

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

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**DECISIONS (excerpt)**

Item 7. Building of the Network of Experts in Support of the Programme of Work

**This item of the agenda was discussed under item 5.**

Item 8. Adoption of the Programme of Work

**Draft Decisions**

**Adoption of the Programme of Work**

- 1. The Committee adopted its programme of work for 2006 – 2008 as contained in conference room paper 1.**
- 2. While implementing its programme of work the Committee agreed to pay due attention to ongoing integration processes in the ECE region.**
- 3. The Committee underscored that successful implementation of its programme of work would require active involvement and cooperation of Governments, as well as other national, regional and international stakeholders, including the private sector, research community, non-governmental organizations, etc.**
- 4. In order to assure the successful launch and smooth implementation of its programme of work, the Committee invited member States to:**
  - (a) appoint focal points for the thematic areas in the programme of work and consider developing national coordinating mechanisms for stakeholder involvement in the programme of work implementation;**
  - (b) provide the Secretariat with lists of national experts, who could contribute to the implementation of the programme of work, including the experts from the existing networks of research institutions and business associations;**
  - (c) provide the Secretariat with information on their policies, good practices, lessons learned and other relevant experiences in the areas covered by the Committee's terms of reference;**
  - (d) encourage national and regional research institutes, business associations and other organisations and stakeholders to present to the Committee information on the effect of government policies, good practices, lessons learned and other relevant experiences in the areas covered by the Committee's terms of reference and, where appropriate, develop joint**

**proposals on matters of related economic policy issues through national focal points in Governments and the UNECE secretariat;**

**(e) support the CECI's activities, in particular capacity-building activities, by supporting the Secretariat with voluntary financial and in-kind contributions for the implementation of such activities.**

**5. The Committee requested the secretariat to continue the build up of networks of experts in support of its programme implementation so that the rosters of experts and informational platforms could become operational for purposes of programme implementation as soon as possible.**

**6. The Committee invited the secretariat to explore the feasibility of setting up a virtual platform for the exchange of information, in particular of analytical reports, studies and other relevant publications and materials on topics covered by the CECI's terms of reference.**

**7. The Committee invited the secretariat to undertake fund-raising efforts in support of programme implementation, in particular of capacity-building activities, and to explore possibilities of funding these activities through the UN Development Account.**

**8. The Committee asked the secretariat to prepare a list of specific proposals made during the session to be presented as an annex to the session's report. It requested the secretariat as well as Teams of Specialists and network of experts established by the Committee to take these proposals into account in their work.**

Item 6. Cooperation and Partnerships with International and Regional Organisations

#### **Draft Decision**

#### **Cooperation and Partnerships with other international and regional organisations**

**1. The Committee recalled the Work Plan on ECE Reform which recommended that "the activities of this subprogramme shall be built *inter alia* on the results of the work carried out by other relevant organizations and institutions operating in the field, including UN agencies, with which synergies should be improved" (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1, paragraph 48) and welcomed the international organizations participating in its first session.**

**2. The Committee welcomed the Inventory of the Work of International and Regional Organizations on the Themes of the Committee of Economic Cooperation and Integration (ECE/CECI/2006/4 and Add. 1-4).**

**3. The Committee requested the Secretariat to take into account the need for complementarity and avoiding duplication of efforts and invited the international organizations to become active partners in the implementation of CECI's programme of work. To this end, it called on the international organizations to share analytical reports and other relevant information, and undertake joint activities in the mandated areas. The Committee also invited them to designate focal points for cooperation with CECI within their secretariats and nominate experts to be put on the roster of experts, which could contribute to the implementation of the Committee's programme of work.**

Item 9. (i) establishment of ad hoc expert groups (teams of specialists)

**Draft decisions**

**Establishment of Teams of Specialists and expert networks**

**A. Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies**

- 1. The Committee established the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and adopted its terms of reference as contained in conference room paper 2.**
- 2. The Committee decided that the first meeting of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies should take place by 1 April 2007.**

**B. Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property**

- 3. The Committee established the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property and adopted its terms of reference as contained in conference room paper 3.**
- 4. The Committee decided that the first meeting of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property should take place by 1 December 2006.**
- 5. The Committee requested the Secretariat to contact potential donors and the members of the network of the former Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment in order to inform them of the recent decisions concerning IPR activities in the UNECE, to present them the new Team of Specialists and its programme, and to invite them to contribute to its implementation.**
- 6. As soon as the Terms of Reference for the ToS have been adopted, the UNECE Secretariat will make a UN Trust Fund available to facilitate implementation of the work program.**
- 7. Steps should be taken to ensure that private donors do not pull out of sponsorship due to transitioning over to administration through a UN Trust Fund.**

**C. Establishment of expert networks**

- 8. The Committee invited the secretariat to establish expert networks in all thematic areas of the programme of work to promote effective implementation.**
- 9. The Committee agreed that it would consider establishing additional teams of specialists at its second session in light of the experience gained by the expert networks and specific requirements identified in the course of the implementation of its Programme of Work.**
- 10. The Committee asked the Teams of Specialists and the expert networks to coordinate their work, to strengthen synergies and avoid duplication.**