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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2004-2007**

**DOCUMENT FOR APPROVAL**

At its May 2003 session, the Committee decided that the process for the approval of its programme of work should be aligned with the United Nations biennium budgeting process. This required: 1) changing the programme of work to cover the same period of time as the biennium budget, 2) the approval by the CTIED of the programme of work every two years and 3) the approval of a short document with any proposed changes to the approved programmes of work at each session of the Committee

Therefore, the Bureau is submitting, for approval by the Committee, this document with a summary of proposed changes to the 2004 - 2007 programme of work. It contains a list of proposed additions and deletions to the programme of work, with reasons as to why these proposals are being made.

This document is an update of the documents for the 2004-2007 Programme of Work that list the individual work items. For the Trade Development sub-programme these are documents TRADE/2004/4/Add.1 and Add.2. For the Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development sub-programme this is document TRADE/2004/4/Add.3. Copies of these documents can be found on the Internet at <http://www.uncece.org/trade/ctied/ctied8/listdoc04.htm>

**1. CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME OF WORK (POW) FOR THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT SUB-PROGRAMME**

**1.1 For policy activities directly under the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development**

**1.1.1 Regional economic integration**

Additions to the PoW:

- Preparation of a publication on “Competing in a Changing Europe” as a follow-up to the 2004 Forum by the same title (2005);
- Preparation of a policy paper on: “Building Trade Partnerships in the CIS Region” (2005);
- Organization of a high-level session on “Trade Facilitation and Transition” within the WTO Public Symposium (April 2005);
- Organization of a meeting on “Building Trade Partnerships in the UNECE region” (October 2005).

Reason for addition: at its eighth session, the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED) requested its subsidiary bodies to take into consideration in their work the results of the CTIED Executive Forum “Competing in a Changing Europe which was held on 11 and 12 May 2004. The above-mentioned activities have been developed in order to support this Committee objective.

**1.1.2 Integrating UNECE’s trade activities with those of other UN and international trade-related bodies**

Additions to the PoW:

- The trade development sub-programme will participate in the review of the implementation of the commitments undertaken by governments in the OSCE Strategy Document (December 2003) and in particular prepare a comprehensive and forward looking report to be presented at the “Thirteenth meeting of the Economic Forum” to be held in Prague in May 2005. The report will address the status of implementation of trade-related commitments, obstacles encountered, best practices identified, follow-up action needed and possible OSCE assistance to participating States.

Reason for addition: Memorandum of Understanding between OSCE and UNECE signed in December 2004.

**1.2 For the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business Standards (UN/CEFACT)**

Activities suspended from the PoW

**1.2.1 Development of the Business Collaboration Framework (BCF)**

UN/CEFACT is currently developing the next generation of e-business standards, the Business Collaboration Framework (BCF). This is a modular suite of specifications that will enable enterprises of any size and in any geographical location to conduct business over the Internet using open standards.

Reason for suspension: Following a number of questions by delegations, the Bureau decided to suspend this activity, pending further discussions within UN/CEFACT.

### **1.3 For the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.8)**

There are no changes proposed.

### **1.4 For the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7)**

#### **1.4.1 Development and Maintenance of the UNECE Standard for Seed Potatoes:**

Additions to the PoW:

- Traceability of seed potatoes (2005-2007)

Reason for addition: Decision of Working Party 7.

#### **1.4.2 Development and Maintenance of the UNECE Standard for Eggs and Egg products:**

Deletions to the PoW:

- Identify national experts; (2004)
- Define an agenda for the revision of the standards (2004)
- Organize a workshop on the revision of the standards (2004-05)

Reason for deletion: These activities will be replaced by a “Review of the need for updating the UNECE Standards for Eggs” (scheduled for 2005)

## **2. CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME OF WORK (POW) FOR THE INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT SUB-PROGRAMME**

### **2.1.1 For the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice (WP.5)**

Additions to the PoW: Organization of the next session of WP.5 in collaboration with UNCITRAL, in Vienna, scheduled for September- October 2005.

### **2.2 For the Working Party on Industrial and Enterprise Development (WP.8)**

The changes shown below were approved by the Working Party on Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development at its February 2005 Session. Because there are a large number of changes under WP.8, these have also been included in a table in annex to this document.

#### **2.2.1 Industrial Restructuring:**

Deletions to the PoW:

- Regional Workshop on the “Territorial aspects of industrial restructuring” (originally scheduled for 2004/05);
- Workshop on “Managerial Practices Conducive to Industrial Restructuring” (originally scheduled for 2004/05).

Reason for deleting the two workshops: they were replaced by a Forum on "Public-Private Co-operation in Industrial Restructuring", which took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 2-3 November 2004.

Addition to the PoW:

- Conference on "Industrial Restructuring and National Competitiveness in Transition Economies" (subject to resource availability, 2005)

### 2.2.2 Sustainable Industrial Development

Deletions to the PoW:

- Chemical Industry Sustainable Economic and Ecological Development (CHEMISEED):  
Reason for deletion: The CHEMISEED subprogramme was discontinued during the WP.8 session of February 2004.
- Quality Management Systems:  
Reason for deletion: The Quality Management Systems sub-programme is expected to be discontinued during the sixth session of WP.8 on 10-11 February 2005. WP.6 is considering whether to continue this activity in the future.

Additions to the PoW:

- Support to the biennial Seminar on Analysis, Methodology of Treatment and Remediation of Contaminated Soils and Groundwater (Intersol)  
Reason for addition: The Working Party is currently assisting the "Association Interchemie" in the organization of the Seminar on "Analysis, Methodology of Treatment and Remediation of Contaminated Soils and Groundwater (Intersol)", organized biennially at the invitation of the French Government. In particular, the Working Party facilitates the dissemination of information on, papers presented at and the resulting documents of the Seminar in countries of Eastern Europe and the CIS. The secretariat will continue its assistance to "Association Interchemie" in organizing the fifth seminar scheduled for 30 May - 1 April 2005.
- Corporate Governance:  
Reason for addition: At advanced stages of transition to a market economy, good corporate governance becomes one of key parameters of economic efficiency. Working Party assists governments and business operators in raising the standards of corporate governance in order to enhance the competitiveness of enterprises and improve the climate for foreign and domestic investors. To this end, the Working Party examines best practices in national policies related to corporate governance, organizes the exchange of information and experience between Governments and other stakeholders, and develops recommendations aimed at improving the corporate governance standards. UNECE member States. In 2005-2007, under this sub-programme the Working Party will organize a Seminar (Round Table) on Corporate Governance Trends in the UNECE Region in conjunction with the sixth session of the Working Party 8 (10 February 2005). Subsequently, the events on corporate governance will aim at supporting the work under the Enterprise Development programme.

### 2.2.3 Development of Entrepreneurship

Deletions to the PoW:

- Youth Entrepreneurship :

Reason for deletion: The Youth Entrepreneurship sub-programme is expected to be discontinued during the sixth session of WP.8 on 10-11 February 2005.

- Women's Entrepreneurship:

Reason for deletion: The Women's Entrepreneurship sub-programme is expected to be discontinued during the sixth session of WP.8 on 10-11 February 2005.

### 2.2.4 Emerging knowledge-based economy

Additions to the PoW:

- Forum on "ICT Outsourcing in the UNECE Region: Challenges and Opportunities" (scheduled for 2005).
- Meeting on e-readiness assessment of the UNECE countries (scheduled for second half of 2005)
- Publication of an e-readiness assessment report for Kazakhstan (bringing the total of such reports to 15).
- Continuation of survey of practices of business registration in countries of the region. On the basis on that survey's results, development of recommendations to Governments aimed at facilitating the procedures of registration for Internet-based enterprises.

The reason for these additions is that the vacant post of the professional responsible for the program could finally be filled after a long time.

Deletion to the PoW:

- UNECE/EU Project on E-Work Development in Central and Eastern Europe will be discontinued for lack of resources.

**Annex I**  
**Table of Proposed Changes to the Programme of Work for the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8)**

The numbers indicated in this table correspond to those in the original 2004-2007 programme of work for WP.8 (TRADE/2004/4/Add.3 and the corresponding tables in TRADE/2004/4/Add.4)

<u>Major Area</u>	<u>Sub Area</u>	<u>Specific Activity</u>	<u>Detailed Outputs</u>	<u>Reason for cancellation or addition</u>
1.2 Industrial Restructuring and Sustainable Industrial Development	1.2.3 Quality Management Systems	Produce an interactive CDROM for the ecological assessment of enterprises in accordance with the ISO 14000 standard requirement, for use by transition economies	Standard ISO requirements will be adapted for use by transition economies	Cancelled by the 6 <sup>th</sup> Session of WP.8 in February 2005
		Make a comparative analysis of excellent quality models and practices for SMEs taking into account the European Excellent Quality Model by Stichting European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM)	The European Excellent Quality Model will be accommodated for use by SMEs in transition economies	
		Establish a Total Quality Management Centre in the Russian Federation under the auspices of UNECE and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)	The Centre will produce recommendations for enterprises in the Russian Federation	
		Establish a Commonwealth of Independent States Quality Centre under the auspices of UNECE.	The Centre will produce recommendations for enterprises in the CIS countries	
		Prepare a Model of Integrated Management System (MIMS). (Note: there is a proposal by the WP.8 that ToS on QMS is transferred to WP.6 in 2004 – in this case, this activity will cease to exist in the WP.8)	The Model will be used by enterprises to enhance their managerial capacity and competitiveness	
1.3 Development of Entrepreneurship	1.3.2 Entrepreneurship in Poverty Alleviation / Youth Entrepreneurship	Promote further discussion of problems relating to youth entrepreneurship and offer advice to Governments aimed at its facilitation, based on the recommendations of the August 2002 Regional Forum on Youth, and their possible update. The opportunities for effective public private partnership in this area will also be fully examined.	An expert meeting on updating the recommendations of the August 2002 Regional Forum might be organized in 2005-2006	It is expected that these activities will be cancelled by the 6 <sup>th</sup> Session of WP8
		Explore the feasibility of organizing additional workshops and sub-regional forums on youth entrepreneurship in cooperation with other international organizations such as BSEC and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.	A Sub-Regional Forum for South-east Europe on Youth Entrepreneurship might be organized in 2006	

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	1.3.3 Women's Entrepreneurship	Sub-regional Forum of Women Entrepreneurs in Istanbul, Turkey, May 2004.	The conclusions and recommendations to Governments will be produced	It is expected that these activities will be cancelled by the 6 <sup>th</sup> Session of WP8
		Prepare publication on women's entrepreneurship in eastern Europe and CIS countries (based on selected materials prepared for the Second UNECE Forum of Women Entrepreneurs and meetings of the Team of Specialists on Women's Entrepreneurship)	The secretariat will publish the proceedings of the third Forum on Women's Entrepreneurship	
		Explore the possibility of organizing subsequent sub-regional forums of women entrepreneurs on selected issues.	A sub-Regional Forum on Women's Entrepreneurship might be organized in a Central Asian country	
		Similar activities and events as above to follow		
1.4. Emerging Knowledge-Based Economy	1.4.1 Digital Economy Development	Continue the implementation of the UNECE/EU Project on E-Work Development in Central and Eastern Europe (e-work development aims at promoting new methods of work through ICT tools such as telework and mobile work).	The outcome of this project will be summarized in analytical reports by the secretariat	Cancelled by the Bureau of the Team of Specialists on Internet and Enterprise Development due to the lack of resources
		Forum on "ICT Outsourcing in the UNECE Region: Challenges and Opportunities"	The secretariat will prepare a report on the outcome of the Forum	2005 New activity decided by the Bureau of the Team of Specialists on Internet and Enterprise Development
		Meeting on e-readiness assessment of UNECE countries	The outcome of this meeting will form the basis of analytical reports and recommendations to Governments	2006-7 New activity decided by the Bureau of the Team of Specialists on Internet and Enterprise Development
		Survey of practices of business registration in countries of the region	Results of the survey, recommendations to Governments aimed at facilitating the procedures of registration for Internet-based enterprises will be prepared.	2005-7 New activity decided by the Bureau of the Team of Specialists on Internet and Enterprise Development
1.7 Publications		Non-recurrent publications	Financing industrial restructuring in the UNECE region Renamed to "Summary of proceedings of the Forum on Public-Private Cooperation in Industrial Restructuring"	1 issue in 2005