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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND
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Ninth session
23-27 May 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Monday, 23 May at 10 a.m.

DOCUMENT FOR DECISION

**UNECE Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development Week - 23-27 May 2005
OVERVIEW**

	Day 1 Mon. 23 May	Day 2 Tues. 24 May	Day 3 Wed. 25 May	Day 4 Thurs. 26 May	Day 5 Fri. 27 May
(a.m.)	COMMITTEE Discussion of the work, results and future plans	Annual Forum After Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies: New Challenges and Perspectives for the Industrial Sector	Annual Forum (continued)	Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems: Regional trade agreements POLICY SEGMENT "Trade Facilitation in the WTO Context"	COMMITTEE Approval of the text of decisions taken
(p.m.)	COMMITTEE Discussion of the work, results and future plans	Annual Forum (continued)	- Follow-up to 2004 and 2005 forums and Review of outputs completed - Information items including report on cooperation with other organizations	POLICY SEGMENT (continued) (until 17:00) - Future directions - Tools to support promotion and implementation	

DOCUMENTS – Documents 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 this agenda. No documentation will be available in the conference room.

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Timetable and Provisional Agenda

		Agenda Items	Documents for Decision/Discussion	Documents for Information
Monday, 23 May				
10:00-10:45	1.	Adoption of the agenda	ECE/TRADE/359	
	2.	Election of officers		
	3.	Opening statements		
	4.	Matters arising from the sixtieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the intersessional meetings of the Committee Bureau	TRADE/2005/1	
10:45-13:00	5.	PROGRAMME OF WORK		
	5.1	Activities of other UNECE principal subsidiary bodies (Report on activities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy)		TRADE/2005/2
	5.2	Legal and commercial practice (WP.5)		TRADE/2005/3
	5.3	Industry and enterprise development (WP.8)	TRADE/WP.8/2005/17	TRADE/2005/4
	5.4	Activities directly under the Committee [Trade Policy, Trade Promotion, WSIS and Implementation]		TRADE/2005/5
15:00-18:00	5.5	Trade facilitation (UN/CEFACT)	TRADE/CEFACT/2004/38 TRADE/R.650/Rev.4	TRADE/2005/6
	5.6	Regulatory cooperation and standardization policies (WP.6)	TRADE/WP.6/2004/15 TRADE/WP.6/2004/15/Add.1	TRADE/2005/7
	5.7	Agricultural quality standards (WP.7)	TRADE/WP.7/2004/10	TRADE/2005/8

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Tuesday, 24 May				
10:00-18:00	6.	INTERNATIONAL FORUM: After Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies: New Challenges and Perspectives for the Industrial Sector		
Wednesday, 25 May				
10:00-13:00	6.	INTERNATIONAL FORUM (continued)		
	5.	PROGRAMME OF WORK (continued)		
15:00-16:30	5.8	Follow-up to the 2004 and 2005 forums and review of work accomplished to date for the 2004-2005 biennium	TRADE/2005/9 TRADE/2005/10 TRADE/2005/12 TRADE/2005/13	TRADE/2005/11 TRADE/WP.8/2005/11 ECE/TRADE/NONE/2005/1
	7.	INFORMATION		
16:30-18:00	7.1	Cooperation with other organizations in support of the programme of work		TRADE/2005/14
	7.2	Capacity building and implementation activities		TRADE/2005/15
	7.3	Cross-sectoral activities in sustainable development, gender mainstreaming and ICT for development		TRADE/2005/16
Thursday, 26 May				
10:00-11:00	8.	REVIEW OF RECENT AND PROSPECTIVE TRADE TRENDS, POLICIES AND PROBLEMS – A look at regional trade agreements		
	8.1	Overview of a chapter from the Economic Survey of Europe		ECE/EAD/2005/1 ECE/TRADE/NONE/2005/2
	8.2	Regional Trade Agreements in the UNECE region		TRADE/2005/17
11:00-13:00	9.	POLICY SEGMENT: Trade Facilitation in the WTO Context		
		During this segment, there will be speakers and a discussion on trade facilitation in the context of the WTO and the Doha Development Round Negotiations		TRADE/2005/18 TRADE/2005/19 ECE/TRADE/NONE/2005/3 ECE/TRADE/NONE/2005/4 ECE/TRADE/NONE/2005/5
15:00-17:00	9.	POLICY SEGMENT (continued)		
17:00-18:00	5.	PROGRAMME OF WORK (continued)		
	5.9	Future Directions: final discussion and approval of changes to the programme of work (2005-2007)	TRADE/2005/20 TRADE/2005/CRP.1	
	7.	INFORMATION (continued)		
	7.4	Tools to support promotion and implementation		ECE/TRADE/327 (CD-ROM)
	10.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
		- Dates of the next session - Topics for 2006 and 2007 forums and policy segments - Other	TRADE/2005/21 TRADE/2005/22	

	Agenda Items	Documents for Decision/Discussion	Documents for Information
Friday, 27 May			
10:00-11:00	11. ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS		
	Following the procedures adopted at its May 2004 session, the Committee will adopt the decisions taken during the Committee session.		ECE/TRADE/360

Introduction

1. The provisional agenda and timetable for the ninth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED) have been drawn up by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau. They are based on the decisions and programme of work adopted by the Committee at its eighth session.
2. The Committee session formally begins on Monday, 23 May at 10:00.
3. At its eighth session, the Committee decided to hold an International Forum on the topic: "After Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies: New Challenges and Perspectives for the Industrial Sector". The one-and-a-half day Forum takes place on Tuesday, 24 and the morning of Wednesday, 25 May. The preliminary agenda is attached as annex I. A detailed version can be found in document TRADE/WP.8/2005/11.
4. A policy discussion on Trade Facilitation in the context of the WTO will take place during the "Policy Segment" from 11:00 to 17:00 on Thursday, 26 May.
5. Delegations are reminded that the procedures governing the Committee's session and work, as approved at the May 2004 session, can be found in document TRADE/2004/2.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1 - Adoption of the agenda

6. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRADE/359).

Item 2 - Election of officers

7. At its eighth session, in 2004, the Committee elected Mr. Alexander Safarik-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 statements

8. Opening statements will be made by the current Chairperson and the secretariat.

Item 4 - Matters arising from the sixtieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the intersessional meetings of the Committee Bureau

9. The secretariat will report on the discussions held and the decisions adopted by the Commission at its sixtieth session in February 2005 as well as on any issues arising from the Bureau's intersessional meetings (TRADE/2005/1).

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Item 5 – Programme of Work

10. The sub-items under this agenda item cover:

- Activities of other ECE subsidiary bodies of possible interest to the Committee;
- Activities under each of the subsidiary bodies;
- Activities directly under the Committee;
- Follow-up of the 2004 Forum (Competing in a Changing Europe: Opportunities and Challenges to Trade and Enterprise Developments);
- Follow-up to the 2005 Forum;
- Approval of any changes to the already approved programmes of work for 2004-2007.

11. As it was agreed at the 2003 session of the Committee that each year a different sub-programme would be highlighted, this year the Trade Development subprogramme will be highlighted with presentations giving an overview of the work.

12. 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 Trade Development subprogramme only];
- The one to three most important achievements in terms of the budgeted activities for 2004, plus information about any significant deviations from the original plans for the 2004-2005 budget period that have occurred or are foreseen;
- Any decisions that are required from the Committee for the activity area in question.

13. The above items will be discussed on Monday.
14. Follow-up to the forums will be discussed on Wednesday afternoon as well as an overview of work accomplished to date during the 2004-2005 biennium.
15. On Thursday afternoon, a consolidated set of all proposed changes to the programme of work will be reviewed and approved.

Item 5.1 - Activities of the UNECE principal subsidiary bodies

16. The Committee will have before it, **for discussion and noting**, a secretariat note on the activities of the UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy that are, or could be, related to the Programme of Work (TRADE/2005/2).

INDUSTRIAL REPORTS FROM THE SUBPROGRAMME: RESTRUCTURING AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Item 5.2 - Legal and commercial practice (WP.5)

17. The Committee will have before it, **for discussion**, a report from the secretariat on the activities of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice (WP.5), summarizing developments in the last year and the most important elements relevant to its decision making (TRADE/2005/3).

Item 5.3 - Industry and enterprise development (WP.8)

18. The Committee will have before it, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report of the February 2005 session of the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (TRADE/WP.8/2005/17). 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/2005/4).

REPORTS FROM THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTED SUBPROGRAMME: TRADE DEVELOPMENT

Item 5.4 - Activities directly under the Committee

19. 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/2005/5).

Item 5.5 - Trade facilitation (UN/CEFACT)

20. **For any decisions it has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the Committee will have before it the report of the May 2004 session of the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) in document TRADE/CEFACT/2004/38. The Committee will also have before it, **for discussion**, a report from the secretariat (TRADE/2005/6) summarizing developments in the last year and the most important elements relevant to its decision making on the activities of UN/CEFACT. If it has not already approved this document via its intersessional approval process, the Committee will also have before it, **for approval**, the revised terms of reference for UN/CEFACT (TRADE/R.650/Rev.4).

Item 5.6 - Regulatory cooperation and standardization policies (WP:6)

21. **For any decisions it has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the Committee will have before it the report of the November 2004 session of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (TRADE/WP.6/2004/15 and TRADE/WP.6/2004/15/Add.1). 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/2005/7).

Item 5.7 - Agricultural quality standards (WP.7)

22. The Committee will have before it, **for any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement**, the report of the November 2004 session of the Working Party on Perishable Produce and Quality Development (TRADE/WP.7/2004/10). 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/2005/8).

Item 5.8 – Follow-up to the 2004 and 2005 forums and review of work accomplished to date for the 2004-2005 biennium

23. The Committee will have available, **for information and discussion**, documents TRADE/2005/9 and TRADE/2005/10. The first of these documents is the report requested by the Committee at its last session on the inputs to the discussion sessions during the 2004 Forum (“Competing in a Changing Europe: Opportunities and Challenges for Trade and Enterprise Development”). The second outlines those activities during the last year that have supported follow-up to the 2004 Forum. Follow-up to the 2005 Forum (TRADE/WP.8/2005/11), which will have taken place on Tuesday and Wednesday, will be discussed taking into consideration any background paper(s) prepared, **for information**, for the Forum (TRADE/2005/11 and ECE/TRADE/2005/NONE/1).

24. The Committee will also have available, **for information and discussion**, documents TRADE/2005/12 and TRADE/2005/13 which highlight the most important accomplishments during 2004 under the Trade subprogramme and under the Industry and Enterprise Development subprogramme, respectively, as well as a status report on the activities described in detail in the approved programme of work for 2004 (see TRADE/2004/4 and its addenda 1-3).

Item 5.9 – Future Directions

25. The Committee will have available, **for information and decision**, document TRADE/2005/20 containing an initial list of all changes to be made to the already approved programme of work for 2004-2005 (and 2006-2007, if appropriate) for approval. During the session, should the Committee decide to make additional changes to the programme of work, these would be included in an in-session document (TRADE/2005/CRP.1).

INTERNATIONAL FORUM

Item 6 – International Forum: After Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies: New Challenges and Perspectives for the Industrial Sector

26. The Forum will be open to the public. During this time, the Committee will be in an informal session. An initial outline of the programme can be found in annex I.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 7 – Reports for information only

27. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present documents containing information which it is important for delegations to have, but which do not require any decisions, with indications as to any areas requiring the particular attention of delegations or capitals.

Item 7.1 - Cooperation with other organizations in support of the programme of work

28. The secretariat has prepared for the Committee, **for information**, a report on the activities it has carried out (TRADE/2005/14) 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).

Item 7.2 - Capacity building and implementation activities

29. The secretariat will present a report, **for information**, on activities related to capacity building and implementation of the results of the work under the Committee (TRADE/2005/15).

Item 7.3 - Cross-sectoral activities in sustainable development, gender mainstreaming and ICT for development

30. The Committee will have before it, **for information**, a report (TRADE/2005/16) 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 and the World Summit on the Information Society

Item 7.4 – Tools to support promotion and implementation: a presentation of the Committee’s CD-ROM and Internet resources

31. The secretariat will present the CD-ROM (ECE/TRADE/327), “Norms Standards and Practices for Trade Facilitation and International Business”, which contains a compendium of the Committee’s work (in English, French and Russian). Delegates will also be shown selected resources resulting from the work of the Committee that are available via the Internet.

RECENT AND PROSPECTIVE TRADE TRENDS, POLICIES AND PROBLEMS

Item 8 - Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems – a look at regional trade agreements

Item 8.1 - Overview of a chapter from the Economic Survey of Europe

32. The secretariat will introduce the first issue of the 2005 Economic Survey of Europe (ECE/EAD/2005/1), as well as a selected chapter from the Survey (ECE/TRADE/NONE /2005/2).

A short presentation will be made on a selected chapter from the <u>Economic Survey of Europe</u> .

Item 8.2 – Regional Trade Agreements in the UNECE region

33. The secretariat will introduce a study that it has undertaken on regional trade agreements in the UNECE region (TRADE/2005/17).

POLICY SEGMENT

Item 9 - Policy Segment: Trade Facilitation in the WTO Context

This segment will examine the work of the Committee in the light of the inclusion of trade facilitation in the WTO Doha Development Round Negotiations and the years of pioneering work that the UNECE has done in trade facilitation and related standards. Key participants in both the trade facilitation negotiations and the work of the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation will take part in the policy segment.

34. The background and conference room papers for the Policy Segment are meant to contribute to the discussion. These include documents TRADE/2005/18, TRADE/2005/19, ECE/TRADE/NONE/2005/3, ECE/TRADE /NONE/2005/4 and ECE/TRADE /NONE/2005/5.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Item 10 -Other business

- **Dates of the next session**

35. The dates of the tenth session should be agreed (15-19 May 2006 will be proposed).

- **Topics for 2006 and 2007 (Forum and policy segment)**

36. After consultation with the Bureau, the secretariat has refined the proposal, approved in 2004, for a 2006 Forum on regulatory cooperation and has developed a proposal for the 2007 Forum and policy segment **for approval** (TRADE/2005/21).

- **Other**

37. An evaluation, undertaken by the secretariat of the 2002 and 2003 Committee Forums will be available (TRADE/2005/22).

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Item 11 - Adoption of the decisions

38. In accordance with its established procedures, the Committee, on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat, will **adopt** the decisions taken which will then be incorporated in the final report ECE/TRADE/360.

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Annex I**EXECUTIVE FORUM****“After Fifteen Years of Market Reforms in Transition Economies:
New Challenges and Perspectives for the Industrial Sector”****24-25 May 2005, Palais des Nations, Room XIX, Geneva**(A preliminary programme can be found in document TRADE/WP.8/2005/11(also see <http://www.unece.org/ie/wp8/main.html>)

<p><i>Purpose and Scope</i></p> <p>The purpose of the Forum is to contribute to a better understanding of trends and developments in economic and, especially, industrial restructuring in the UNECE region, with a particular emphasis on economies in transition. The event will be divided into three sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic and Industrial Restructuring in the UNECE Region, 1990-2004 – Lessons and Prospects. 2. Industrial Restructuring in Transition Economies: Did It Keep Pace with World Trends? 3. Challenges and Opportunities for More Efficient Industrial Development in Economies in Transition-The Role of Governments, Domestic Industry and International Companies. <p>The Forum will identify and review key issues related to economic and industrial restructuring in the UNECE region. The identification and assessment of these issues could serve as a focal point for the further development, refinement and implementation of sound economic and regulatory policies related to industrial sector growth and competitiveness. This, in turn, could have a tangible impact on economic growth, employment and social trends in the UNECE region.</p>	<p>The event will be structured in such a way as to allow useful interfaces to emerge between policy makers in the UNECE Governments, international investment and financial institutions, large international industrial corporations and domestic corporate sectors</p> <p>The Forum should provide a productive and objective platform for the exchange of knowledge, experience, and ideas among key players from government, investors and industry. During the Forum, an additional focus will be on potential policy and corporate responses in support of the promotion of more effective industrial development and restructuring in general, and in transition economies in particular.</p> <p><i>Who Will Attend?</i></p> <p>Targeted participants for this Annual Forum are high-level officials from the Governments of the UNECE member States, as well as from the leading international development and financial institutions. In addition, senior executives of the large international industrial and financial companies from the UNECE region will be invited. Finally, invitations will be also extended to selected reputable international experts on economic and industrial restructuring and representatives of the industrial sector in economies in transition.</p>
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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, 2 May 2005** to:*

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The venue of the meeting will be announced later.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Forum Coordinator:

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University		Chamber of Commerce		NGOs (Not ECOSOC accredited)
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		23, 26 and 27 May 2005
		Delegation Member		
		Participant/Observer		
2.	Executive Forum on "Competing in a Changing Europe"	Speaker		24 and 25 May 2005
		Head of Delegation		
		Delegation Member		
3.	Policy Segment: Trade Facilitation in the WTO Context	Participant/Observer		26 May
		Speaker		
		Head of Delegation		
		Delegation Member		
		Participant/Observer		

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