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Note by the secretariat

Summary

This document provides an overview of progress to date in the implementation of the recommendations of the Executive Committee with respect to the Committee on Trade, as made during its thirty-fourth meeting of February 2010 (document ECE/EX/5).

The Committee on Trade was invited to report back to the Executive Committee on the implementation of these recommendations.

The following table provides an overview of progress to date in the implementation of the decisions taken by EXCOM with respect to the Committee on Trade (document ECE/EX/5). The table indicates: actions completed; remaining activities; and target dates for completion.

**Action plan to implement Executive Committee decisions concerning the Committee on Trade
24 March 2011**

<i>EXCOM Item No.</i>	<i>EXCOM recommendations</i>	<i>Action completed</i>	<i>Remaining activities</i>	<i>Target date for completion</i>
A: Decisions on matters related to the Committee on Trade taken 26 February 2010, document ECE/EX/5				
A (i) (a)	Identifying procedural and regulatory barriers in a country's or subregion's trade environment, with a focus on countries with transition economies, through demand-driven needs assessments and in coordination and cooperation with other relevant international organizations, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and the World Trade Organization (WTO);	A needs assessment methodology focusing on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade, based on existing trade facilitation methodologies;	completed	
		A first Trade Needs Assessment Report dealing with Belarus is in the final stages of being prepared.	report to be finalised	June 2011
		Work on a second Trade Needs Assessment Report dealing with the Kazakh Republic has commenced.	research underway	December 2011
A (i) (b)	Discussing regional trade issues, as agreed, with an emphasis on the policy implications of the bottlenecks identified in the needs assessments and on the needs of transition economies. These would include discussions on possible strategies, including best practices, to address identified issues as part of a regional trade integration dialogue;	Work on a third Trade Needs Assessment report	Target country yet to be decided upon	January 2012
			Peer reviews of the needs assessments of the Belarus Republic during the annual sessions of the Committee on Trade involving governments and other key stakeholders, including multilateral organizations (such as UNCTAD, UNDP and the World Bank) and the formulation of recommendations as appropriate;	June 2011

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	Follow-up to the needs assessments and the policy discussions by:		Identifying capacity building needs and the possible supporting roles of concerned national, regional and international organizations in the Belarus Republic;	June 2011
A (i) (c)			Building increased awareness and understanding of the policy and technical steps required at national level to implement the necessary identified changes (tools and standards)in the Belarus Republic;	Fall 2011