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DECISIONS MADE AT THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION 7 – 8 JULY 2011

This document is for information. The decisions will be included in the draft report of the session, which will be submitted for intersessional approval by 31 July 2011.

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Seventeenth UN/CEFACT Plenary Session

List of decisions

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Agenda item 1. Adoption of the agenda.

The Plenary adopted the amended agenda (Decision 11-01).

Agenda item 2. Matters arising since the sixteenth session.

The Plenary took note of the presentation by the secretariat on Matters arising since the sixteenth session (Decision 11-02).

Agenda item 3. Plenary Bureau overview of developments.

The Plenary took note of the Plenary Bureau's overview of developments (Decision 11-03).

Agenda item 4. Activities of the Forum Management Group and the permanent groups.

The Plenary took note of the presentations on the activities of the FMG and Permanent Groups (Decision 11-04).

Agenda item 5. New and revised recommendations and standards.

The Plenary approved revised recommendation 12 (Decision 11-05).

The Plenary took note of revised recommendation 5 and requested the secretariat to republish it with minor changes (Decision 11-06).

The Plenary took note of revised recommendation 23 (Decision 11-7).

The Plenary decided to extend the review period for recommendation 37 within the Open Development Process no later than 12 September 2011 and invited comments on recommendation 37 to the Project Team, which will be responded to (Decision 11-8).

Agenda item 6. **The way forward and UN/CEFACT's structure, mandate, terms of reference and procedures.**

The Plenary took note of and expressed appreciation for the presentation by Bureau members on the way forward and UN/CEFACT's structure, mandate, terms of reference and procedures, as well as the explanation by the secretariat of the minor, primarily terminological changes which had been made to the Intellectual Property Rights Policy document (ECE/TRADE/C7CEFACT/2010/20/Rev. 1) (Decision 11-9).

The Plenary took note of the document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/15/Rev.2 - Revised mandate, terms of reference and procedures for UN/CEFACT (Decision 11-10).

The Plenary approved the document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2011/7/Add.1/Rev.1 - UN/CEFACT country heads of delegation: Guidance on responsibilities, duties and procedures with agreed changes (Decision 11-11).

The Plenary agreed that the document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/17/Rev.2 - Revised rules of procedure for the UN/CEFACT Bureau should be sent out for intersessional approval with agreed changes (Decision 11-12).

The Plenary approved the document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/18/Rev.1 – Draft revised Code of Conduct (Decision 11-13).

The Plenary approved the document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2010/24/Rev.1 – Draft revised Open Development Process, comments upon which will be taken into account in a new version submitted for the 18th Plenary (Decision 11-14).

Agenda item 7. Other business.

The Plenary took note of the presentation by the secretariat on its capacity-building activities (Decision 11-15).

Agenda item 8. **Election of Plenary Bureau and regional rapporteurs.**

The Plenary elected Mr. Peter Amstutz (the United States), Mr. Pier Alberto Cucino (Italy), Mr. Mike Doran (the United Kingdom), Mr. Viktor Dravitsa (Belarus), Mr. Tim McGrath (Australia), Mr. Tahseen A. Khan (India), Mr. Bruno Prépin (France), Mr. Harm Jan van Burg (the Netherlands) and Mr. Mats Wicktor (Sweden) as Vice Chairpersons of UN/CEFACT for a three-year term of office. It was duly noted that the French delegation raised its deep concerns that the Plenary had by consensus agreed to elect all candidates rather than only seven, as could be interpreted from the available documents before the Plenary meeting. (Decision 11-16).

The Plenary elected Dr. Ajin Jirachiefpattana as Rapporteur for Asia (Decision 11-17).

Agenda item 9. **Adoption of decisions of the seventeenth session.**

The Plenary adopted the decisions made at the seventeenth Plenary session and requested that the secretariat include these in the draft report of the session (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2011/10), which should be sent out for intersessional approval by 31 July 2011, following which the final report as approved should be prepared in all languages and placed on the website (Decision 11-18).
