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**ACTIVITIES OF THE FORUM MANAGEMENT GROUP
AND THE PERMANENT GROUPS**

Renewal of the mandates of the permanent groups

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The Committee on Trade, at its second session in 2007, approved the terms of reference and mandates of the UN/CEFACT permanent groups for a two-year period 2007 – 2009 (document ECE/TRADE/C/2007/3).

The mandates, as set out in ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2008/11, are being submitted to the Plenary for review and renewal, and will subsequently be submitted to the Committee on Trade for approval.

The secretariat has been requested to include two minor editorial changes in the text of the terms of reference of the Legal Group (see paragraph 4).

1. The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) has five permanent groups: the Applied Technologies Group, the Information Content Management Group, the Legal Group, the International Trade and Business Processes Group and the Techniques and Methodologies Group.
2. The mandates and terms of reference of these groups were reviewed at the second session of the Committee on Trade in 2007.
3. The Bureau is submitting these mandates and terms of reference to the Plenary for approval, with the mandated content unchanged, for the biennium 2009 – 2011.
4. The Bureau requests the secretariat to include the following minor editorial corrections in the terms of reference of the Legal Group:

(a) Replace paragraph 20 by the following text:

The LG analyses current legal processes and issues within the mission of UN/CEFACT in accordance with its mandate and when requested to address legal issues by other permanent groups within UN/CEFACT. The strategy is to identify legal constraints that adversely impact on the UN/CEFACT mission and objectives and to propose practical improvements to these legal constraints.

(b) Insert the following text as item (vi) under paragraph 22 (h):

Recommendation No. 35 - Establishing a Legal Framework for an International Trade Single Window (in cooperation with TBG 15).
