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ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
Seventh session
13-16 May 2003

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Tuesday, 13 May, at 10:00

Document for Decision

DISCUSSION OF THE WORK - Tuesday, 13 May

- Reports and discussions on the Committee's work

JOINT SESSION - Tuesday, 13 May (p.m.)

- Joint session with the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

FORUM - Wednesday and Thursday, 14 and 15 May

- International Forum on Trade Facilitation (See annex I for Programme)

POLICY SEGMENT - Friday, 16 May (a.m.)

- Presentation and discussion on "Strategies to Enhance Trade Facilitation Implementation in UNECE member States".

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FORUM - Friday, 16 May (a.m.)

- Review of the conclusions from the Chair of the Forum, and decisions made on possible follow-up action.

DOCUMENTS – Documents for the session will be distributed by mail and posted on the web site (<http://www.unece.org/trade/>). For reasons of economy, delegations are requested to bring to the meeting their copies of the documents listed in the Provisional Agenda.

No documentation available in the conference room.

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OVERVIEW

UNECE Trade Facilitation Week 12 - 16 May 2003

	Day 1 Mon. 12 May	Day 2 Tues. 13 May	Day 3 Wed. 14 May	Day 4 Thurs. 15 May	Day 5 Fri. 16 May
(a.m.)	UN/CEFACT Plenary session	UN/CEFACT Plenary session	CTIED	International Forum on Trade Facilitation Facilitation: "How to achieve benefits for all?"	International Forum on Trade Facilitation "The contribution of the business community"
					CTIED Policy Segment "Strategies to Enhance Trade Facilitation in UNECE member States" Review of Chairman's Conclusions from the International Forum and decisions on possible follow-up activities
(p.m.)	UN/CEFACT Plenary session	CTIED and UN/CEFACT Joint session	International Forum on Trade Facilitation: "Trade facilitation policy and new security initiatives"	International Forum on Trade Facilitation . "Open regionalism in trade facilitation" Experience of the UN regional commissions	Workshop "Technical issues in trade facilitation"
				Conclusions	CTIED Final session Approval of the Report

Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED)

Seventh Session

Timetable and Provisional Agenda

Mon. 12 May	Annual session of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)		
	Agenda Items	Document(s) for Decision/Discussion	Document(s) for Information
Tues. 13 May			
10:00 - 10:30	1. Adoption of the agenda	ECE/TRADE/305	
	2. Election of officers		
	3. Matters arising from the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and meetings held under the General Assembly	TRADE/2003/1 TRADE/2003/2	

	Agenda Items	Document(s) for Decision/Discussion	Document(s) for Information
10:30 – 11:30	TRADE POLICY AND PROMOTION		
	4. Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems		ECE/TRADE/NONE/2003/2 ECE/EAD/2003/2 ECE/TRADE/NONE/2003/3
	5. Trade promotion activities		TRADE/2003/3 ECE/TRADE/284 (CD-ROM)
11:30 – 13:00	REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES covering major developments and decisions requested by subsidiary bodies		
	6. Legal and commercial practice		TRADE/2003/4
	7. Industry and enterprise development	TRADE/WP.8/2003/11	TRADE/2003/5
	8. Agricultural quality standards	TRADE/WP.7/2002/9	TRADE/2003/6
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break		

Afternoon JOINT SESSION

- **Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED)**
- **UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)**

15:00 – 16:30	9. Opening Statement to the Joint Session by the Executive Secretary, UNECE		
	REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES (cont'd)		
	10. Technical harmonization and standardization policies	TRADE/WP.6/2002/17	TRADE/2003/7 TRADE/2003/7/Add.1
	11. Trade facilitation. (Review of the decisions taken during the UN/CEFACT sessions on 12 May and the morning of 13 May)	TRADE/CEFACT/2002/41	TRADE/2003/8

	Agenda Items	Document(s) for Decision/Discussion	Document(s) for Information
16:30-17:30	PROGRAMME OF WORK		
	12. Activities of the Commission's other principal subsidiary bodies (Report of relevant activities of the Inland Transport Committee)	TRADE/2003/9	
	13. Programme of work, and priorities (Including a joint review of work items relating to UN/CEFACT)	TRADE/2003/10 TRADE/2003/11 TRADE/2003/11/Add.1	TRADE/2003/12 TRADE/2003/13
	14. Capacity building and implementation activities		TRADE/2003/14
17:30 – 18:00	REPORTS ON CROSS-SECTORAL ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION		
	15. Cross-sectoral activities in sustainable development, gender mainstreaming and ICT for development		TRADE/2003/15
	16. Cooperation with other organizations in support of the programme of work		TRADE/2003/16
Wed. 14 May All day	INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON TRADE FACILITATION		
Thurs. 15 May All day			

	Agenda Items	Documents for Decision/Discussion	Documents for Information
Fri. 16 May 10:00 – 11:30	COMMITTEE POLICY SEGMENT		
	17. Policy Segment “Strategies to enhance trade facilitation implementation in UNECE member States” (Short presentations by the secretariat and select national trade facilitation organizations, followed by an open discussion)	TRADE/2003/17	TRADE/2003/18
11:30 – 12:30	CONCLUSIONS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FORUM AND FOLLOW-UP		
	18. Conclusions from Chair of the International Forum on Trade Facilitation, and Follow-up	ECE/TRADE/NONE/2003/4	TRADE/2003/19 TRADE/2003/20 TRADE/2003/21 TRADE/2003/22 TRADE/2003/23
12:30 – 13:00	OTHER BUSINESS		
	19. Dates of the next session. Topics for 2004 and 2005 forums and policy segments	TRADE/2003/24	
16:00 - 17:30	20. Adoption of the report		

Introduction

1. The provisional agenda and timetable for the seventh session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED) have been drawn up by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau on the basis of the decisions and programme of work adopted by the Committee at its sixth session.
2. Also at its sixth session, the Committee decided to hold a second International Forum on Trade Facilitation this year. The preliminary agenda is attached as annex I. A detailed version can be found in document TRADE/2003/19. The two-day Forum takes place on Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 May, i.e. between the first and last days of the Committee session.
3. The Committee session formally begins on Tuesday, 13 May at 10:00h.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1 - Adoption of the agenda

4. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRADE/305).

Item 2 - Election of officers

5. At its sixth session, the Committee elected Mr. Alexander Safarik-Pstrosz (Czech Republic) as Chairman, Ms. Ayse Öktem (Turkey), Mr. Tolon Toichubaev (Kyrgyzstan) and Mr. Robert Van Kuik (Netherlands) as vice-chairpersons.

Item 3 - Matters arising from the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe

6. The secretariat will report on the discussions held and the decisions adopted by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session in March 2003 (TRADE/2003/1).
7. A brief summary will be made of discussions that took place in the Committee for Programme and Coordination of the General Assembly on the programme of work of the CTIED and of decisions taken in the General Assembly's Second Committee on economic and financial issues in areas such as the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development, Globalization and Interdependence, and Sustainable Development, which may affect the Committee's work (TRADE/2003/2)

TRADE POLICY AND PROMOTION

Item 4 - Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems

8. The secretariat will introduce the first 2003 issue of the Economic Survey of Europe (ECE/EAD/2003/2), as well as an extract from the survey (ECE/TRADE/NONE/2003/2).

A short presentation will be given on recent economic developments, including foreign trade, based upon the latest edition of the Economic Survey of Europe

9. A report will be made on the results from the 7 April 2003 Workshop on Trade, Business and Investment in a wider Europe (ECE/TRADE/NONE/2003/3).

Item 5 – Trade promotion activities

10. The secretariat will present a report (TRADE/2003/3) on the Committee's trade promotion activities, including the Multiplier Point programme and the Trade Directory. It will also present the recently published CD-ROM on "Best Practice for International Business" (ECE/TRADE/284). Both documents are **for information**.

REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES

- MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
- DECISIONS REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE

Item 6 – Legal and commercial practice

11. 11. The Committee will have before it, **for information**, an interim report pending the holding of the fifty-first session of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice (WP.5) (TRADE/2003/4). It had been proposed that the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) might wish to organize in Vienna a follow-up to the conference held in Villars, Switzerland in November 2001, on the economic dimension in conflict prevention. To date, no decision has been taken by OSCE in this regard.

Item 7 - Industry and enterprise development

12. The Committee will have before it, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report of the fourth session of the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (TRADE/WP.8/2003/11). The secretariat will present, **for information**, a note summarizing progress since the February 2003 session of the Working Party (TRADE/2003/5).

Item 8 - Agricultural quality standards

13. The Committee will have before it, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report of the fifty-eighth session of the Working Party on Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7) (TRADE/WP.7/2002/9). In particular, the Committee will be asked **to approve** a change in name for the Working Party to the “Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards”. There will also be a note by the secretariat (TRADE/2003/6) summarizing progress achieved since that session which is **for information**.

Agenda Items 9 through 14 will be discussed during the CTIED - UN/CEFACT joint session

Item 9 - Opening Statement to the Joint Session by the UNECE Executive Secretary

14. The Executive Secretary of UNECE, Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, will open the joint session of the Committee and the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT).

Item 10 – Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies

15. **For any decisions it has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the Committee will have before it the report of the 2002 session of the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (TRADE/WP.6/2002/17). The Committee is requested, in particular, **to approve** the establishment of an ad hoc team of experts on market surveillance issues. **For information**, the secretariat has prepared two documents: a summary of developments since the 2002 session (TRADE/2003/7) and a note on the latest projects: the “Telecom Industry Initiative” and the “Market Surveillance Initiative” (TRADE/2003/7/Add.1).

Item 11 - Trade facilitation

16. The Committee will **review and approve the wording of the decisions** made by UN/CEFACT during its meetings on 12 and 13 May for inclusion in the UN/CEFACT session report. The Committee will also have before it, **for information**, a UN/CEFACT report (TRADE/2003/8) summarizing developments in the last year, as well as, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report of the 2002 session of UN/CEFACT (TRADE/CEFACT/2002/41)

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Item 12 - Activities of the Commission's other principal subsidiary bodies

17. The Committee will have before it, **for discussion and noting**, a secretariat note on the activities of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (TRADE/2003/9) that are, or could be, related to the CTIED Programme of Work.

Item 13 - Programme of Work, and Priorities

18. The Committee will have, **for approval**, a Bureau proposal for revising the format of the programme of work and procedures (TRADE/2003/10), and the draft programme of work for the Trade Development Subprogramme and the Industry and Enterprise Development Subprogramme (TRADE/2003/11 and TRADE/2003/11/Add.1). Two further documents **for information** report on the outputs of those subprogrammes in the last year (TRADE/2003/12) and (TRADE/2003/13).

REPORTS ON CROSS-SECTORAL ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION

Item 14 - Capacity building and implementation activities

19. A report will be made, **for information**, on activities related to capacity building and implementation of the results of the work under the Committee (TRADE/2003/14).

Item 15 - Cross-sectoral activities in sustainable development, gender mainstreaming and ICT for development

20. The Committee will have before it **for noting** a report (TRADE/2003/15) on the activities carried out under its work programme that support the following cross-sectoral activities which the General Assembly has requested be taken into account in all work programmes of the United Nations:

- Sustainable Development
- Gender mainstreaming
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to support development
- World Summit on the Information Society.

Item 16 - Cooperation with other organizations in support of the work programme

21. **For information**, the secretariat has prepared for the Committee a report on the activities it has carried out (TRADE/2003/16) in cooperation with other organizations, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the other regional commissions of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

POLICY SEGMENT

Item 17 - Policy Segment

“Strategies to Enhance Trade Facilitation Implementation in UNECE Member States”

The secretariat and representatives of a number of national trade facilitation organizations will give short presentations on effective strategies for increasing the implementation of trade facilitation Recommendations and related measures, as well as for building capacity at a national level. These presentations will be followed by an open discussion.

22. The secretariat has prepared a background paper to the Policy Segment **for discussion and possible decision** (TRADE/2003/17) as well as a questionnaire which is being used for a survey on national implementation of trade facilitation recommendations (TRADE/2003/18).

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FORUM AND FOLLOW-UP

Item 18 - Conclusions from the Chair of the second International Forum on Trade Facilitation, and Follow-up

23. The Committee will have before it, **for discussion and noting**, a set of conclusions (ECE/TRADE/NONE/2003/4) from the Chair of the second International Forum on Trade Facilitation, which will take place on 14 and 15 May. On the basis of these conclusions, the Committee may **decide** if there are any follow-up activities that it or its subsidiary bodies might wish could undertake. The Committee will also have before it, **for noting**, the Forum programme (TRADE/2003/19) and background documents (TRADE/2003/20, TRADE/2003/21, TRADE/2003/22 and TRADE/2003/23) that may contain **some items for approval**

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 19 - Other business

- **Dates of the next session**

24. The dates of the eighth session should be agreed.

- **Topics for 2004 and 2005 forums and policy segments**

25. After consultation with the Bureau, the secretariat has drawn up, **for approval**, proposals for the 2004 and 2005 forums and policy segments (TRADE/2003/24).

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Item 20 - Adoption of the report

26. In accordance with established practice, the Committee will **adopt** its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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Annex I
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
DAY ONE, Wednesday, 14 May 2003

8:30 Registration
9:30 Opening Session

Ms. Brigita SCHMÖGNEROVÁ
Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic
Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Mr. SUPACHAI Panichpakdi
Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)

Mr. Rubens RICUPERO
Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on
Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

**Session I: How to achieve benefits for all from
trade facilitation?**

Chairperson:

Mr. Mondher ZNAIDI
Minister of Tourism, Trade and Handicrafts
Tunisia

Rapporteur:

Prof. Henri SCHWAMM
Honorary Professor of Economics
University of Geneva

Speakers:

Sharing the gains of globalization

Mr. Pascal LAMY
Trade Commissioner, European Commission

Trade facilitation and Globalization

Dr. Boutros Boutros GHALI
Former Secretary General of the United Nations

***Trade facilitation in the new security environment –
the perspective of South-eastern Europe***

Mr. Nikolay VASSILEV
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy,
Bulgaria

***Trade facilitation in the multilateral trade
negotiations***

Mr. Roderick ABBOTT
Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization
(WTO)

Practical measures for future trade facilitation

Mr. Alberto Di LISCIA
Assistant Director-General, United Nations Industrial
Development Organization (UNIDO), and Director of
the UNIDO Geneva Office

***The need for a rules-based foundation: everyone's
contribution matters***

Mr. Matt ROHDE
United States Trade Representative's office

Costs and benefits of trade facilitation

Mr. Anthony KLEITZ
Head, Trade Liberalisation and Review Division,
Organization for Economic Cooperation and
Development (OECD)

The economic impact of trade facilitation measures

Mr. John WILSON
Principal Economist, Development Research Group,
The World Bank

Discussion paper:

Income distribution impact of trade facilitation

Mr. Adrian HEWITT
Senior Research Fellow, Director of the ODI
Fellowship Scheme and Research Adviser to the All-
Party Parliamentary Group on Overseas Development,
United Kingdom

13:15 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

**Workshop on IPR and trade facilitation:
“Identifying the Roadblocks”**

Co-organized by the UN Economic
Commission for Europe, the European Patent
Office and SMG Consulting, Sweden

Chairperson:

Mr. Zoran JOLEVSKI, Chef de Cabinet of the
President of the FYR Macedonia

Rapporteur:

Mr. Eskil ULLBERG, Senior Consultant,
SMG Consulting

Panellists:

Mr. Ulrich SCHATZ, European Patent Office
Mr. David MARSH, UN/CEFACT
Mr. Mario APOSTOLOV, UNECE

Session II: Trade facilitation policy and new security initiatives

Chairperson:

Mr. Maxim MEDVEDKOV

Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Russian Federation

Rapporteur:

The World Customs Organization (WCO)

Trade facilitation in the new security environment

Mr. Douglas BROWNING

Deputy Commissioner, US Customs

The industry response to the new challenge

(To be announced)

The Jordanian experience in trade and security

To be confirmed

The balance between trade facilitation and heightened security measures in customs

Mr. Kunio MIKURIYA

Deputy Secretary-General, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Discussion paper:

18:30 COCKTAIL RECEPTION

at the Restaurant des Délégués, Palais des Nations, 8th fl. All participants are invited

DAY TWO, Thursday 15 May 2003

8:30 – 9:30

Seminar on UNeDocs: Towards a Global Standard for Electronic Trade Documents

Presentations by:

UN Economic Commission for Europe
Universal Postal Union
Simpler Trade Procedures Board (SITPRO), UK
Microsoft
Adobe

Session III: Mechanisms of Cooperation:

The role of the business community

Chairperson:

Ms. Maria LIVANOS CATTALU
Secretary-General, International Chamber of
Commerce (ICC)

Rapporteur:

(To be decided)

Speakers:

How to achieve maximum trade facilitation in a regulatory environment

Mr. Rolf JEKER
Société Générale de Surveillance SA (SGS)

Mr. Patrick GANNON
Chief Executive Officer,
Organization for the Advancement of Structured
Information Systems

13:15 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

Study on the position and reservations of selected developing countries on the inclusion of trade facilitation in the WTO multilateral trade negotiations (DFID)

This paper, based on interviews with key officials of a representative set of developing countries, attempts to understand the economic, political and legal reasons for these countries' concerns on the inclusion of trade facilitation in WTO negotiations. It suggests options for dealing with these concerns.

Session IV: Round Table on Open Regionalism

Chairperson:

Prof. Jagdish BHAGWATI
Columbia University

The UNECE experience in trade facilitation

Ms. Carol COSGROVE-SACKS, Director, Trade
Development and Timber Division, Economic
Commission for Europe (ECE)

The role of ESCWA in promoting trade facilitation

Mr. Nabil SAFWAT
Chief, Transport Section, Economic and Social
Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

The role of ECLAC in promoting trade facilitation

The role of ESCAP in promoting trade facilitation and simplification of port procedures

Mr. Barry CABLE
Director, Transport and Tourism Division, Economic
and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
(ESCAP)

The role of ECA in promoting trade facilitation

CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUSIONS

Prof. Jagdish BHAGWATI
Columbia University

Closing remarks:

Ms. Brigita SCHMÖGNEROVÁ
Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic
Commission for Europe (UNECE)

END OF FORUM: 18:00 on 15 May 2003

Annex II**REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES**

The Forum will be held with simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian. There are no fees for registration. Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and hotel accommodation.

*As places are limited, completed **registration** forms should be sent as soon as possible and **no later than Monday, 28 April 2003** to:*

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The venue of the meeting will be announced later.

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Private Sector		Other organizations, agencies, etc		Myself as a private citizen

(To be completed by Governmental delegation only)

1.	Plenary session of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)	Head of Delegation		12 and 13 May 2003
		Delegation Member		
2.	Annual session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED)	Head of Delegation		13 and 16 May 2003
		Delegation Member		
3.	International Forum on Trade Facilitation	Head of Delegation		14 and 15 May 2003
		Delegation Member		

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