

Annex I

Terms of Reference for the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration

Mission statement

1. The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration promotes a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness in and of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region, focusing mainly on countries with economies in transition. In its work, the Committee responds to the needs of Governments, and takes into account the needs of the private sector, consumers, researchers and civil society. It contributes to the Millennium Development Goals, economic cooperation and integration, as well as sustainable development of the UNECE region.

Activities

2. The Committee, acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations, is entrusted with the implementation of the Economic Cooperation and Integration Subprogramme of UNECE. Work of the Committee is demand-driven, focuses inter alia on specific topics, and aims at strengthening the competitiveness of member States' economies by:

- (a) Promoting the knowledge-based economy and innovation;
- 2. Facilitating the development of entrepreneurship and the emergence of new enterprises, and improving corporate responsibility;
- (b) Facilitating effective regulatory policies and corporate governance, including those in the financial sector; and
- (d) Promoting public-private partnerships for domestic and foreign investment, as well as intellectual property rights.

3. To achieve its objectives, the Committee:

- (a) Serves as a platform for policy dialogue, the exchange of experience and good practices;
- (b) Develops guidelines and policy recommendations for Governments; and on the basis of the above; and
- (c) Provides a basis for demand-driven policy advisory services and other capacity-building activities in the mandated areas.

4. The Committee operates in accordance with a multi-year Programme of Work. It reviews this programme regularly to ensure the coherence of its activities with the overall objectives of

UNECE, and develops synergies both within the programme and with the relevant activities of the other sectoral committees.

5. The Committee coordinates its work with and builds on the results of the work carried out by other relevant organizations and institutions operating in this field, including United Nations agencies.