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**Team of Specialists (Sub-Group) on Industrial Restructuring and
Competitiveness**

Draft Terms of Reference

1. In 2004, the Team of Specialists on Industrial Restructuring successfully accomplished its programme of work. At its meeting on 1 October 2004, the Enlarged Bureau of the WP.8 recommended to the Working Party to rename the TOS on Industrial Restructuring to the TOS on Industrial Restructuring and Competitiveness and refocus its mandate accordingly. The draft updated terms of reference for this Team is presented in the Annex.

ANNEX 1

Team of Specialists (Sub-Group) on Industrial Restructuring and Competitiveness

Terms of Reference

Mandate

The mission of the Team of Specialists on Industrial Restructuring and Competitiveness is to assist governments of the ECE region in fostering industrial restructuring and strengthening competitiveness of their economies.

To this end the Team of Specialists:

- (a) examines the accumulated national experience of promoting competitiveness at enterprise, industry and macroeconomic levels, including such instruments as industrial restructuring, promotion of R&D and innovation, and development of entrepreneurship in the ECE region
- (b) promotes dialogue between governments, private sector, workers' associations, academia and other major stakeholders in national competitiveness,
- (c) studies economic, policy and regulatory issues related to the promotion of competitiveness and industrial restructuring, and develops recommendations to governments on the relevant policy aspects.

Methods of work

To fulfil its mandate, the Team of Specialists may convene ad hoc meetings and seminars, initiate studies, organize study tours and assist in organizing workshops, or adopt any other appropriate implementation method.

Organization

The Working Party requests the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development to approve the mandate of the Team of Specialists on Industrial Restructuring and Competitiveness for two years. After the first two years of operation, the Working Party will request the Committee to consider the need for the renewal of this mandate.

Participation in the activities of the Team of Specialists is open to government, private sector, trade union and academic experts willing to contribute to its objectives. All costs associated with their participation in the activities of the Team of Specialists are borne by its members.

The Team of Specialists will hold its sessions when required. It will review the results of its work and report thereon to the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development at its annual sessions.