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Eighth session
10-14 May 2004

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Monday, 10 May at 10:00

DOCUMENT FOR DECISION

DISCUSSION OF THE WORK - Monday, 10 May

- Reports and discussions on the Committee's work

FORUM - Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 and 12 May

- Executive Forum on, "Competing in a Changing Europe: Opportunities & Challenges for Trade and Enterprise Development," (See annex I for Programme)

POLICY SEGMENT - Wednesday, 12 May

There will be a policy discussion, "Toward Integrated Regional Markets". The session Rapporteurs from the preceding Forum will discuss each session's conclusions and how the work of the UNECE could support regional market integration.

DISCUSSION OF THE WORK - Thursday, 13 May

- There will be a Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems
- An interactive policy discussion, calling for input from all Government Delegations will take place to consider the following question, "In promoting its objectives, what activities should the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development give priority to?"
- The programme of work and priorities will be finalized and a number of information items presented.

APPROVAL OF DECISIONS - Friday, 14 May (a.m.)

- The text of the decisions made during the Committee's sessions of Monday and Thursday will be approved.

DOCUMENTS – Documents for the session will be distributed by mail and posted on the web site (<http://www.unece.org/trade/>). For reasons of economy, delegations are requested to bring to the meeting their copies of the documents listed in the Provisional Agenda.

No documentation will be available in the conference room.

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OVERVIEW
UNECE Trade Industry and Enterprise Development Week 10 - 14 May 2004

	Day 1 Mon. 10 May	Day 2 Tues. 11 May	Day 3 Wed. 12 May	Day 4 Thurs. 13 May	Day 5 Fri. 14 May
(a.m.)	CTIED Discussion of the Work, Results and Future Plans	FORUM Competing in a Changing Europe: Opportunities & Challenges for Trade and Enterprise Development	FORUM Continued	Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems & Interactive Policy Dialogue	CTIED Report Approval
(p.m.)	CTIED Discussion of the Work, Results and Future Plans	FORUM Continued	FORUM Continued & CTIED POLICY SEGMENT "Toward Integrated Regional Markets"	CTIED Programme of Work, Priorities and Information Items	

Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED)
Eighth Session
Timetable and Provisional Agenda

		Agenda Items	Document(s) for Decision/Discussion	Document(s) for Information
Mon. 10 May				
10:00-10:45	1.	Adoption of the agenda	ECE/TRADE/339	
	2.	Election of officers		
	3.	Opening address by the Executive Secretary		
	4.	Matters arising from the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the inter-sessional meetings of the Committee Bureau	TRADE/2004/1	TRADE/2004/2

Mon. 10 May	Agenda Items	Document(s) for Decision/Discussion	Document(s) for Information
10:45- 13:00	<p>5. PROGRAMME OF WORK Biannual review and approval of budget activities (2004-2007)</p> <p>The sub-items under this agenda item cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Activities under the subsidiary bodies; ▪ Activities directly under the Committee; ▪ Follow-up to the annual forum; ▪ Activities of other ECE subsidiary bodies impacting on the Committee's programme of work ▪ Determination of priorities. <p>As agreed at the 2003 session of the Committee, this year the Industry and Enterprise Development subprogramme will be highlighted with presentations giving an overview of the work and its objectives.</p> <p>The discussions on the activities of each subsidiary body and the activities of the Committee will be structured as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of work and objectives [for activities under the Industry and Enterprise Development Subprogramme only]; ▪ The one to three most important achievements in terms of the budgeted activities for 2003, plus information about any significant deviations from the original plans for the 2002-3 budget period; ▪ Any significant changes from budgeted activities foreseen for 2004-5; ▪ Any decisions that are required from the Committee for the activity area in question; ▪ A brief overview of the proposed activities for the 2006-7 budget (which must be finalized in October/November 2004). <p>The above items will be discussed on Monday while Forum follow-up and priorities will be discussed on Thursday afternoon</p> <p>MASTER DOCUMENTS: 2002-2003 Report on Work Accomplished (TRADE/2004/3) 2004-2007 Draft Programme of Work and Strategic Plan (TRADE/2004/4, Add. 1-3) 2004-2005 Approved Priorities (TRADE/2002/16/Add.1)</p>		
	<p>5.1 Activities of other UNECE principal subsidiary bodies with impact on the programme of work (Report on relevant activities of the Sustainable Environment Committee)</p>		TRADE/2004/6
	<p>5.2 Legal and commercial practice (WP.5)</p>	TRADE/WP.5/2003/9	TRADE/2004/7
	<p>5.3 Industry and enterprise development (WP.8)</p>	TRADE/WP.8/2004/15	TRADE/2004/8

Mon. 10 May	Agenda Items		Document(s) for Decision/Discussion	Document(s) for Information
	5.	PROGRAMME OF WORK (continued)		
15:00 – 18:00	5.4	Activities directly under the Committee (Trade Policy, Trade Promotion, WSIS and Implementation)		TRADE/2004/9 ECE/TRADE/327 (CD-ROM)
	5.5	Trade facilitation (UN/CEFACT)	TRADE/CEFACT/2003/21 TRADE/CEFACT/2004/10	TRADE/2004/10
	5.6	Technical harmonization and standardization policies (WP.6)	TRADE/WP.6/2003/16 TRADE/WP.6/2003/16/ Add.2 TRADE/2004/11	
	5.7	Agricultural quality standards (WP.7)	TRADE/WP.7/2003/6	TRADE/2004/12
Tues. 11 May	INTERNATIONAL FORUM: Competing in a Changing Europe: Opportunities & Challenges for Trade and Enterprise Development			
Wed. 12 May until 16:30	INTERNATIONAL FORUM: Competing in a Changing Europe: Opportunities & Challenges for Trade and Enterprise Development			
Wed. 12 May 16:30- 18:00	Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development POLICY SEGMENT: Toward Integrated Regional Markets			
	6.	Panel Discussion by Forum Rapporteurs The Rapporteurs from the Forum sessions will discuss each session's conclusions and how the work of the UNECE could support regional market integration	ECE/TRADE/NONE/2004/4	TRADE/2004/13 TRADE/2004/14 TRADE/2004/15 TRADE/2004/16 ECE/TRADE/299 ECE/TRADE/317 ECE/EAD/2003/3
Thurs. 13 May				
10:00- 11:00	7.	Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems		ECE/EAD/2004/1 ECE/TRADE/NONE/2004/3

Thurs. 13 May	Agenda Items	Document(s) for Decision/Discussion	Document(s) for Information
	5. PROGRAMME OF WORK continued		
11:00-13:00	5.8 Interactive Policy Discussion An interactive policy discussion, calling for input from all Government Delegations, will consider the following question, "In promoting its objectives, what activities should the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development give priority to?"		
15:00-17:00	5.9 Approval of the 2004-7 Programme of Work/Strategic Plan		TRADE/2002/16/Add.1 TRADE/2004/3 TRADE/2004/4 TRADE/2004/4/Add.1-5 TRADE/2004/17
17:00-18:00	INFORMATION and ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
	8. INFORMATION Under this agenda item, documents containing information which it is important for delegations to have, but which do not require discussion will be presented by the secretariat with indications as to any areas requiring the particular attention of delegations or capitols		
	8.1 Cooperation with other organizations in support of the programme of work		TRADE/2004/18
	8.2 Capacity building and implementation activities Report on the Workshop on "EU Enlargement: Regulatory Convergence in Non-acceding Countries"	TRADE/2004/19	TRADE/2004/20
	8.3 Cross-sectoral activities in sustainable development, gender mainstreaming and ICT for development		TRADE/2004/21
	9. Any other business Dates of the next session. Topics for 2005 and 2006 forums and policy segments	TRADE/2004/22	
Friday, 14 May	ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS Following the procedures adopted at its May 2003 session, the Committee will adopt the decisions taken during the Committee session		
12:00 - 13:00	10. Adoption of the decisions		ECE/TRADE/340 [future]

Introduction

1. The provisional agenda and timetable for the Eighth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED) have been drawn up by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau on the basis of the decisions and programme of work adopted by the Committee at its Seventh session.
2. Also at its Seventh session, the Committee decided to hold an International Forum on the challenges and opportunities for business following enlargement of the European Union. The preliminary agenda is attached as annex 1. A detailed version can be found in document TRADE/2004/13. The two-day Forum takes place on Tuesday, 11 and Wednesday, 12 May. A policy discussion on follow-up to the seminar will take place during the Committee session on Thursday, 13 May in the morning
3. The Committee session formally begins on Monday, 10 May at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1 - Adoption of the agenda

4. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRADE/339).

Item 2 - Election of officers

5. At its seventh session, the Committee elected Mr. Alexander Safarík-Pstrosz (Czech Republic) as Chairperson, Ms. Ayse Öktem (Turkey), Mr. Tolon Toichubaev (Kyrgyzstan) and Mr. Robert Van Kuik (Netherlands) as vice-chairpersons.

Item 3 – Opening Address by the Executive Secretary

6. The Executive Secretary of the UNECE, Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, will address the Committee.

Item 4 - Matters arising from the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the inter-sessional meetings of the Committee Bureau

7. The secretariat will report on the discussions held and the decisions adopted by the Commission at its fifty-ninth session in February 2004 as well as any issues arising from the Bureau's intersessional meetings (document TRADE/2004/1). Document TRADE/2004/2 from the Committee Bureau containing all existing Committee procedures, plus proposed procedures and guidelines for intersessional approval processes and sub-groups, will be presented **for approval**.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Biannual review and approval of budget activities (2004-2007)

8. The sub-items under this agenda item cover:
- activities of other ECE subsidiary bodies impacting on the Committee's programme of work;
 - activities under the subsidiary bodies;
 - activities directly under the Committee;
 - follow-up to the annual forum,
 - determination of priorities.
9. As agreed at the 2003 session of the Committee, this year the Industry and Enterprise Development subprogramme will be highlighted with presentations giving an overview of the work and its objectives.
10. The discussions on the activities of each subsidiary body and the activities of the Committee will be structured as follows:
- Overview of work and objectives [for activities under the Industry and Enterprise Development Subprogramme only]
 - The one to three most important achievements in terms of the budgeted activities for 2003, plus information about any significant deviations from the original plans for the 2002-3 budget period
 - Any significant changes from budgeted activities foreseen for 2004-5
 - Any decisions that are required from the Committee for the activity area in question
 - A brief overview of the proposed activities for the 2006-7 budget (which must be finalized in October/November 2004)

Item 5.1 - Activities of the Commission's other principal subsidiary bodies

11. The Committee will have before it, **for discussion and noting**, a secretariat note on the activities of the UNECE Sustainable Environment Committee that are, or could be, related to the CTIED Programme of Work (TRADE/2004/6).

REPORTS FROM THE HIGHLIGHTED SUBPROGRAMME: INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Item 5.2 – Legal and commercial practice

12. The Committee will have before it, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report from the November 2003 session of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice (WP.5) (TRADE/WP.5/2003/9). The secretariat will present a document, **for information**, calling to the attention of the Committee the most important elements relevant to its decision making on the activities of WP.5 (TRADE/2004/7).

Item 5.3 - Industry and enterprise development

13. The Committee will have before it, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report of the February 2004 session of the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (TRADE/WP.8/2004/15). The secretariat will present a document, **for information**, calling to the attention of the Committee the most important elements relevant to its decision making on the activities of WP.8 (TRADE/2004/8).

REPORTS FROM THE SUBPROGRAMME: TRADE DEVELOPMENT

Item 5.4 –Activities directly under the responsibility of the Committee

14. The secretariat will present a document, **for information**, calling to the attention of the Committee the most important elements relevant to its decision making on the activities directly under the responsibility of the Committee. (TRADE/2004/9). It will also present, **for information**, the recently published CD-ROM on “Best Practice for International Business” (ECE/TRADE/327).

Item 5.5 - Trade facilitation

15. **For any decisions it has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the Committee will have before it the report of the May 2003 session of the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) in document TRADE/CEFACT/2003/21. The Committee will also have before it, **for discussion**, a report from the secretariat (TRADE/2004/10) summarizing developments in the last year. There will also be an input document, **for discussion and information**, which the secretariat has written as a contribution to the discussions within UN/CEFACT on the Strategic Directions and Organizational Framework for UN/CEFACT (TRADE/CEFACT/2004/10).

Item 5.6 – Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies

16. **For any decisions it has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the Committee will have before it the report of the November 2003 session of the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (TRADE/WP.6/2003/16). The secretariat will present a document, **for information**, calling to the attention of the Committee the most important elements relevant to its decision making on the activities of WP.6 (TRADE/2004/11).

Item 5.7 - Agricultural quality standards

17. The Committee will have before it, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report of the November 2003 session of the Working Party on Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7) (TRADE/WP.7/2003/6). The secretariat will present a document, **for information**, calling to the attention of the Committee the most important elements relevant to its decision making on the activities of WP.7 (TRADE/2004/12).

Item 5.9 – Interactive Policy Discussion

18. As input to the decisions on the programme of work and the ongoing work of the Committee's Bureau, an interactive discussion, calling for input from all Government Delegations, will consider the following question, "In promoting its objectives, what activities should the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development give priority to?"

Item 5.9 - Approval of the 2004-2007 Programme of Works

19. The Committee will have, **for approval**, the draft programme of work for the Trade Development Subprogramme and the Industry and Enterprise Development Subprogramme (TRADE/2004/4 and Add.1-3). Documents TRADE/2002/4/Add.4 and Add.5 provide an overview of the activities described in detail in the programme of work and are **for information**. Keeping in mind the priorities given in 2002 for the 2004-5 biennium (document TRADE/2002/16/Add.1), the Committee will also have before it the Draft Programme Framework for 2006-7 (TRADE/2004/17), **for approval**. A further document, **for information**, reports on the outputs of both subprogrammes for the 2002-2003 biennium (TRADE/2004/3).

POLICY SEGMENT

Item 6 - Policy Segment: Toward Integrated Regional Markets

For the policy discussion, "Toward Integrated Regional Markets", the session Rapporteurs from the Forum on Tuesday and Wednesday ("Competing in a Changing Europe: Opportunities & Challenges for Trade and Enterprise Development" – see Annex I for the preliminary programme) will discuss each session's conclusions and how the work of the UNECE could support regional market integration. Government Delegations will then take part in a structured discussion on the following question, "In promoting a greater integration of regional markets, what three activities should the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development give priority to?" The responses to this question will then be directly reflected in the Committee's programme of work and its priorities (see agenda item 5.8, which will be discussed after agenda item 7 please refer to the session schedule at the beginning of this document).

20. As described above, reports from the Rapporteurs from the Forum sessions will be presented (ECE/TRADE/NONE/2004/4) and will include items for discussion and decision. There are also a number of background papers for the CTIED Forum and Policy Segment that are meant to contribute to the discussion. These include: (TRADE/2004/13, TRADE/2004/14, TRADE/2004/15, TRADE/2004/16, ECE/TRADE/299, ECE/TRADE/317 and ECE/EAD/2004/1

Item 7 - Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems

21. The secretariat will introduce the first 2004 issue of the Economic Survey of Europe (ECE/EAD/2004/1), as well as a selected chapter from the survey (ECE/TRADE/NONE/2004/3).

A short presentation will be made on a selected chapter of the Economic Survey of Europe
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INFORMATION AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Item 8 – Reports for information only

Item 8.1 - Cooperation with other organizations in support of the work programme

22. The secretariat has prepared for the Committee a report on the activities it has carried out (TRADE/2004/18) in cooperation with other organizations, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the other regional commissions of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO). **This is for information.**

Item 8.2 - Capacity building and implementation activities

23. A report will be made, **for information**, on activities related to capacity building and implementation of the results of the work under the Committee (TRADE/2004/19).

24. A report on the workshop on “EU Enlargement: Regulatory Convergence in Non-accessing Countries” will also be made available **for information** (TRADE/2004/20).

Item 8.3 - Cross-sectoral activities in sustainable development, gender mainstreaming and ICT for development

25. The Committee will have before it **for information** a report (TRADE/2004/21) on the activities carried out under its work programme that support the following cross-sectoral activities which the General Assembly has requested be taken into account in all work programmes of the United Nations:

- Sustainable Development
- Gender mainstreaming
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to support development
- World Summit on the Information Society.

Item 9 - Other business

- **Dates of the next session**

26. The dates of the eighth session should be agreed.

- **Topics for 2005 (forum and policy segment)**

27. After consultation with the Bureau, the secretariat has drawn up, for approval, proposals for the 2005 forum and policy segment (TRADE/2004/22).

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Item 10 - Adoption of the decisions

28. In accordance with its established procedures, the Committee will **adopt** the decisions taken on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRADE/340).

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Annex I**EXECUTIVE FORUM****“COMPETING IN A CHANGING EUROPE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR
TRADE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT”****11-12 May 2003, Palais des Nations, Room XIX, Geneva**Preliminary Programme

<p>Background</p> <p>On 1st May 2004, ten new countries will join the European Union. This enlargement will be the most significant as to its scope and diversity in the history of the European Union and will bring new opportunities for enhancing the economic cooperation and integration in the UNECE region and beyond.</p> <p>The Forum on “Competing in a changing Europe”– which will take place just two weeks after EU enlargement - will be an occasion for all countries in the Euro-Asian region, their enterprises and NGOs to benefit from this fundamental transformation of the trading environment; to gain a better understanding of the changes that will ensue; and to take stock of the new opportunities for development in the UNECE region.</p> <p>Expected Outcomes</p> <p>The expected outcomes from the Forum are: a clearer understanding of the business and economic consequences of EU enlargement; an increased awareness of the benefits and opportunities that it creates for enterprises and traders; a roadmap of where the different actors can get the support they need in responding to the changing trading environment in Europe and a guideline for future actions by UNECE and other international organizations.</p> <p>Who Will Attend?</p> <p>Speakers and participants will be representatives from governmental bodies, the business community, trade associations, international organizations, the academic community and non-governmental organizations involved in trade issues and enterprise development. Participants will be welcome not only from UNECE Member States but also from outside the region.</p>	<p>Which topics will be discussed?</p> <p>The Forum will look at what will have changed on 1 May 2004 in the procedures and practices related to trade between the European Union and its new neighbours. The debate will highlight the role of government policies can play in promoting trade and enterprise development, and will put particular emphasis on the business strategies that firms need to put in place to take advantage of the new opportunities.</p> <p>In more detail, the following topics will be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The enlargement of the European Union in the context of other important trade policy developments, in particular the other regional integration schemes in the region. • The potential of information and telecommunication technologies (ICT) for harnessing change and promoting the integration of sub-regional, regional and international markets. • The implications of EU enlargement for trade infrastructure, in particular customs procedures. Special emphasis will be placed on the need for simplification of data flows and harmonization of relevant procedures to ease international transactions. The discussion will benefit from the experience of the Forums on Trade Facilitation organized by the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and E-business in 2002 and 2003, and bring new insights to the special challenges non-acceding countries are facing. • Best practice in regulatory regimes and standards. The focus will be on: good customs administration; conformity assessment and the approximation of standards. The debate will build on the UNECE’s work on regulatory convergence and the development, adoption and application of harmonized technical regulations and standards. • Agricultural quality standards as a means of promoting competitive and environmentally sustainable agricultural production and as a necessary component in building efficient and reliable food supply chains. Here, advantage will be taken of UNECE experience in developing and maintaining agricultural quality standards that are used across the European continent.
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Tuesday, 11 May 2004

10:00 – 11:30 SESSION 1 - BEYOND ENLARGEMENT: IMPACT ON COMPETITIVENESS

Chair: TBC

Rapporteur: Ms. Ayse Öktem,
Foreign Trade Expert, Prime Ministry, Turkey

Keynote Addresses on Promoting trade and enterprise in a changing European Economy

Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

H. E. Mr. Carlo Trojan, Ambassador, Head of the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the international organizations at Geneva, and Permanent Representative to WTO

Mr. Valerii Piatnytskyi, First Deputy Minister of Economy and European Integration of Ukraine

The economic impact of enlargement on non-acceding countries' competitiveness

Mr. Dariusz Rosati, Advisor to the Central Bank of Poland

Enlargement: What changes for business in Europe?

Mr. Antoni Turczynowicz, EU Accession Leader, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Prague

11:30 – 13:00 HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION ON COMPETING IN A CHANGING EUROPE

Chair: Mr. Alexander Safarik-Pstrosz

President, Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing

- H. E. Mr. Carlo Trojan
- Mr. Valerii Piatnytskyi
- Mr. Dariusz Rosati
- Mr. Antoni Turczynowicz, EU Accession Leader, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Prague
- Raiffeisen Bank, Vienna (TBC)

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 16:30 SESSION 2 - STRATEGIES FOR TRADE AND BUSINESS IN A CHANGING EUROPE

Chair: Mr. Claude Potelle, Corporate Resources International

Rapporteur: Mr. Tolondu Toichubaev, Chairman, Corporate Technologies Center, Kyrgyzstan

The evolving European trade environment:

- Mr. Petur G. Thorsteinsson, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA
- Mediterranean Free Trade Area (TBC)
- Mr. Oleksandr Yurov, Deputy Head of the Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, GUAAM

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Integrating a changing Europe into global business strategies

- Mr. Paul Junck, Secretary General, ARCELOR, Luxembourg
- Linde A.G. (TBC)
- Prof. Paolo Garonna, Director of Research, Confindustria, Rome and Former UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary

16:30 – 18:00

DISCUSSION

This session will require active participation from all the speakers and participants. The Forum will split into small groups to answer the questions given below. This will be an occasion to put forward your views on the topic of EU enlargement, and to share them with those of other participants. The results of the small groups discussions will be presented to the Forum, will be reflected in the Forum proceedings and will have a direct impact on the direction of the work of the CTIED.

What will be the three most important impacts of EU enlargement on Government?

What will be the three most important impacts of EU Enlargement on the Private Sector?

18:15 – 20:00 RECEPTION

Wednesday, 12 May 2004

10:00 – 10:30 ***PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION***

10:30 – 12:30 ***SESSION 3A - INTEGRATING REGIONAL MARKETS: TRADE FACILITATION***

AND ICT

Chair: Mr. Andrey Korotkov, Senior Vice-President and CIO of Vneshtorgbank Bank (Russia)

Rapporteur: Mr. Johan Robert Van Kuik, Counsellor, Ministry of Finance, The Netherlands

Building Supply Chains Across Borders

Mr. Christian Frühwald, Vice President, Siemens AG, Global Logistics Office, Germany

Unifying the European Payments Landscape

VISA Europe

ICT as a tool for simplifying the access to regional and international markets

Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TBC)

New frontiers: new issues

Innovative Trade Network Consortium (TBC)

Trade Facilitation in Central Asia

Mr. Tolondu Toichubaev, Chairman, Corporate Technologies Center, Kyrgyzstan

Reducing Technical Barriers to Trade: regulatory convergence and harmonization: the case of the Telecommunications Industry

Mr. Lars Dittmer, Director, Telecom Policies and Regulations, Ericsson, Sweden

Wednesday, 12 May 2004

12:30 – 13:30 DISCUSSION

As with the previous discussion session, participants will work in small groups, to answer the questions given below. This will be an occasion to put forward your views on how to improve trade in the region, and to share them with those of other participants. The results of the small groups discussions will be presented to the Forum, will be reflected in the Forum proceedings and will have a direct impact on the direction of the work of the CTIED.

What three areas should be given a priority by Governments in order to improve the ability of the private sector to participate in regional and international trade”

What do you see as being the two biggest obstacles to implementing regulatory convergence?

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 15:30 PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION

15:30 – 17:30 SESSION 3B - INTEGRATING REGIONAL MARKETS: PROMOTING COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS

Chair: Mr. David Priester, Head, Standardization Section, U.S. Department of Agriculture (TBC)

Rapporteur: Ms. Viera Baricicova, Head of Special Crops Department State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic

Implications of enlargement for agricultural trade

Prof. Alan Matthews, Jean Monnet Professor of European Agricultural Policy, Trinity College, Dublin

Building competitiveness through the use of common agricultural standards: a case study

Mr. David Holliday, Chief, Horticulture Marketing Inspector, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), United Kingdom

Promoting trade in agriculture through improved supply chains

- Mr. Miodrag Mitic, EAN International (TBC)

Wednesday, 12 May 2004 Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development

16:30 – 18:00 POLICY DISCUSSION TOWARD INTEGRATED REGIONAL MARKETS

Panel discussion of Forum Rapporteurs

The Rapporteurs for each one of the sessions during the Forum will discuss the session conclusions and how the work of the UNECE could support regional market integration

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Annex II

REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES

The Forum will be held with simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian. There are no fees for registration. Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and hotel accommodation.

*As places are limited, completed **registration** forms should be sent as soon as possible and **no later than Monday, 28 April 2004** to:*

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*For further information and hotel reservations, please see the website
<http://www.unece.org/forums>*

*Please consult the web page of the Forum as soon as possible for preferential hotel rates:
http://www.unece.org/trade/forums/forum04/registration/hotel_info.htm*

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Therefore participants are requested to complete the Conference Registration Form overleaf and return it to the secretariat not later than **30 April 2004**. An electronic version of the Form can be downloaded from www.unece.org/forums

The venue of the meeting will be announced later.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Forum Coordinator:

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Private Sector	Other organizations, agencies, etc	Myself as a private citizen	

I WILL BE ATTENDING

1.	Annual session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED)	Head of Delegation		10, 13 and 14 May 2004
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		Participant/Observer		
2.	Executive Forum on "Competing in a Changing Europe"	Speaker		11 and 12 May 2004
		Head of Delegation		
		Delegation Member		
		Participant/Observer		

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