legal Group.

Item 9 – Reports of the rapporteurs

The Plenary took note of the report of the Rapporteur for Asia (document ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2006/8) and the verbal report of the Standards Liaison Rapporteur.

Item 10 – Review of the Programme of Work

The Plenary approved the Programme of Work (ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2006/9, with addenda 1 and 2) and requested the secretariat to submit it for approval to the UNECE Committee on Trade at its first session and for subsequent confirmation to the UNECE Executive Committee.

Item 11 - Approval of recommendations

The Plenary approved the Consolidated Documents Set (ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2006/10 and Corrigendum 1) and the Technical Specification for XML naming and design rules (ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2006/13 and Corrigendum 1).

Item 12 – Organizational matters

The Plenary approved:

- TRADE/R.650/Add.2 “Rules of Procedure of the Bureau” and requested the Bureau to complete the annexes
- TRADE/R.650/Add.3 “Terms of Reference of Rapporteurs”
- TRADE/R.650/Add.4 “Intersessional approval process”

The Plenary extended by one year the term of office of the Standards Liaison Rapporteur to facilitate the transfer of those functions to the Bureau.

The Plenary took note of the current status of updating the UN/CEFACT Open Development Process (TRADE/R.650/Rev.4/Add.1) and requested the FMG and the Bureau to complete the process description as soon as possible and submit it for intersessional approval.

The Plenary requested the Bureau and the secretariat to seek the approval of the UNECE Committee on Trade and subsequently to inform the UNECE Executive Committee of the final status of the Mandate and Terms of Reference of UN/CEFACT (as laid down in document TRADE/R.650/Rev.4 and its addenda).

The Plenary approved the UN/CEFACT Intellectual Property Rights Policy (as laid down in document ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2006/11) and took note of addendum 1 to this document.

Item 13 - Elections

The Plenary elected Mr. Mike Doran (CERN), Mr. Tahseen A. Khan (India), Mr. Mark Palmer (United States) and Ms. Christina Rahlén (Sweden) as vice-chairs for the term 2006 – 2008.

The Plenary extended by one year the term of office of the Standard Liaison Rapporteur, Mr. François Vuilleumier, until the Plenary meeting in 2007.

The Plenary elected Mr. Ibrahima Nour Eddine Diagne (Senegal) as Rapporteur for Africa for the period 2006 – 2008.

The Plenary confirmed the election of Mr. Usva Kuusiholma as Chair of the Legal Group.

The Plenary confirmed the two additional members of the TBG in the FMG for 2006 – 2008.

Item 14 – Adoption of decisions

The Plenary approved the decisions taken at the twelfth UN/CEFACT Plenary session and requested the secretariat to circulate these to the Heads of Delegation. The Plenary requested the secretariat to prepare the report of the session for intersessional approval as soon as possible.

The Plenary decided on the following provisional dates for the thirteenth UN/CEFACT Plenary session: 11 - 13 June 2007.
