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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m. on 30 November 2016 and concluding at 18:00 on 2 December 2016.

I. Provisional agenda

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4. Matters arising and programme of work:
 - (a) Report of the past session and intersessional developments;
 - (b) Reports by other UNECE bodies of potential interest to the Working Party;

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- (c) Adoption of the Working Party's intersessional implementation plan.
- 5. Risk management in regulatory systems.
 - (a) Mini-workshop on risk management in support of regulatory action;
 - (b) Report from Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM Group);
 - (c) Discussion on the draft Recommendation S on "Applying predictive risk management tools for targeted market surveillance".
- 6. International regulatory cooperation:
 - (a) Mini-workshop on international regulatory cooperation: the experience of members;
 - (b) Regional developments;
 - (c) Sectoral projects.
- 7. Standardization and regulatory practice:
 - (a) Review of developments in standardization;
 - (b) Education on standards-related issues.
- 8. Review of recent developments in conformity assessment and accreditation.
 - (a) Recent developments in conformity assessment
 - (b) Discussion on revision of Recommendation F and Recommendation G
- 9. Market surveillance:
 - (a) Report from the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance;
 - (b) The Market Surveillance Model Initiative;
 - (c) Common definitions and terminology in market surveillance;
 - (d) Update on the development of the Global Market Surveillance database.
- 10. Metrology.
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- 12. Other business.
- 13. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Annotated provisional agenda	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/1	D

The provisional agenda and timetable were agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Party and are presented here for approval.

2. Election of officers

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the Working Party at its twenty-fifth session, re-elected Ms. M. Stoldt (Germany) as Chairperson and Mr V. Koreshkov (Belarus) as vice-chair and Mr C. Arvius as Special Adviser to the Bureau for a two-year term.

It is also recalled that Mr. Miroslav Chloupek (Czech Republic) had been elected as vice-chairperson in 2014 for a two-year term expiring in 2016. This two-year term having come to an end, candidates for the position of the vice-chairperson are invited to present their candidatures. The Working Party may also decide on an increase in the number of vice-Chairs, as appropriate.

3. Mini-workshop on “Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: what role for standards and regulatory cooperation?”

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Contribution of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation Policies to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2015/3	I
The “Gender Dimension of Standards and Technical Regulations”	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/3	I

Delegates are invited to share their expertise on the role of standards in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and specifically aspects related to:

- Goal 7 “Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”;
- Goal 8 “Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all”;
- Goal 12 “Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns”.

As regards Goal 5, “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”, the Working Party calls on delegations to share their experience on mainstreaming gender concerns into standards and technical regulations. Document ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/3 will provide background information for the discussion.

4. Matters arising and programme of work

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies on its twenty-fifth session	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2015/2	D
Draft programme of work of the trade subprogramme for 2016-2017	ECE/CTCS/2015/7 and ECE/CTCS/2015/7/Cor.1	I

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Draft intersessional implementation plan for the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/13	D

The secretariat will provide an update on matters arising from meetings within the United Nations, including: the Executive Committee of the UNECE (EXCOM) and the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards.

(a) Report of the past session and intersessional developments

The secretariat will introduce the report of the twenty-fifth session of the Working Party (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2015/2) for adoption by the plenary and report on developments under the main areas of work since the last session.

(b) Reports by other UNECE bodies of potential interest to the Working Party

Other UNECE bodies will be asked to report on their activities of potential interest to the Working Party.

(c) Adoption of the Working Party's intersessional implementation plan

The Bureau will discuss areas of priority action for the next year and approve the Draft intersessional implementation plan for the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/14), based on the Draft programme of work of the trade subprogramme for 2016-2017 (ECE/CTCS/2015/7 and ECE/CTCS/2015/7/Cor.1).

5. Risk management in regulatory systems

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Risk Management in Regulatory Frameworks	ECE/TRADE/390	I
Progress report on the activities of the Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM)	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/4	D
Draft Recommendation on "Applying predictive risk management tools for targeted market surveillance "	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/7	D
Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030 ²		I
UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience ³		I

² http://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291_sendaiframeworkfordrren.pdf

³ http://www.preventionweb.net/files/33703_actionplanweb14.06cs1.pdf

(a) Mini-workshop on risk management in support of regulatory action

During the mini-workshop delegates will discuss recent policy experience using risk management tools in support of regulatory action at national, regional and international level, including in the implementation of UN wide frameworks such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Delegates are invited to discuss how alternative frameworks developed by different organizations have been used both in cross-sectoral policy-making as well as in specific sectoral policy ones.

(b) Report from Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM Group)

The Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM Group) will report on the work undertaken since the last session. A representative of the GRM Group will report on its activities promoting the use of UNECE recommendations R on, “Managing Risk in Regulatory Frameworks” and P on, “Crisis Management within a Regulatory Framework”.

Additionally, the secretariat will report on its activities promoting the use of standards in the context of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and in support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework of Action, including:

- The UN Plan of Action,
- Participation in the UNISDR Science and Technology Conference,
- Preparation of the 2017 Global Platform for DRR to be held in May 2017 in Mexico,
- Participation in the activities of the ISO Technical Committee (TC) 292 “Security and resilience”.

Delegations will be invited to discuss priorities for the work of the Group going forward and take decisions on further activities.

(c) Discussion on the draft Recommendation S on “Applying predictive risk management tools for targeted market surveillance”

The GRM Group will table a draft recommendation on applying predictive risk management tools for targeted market surveillance.

6. International regulatory cooperation**(a) Mini-workshop on international regulatory cooperation: the experience of members**

The Working Party will be invited to discuss options for increasing regulatory coherence across jurisdictions by engaging in regulatory cooperation, specifically as regards technical regulations, i.e. regulations on product and production processes, at both sectoral and cross-sectoral levels. The focus will be on “non-food and feed” products.

Delegates will be invited to share their experience and present examples of how they have been able to address:

- Regulatory fragmentation, unnecessary barriers to international trade and need for exporters to customize their products so that they comply with different and, sometimes, conflicting regulations,

- The need for re-testing products multiple times over to ensure that compliance is proved to the satisfaction of the local authorities, according to the legislation in place in each national market.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Regulatory Cooperation: A Wikihow	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2015/7	I

(b) Regional developments

The Working Party will be informed about the status of projects for reinforcing regulatory cooperation, especially at the bilateral and regional levels, with a particular focus on South-East Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Eurasian Economic Commission. Delegations will be invited to present recent developments in regulatory cooperation.

(c) Sectoral projects

The Team of Specialists on Standardization and Regulatory Techniques (“START” Team) will report on its activities and those of its sectoral initiatives.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Progress report on the sectoral initiative on Telecom	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/8	D
Progress report on the sectoral initiative on Earth-Moving Machinery (EMM)	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/9	D
Progress report on the sectoral initiative on Equipment for Explosive Environments (SIEEE)	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/10	D
Progress report on the sectoral initiative on the Safety of Pipelines	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/11	D

The conveners of the ongoing sectoral initiatives will report on activities and recent achievements under the initiatives on Equipment for Explosive Environments, Telecom, Earth-Moving Machinery and the Safety of Pipelines.

Delegations will be invited to discuss priorities for the work of the START Group going forward and take decisions on further activities.

The Working Party will consider proposals from delegations for new regulatory convergence dialogues.

7. Standardization and regulatory practice

(a) Review of developments in standardization

Intergovernmental organizations and international and regional standardization bodies will be invited to present recent developments in standardization and regulatory activities.

(b) Education on standards-related issues

Intergovernmental organizations, international, regional and national authorities will be invited to submit information on progress in the implementation of Recommendation I on “Education on Standards-related issues”. If time allows, a break-out session of the interested experts will be organized.

8. Review of recent developments in conformity assessment and accreditation**(a) Recent developments in conformity assessment**

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
World Standards Cooperation Conformity Assessment Workshop Outcomes ⁴		I

Delegates will be invited to discuss possible follow-up activities to the Workshop on Conformity Assessment, held back to back to the 2015 Annual Session of the Working Party.

(b) Discussion on revision of Recommendation F and Recommendation G

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Proposed revised recommendation F on “Creation and Promotion of International Agreements on Conformity Assessment”	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/5	D
Proposed revised recommendation G on “Acceptance of Conformity Assessment Results”	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/6	D

It is recalled that at the 25th Session a mandate was given to revise Recommendation F on “Creation and Promotion of International Agreements on Conformity Assessment” and G on “Acceptance of Conformity Assessment Results”.

The Working Party will be invited to discuss and if consensus is found to adopt a revised version of these Recommendations.

National delegations and international and regional organizations will be invited to report on trade-related aspects of conformity assessment and accreditation.

⁴ <http://www.wsccaworkshop.com/documents/>

9. Market surveillance

National delegations and international and regional organizations will be invited to report on developments in market surveillance, including the implementation of Recommendation M, “Use of market surveillance infrastructure as a complementary means to protect consumers and users against counterfeit goods”, and Recommendation N, “Good Market Surveillance Policies and Practices”.

(a) Report from the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance, its activities and its meetings	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/12	D

The Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (“MARS” Group) will report on its activities and on its meeting in Geneva on 26-27 September 2016.

(b) The Market Surveillance Model Initiative

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
The General Market surveillance model concept	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/11	I
Draft guide to the use of the General Market Surveillance Model	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/12	I

The Coordinator of the General Market Surveillance Model initiative will present an update on the ongoing work.

(c) Common definitions and terminology in market surveillance

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Glossary of Market Surveillance Terms	ECE/TRADE/389	I

The delegates will be invited to comment and propose revisions to the Glossary of Market Surveillance Terms.

(d) Update on the development of the Global Market Surveillance database

The secretariat will report on activities undertaken to develop the Global Market Surveillance Database. Delegations will be invited to provide input on how to facilitate access to needed information and to promote the database to potential users.

Delegations will be invited to discuss priorities for the work of the MARS Group going forward and take decisions on further activities.

10. Metrology

National delegations and international and regional organizations will be invited to report on developments in metrology.

11. Capacity-building

The Working Party will receive an update on capacity-building activities. Delegations will be invited to present their priorities for support related to regulatory cooperation and standardization policies and their suggestions regarding potential sources of extrabudgetary funding.

The secretary of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards will present the results of the needs assessment studies undertaken by the Secretariat on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade.

Delegates will be briefed about capacity-building projects being developed on the basis of the recommendations contained in the studies. They will have an opportunity to highlight further areas where activities are deemed to be a priority.

12. Other business

The Working Party will select tentative dates for its twenty-seventh session in 2017.

13. Adoption of the report

Delegates will adopt the final report, containing the decisions adopted by the Working Party.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>
30.11	15:00 – 15:10	1	Adoption of the agenda
	15:10 – 15:20	2	Election of officers
	15:20 – 17:10	3	Mini-workshop on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: what role for standards and regulatory cooperation?
	17:10 – 18:00	4	Matters arising and programme of work
	17:10 – 17:20	4 (a)	Report of the past session and intersessional developments
	17:20 – 17:40	4 (b)	Reports by other UNECE bodies of potential interest to the Working Party
	17:40 – 18:00	4 (c)	Adoption of the Working Party's intersessional implementation plan

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>
01.12	10:00 – 13:00	5	Risk management in regulatory systems
		5 (a)	Mini-workshop on Risk management in support of regulatory actions
		5 (b)	Report from Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM Group)
		5 (c)	Discussion on Recommendation S on “Applying predictive risk management tools for targeted market surveillance”
	15:00 – 17:45	6	International regulatory cooperation
	15:00 - 16:15	6 (a)	Mini-workshop on international regulatory cooperation: the experience of members
		6 (b)	Report from The Team of Specialist on Standardization and Regulatory Practice (START Group)
	16:15 – 17:00	6 (c)	Regional developments
	17:00 – 17:45	6 (d)	Sectoral projects
	17:45 – 18:00	10	Metrology
02.12	10:00 – 11:00	7	Standardization and regulatory practice
		7 (a)	Review of developments in standardization
		7 (b)	Education on standards-related issues
	11:00 – 13:00	8	Review of recent developments in conformity assessment and accreditation
		8 (a)	Recent developments in conformity assessment
		8 (b)	Discussion on revision of Recommendation F and Recommendation G
	15:00 – 16:20	9	Market surveillance
	15:00 – 15:15	9 (a)	Report from the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (“MARS” Group)
	15:15 – 16:00	9 (b)	The Market Surveillance Model Initiative
	16:00 – 16:10	9 (c)	Common definitions and terminology in Market Surveillance
	16:10 – 16:20	9 (d)	Update on the development of the Global Market Surveillance database
	16:20 – 16:40	11	Capacity-building
	16:40 – 16:50	12	Other business
	16:50 – 17:10	13	Adoption of the report