ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

COMMITTEE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
Sixth session
27-31 May 2002

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH SESSION
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Tuesday, 28 May 2002 at 10:00

DISCUSSION OF THE WORK - Reports and discussion on the work undertaken by the Committee will take place on Tuesday, 28 May 2002.

FORUM - On Wednesday and Thursday, 29 and 30 May the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development will hold, together with the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), an International Forum on Trade Facilitation.

ROUND TABLE – On Friday, 31 May in the morning there will be a round-table discussion on, “Implementing Trade Facilitation in Transition Economies”

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FORUM - Approval of the Recommendations from the Forum will take place during the Committee session on the morning of 31 May 2002, after the Roundtable.

BACK-TO-BACK SESSIONS – As agreed by the Committee at its fifth session, the sixth session is being held back-to-back with the annual plenary of the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT).

DOCUMENTS – Documents for the sixth session will be distributed by mail and will also be posted on the web site (http://www.unece.org/trade/). For reasons of economy, delegations are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in the provisional agenda of the meeting. No documentation will be available in the conference room.

ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS - Security badges are required in order to enter the Palais. To obtain a badge, participants and delegates must register in advance. For details, see annex II.
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Introduction

1. The provisional agenda and time schedule for the sixth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development 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 fifth session.

2. At its last session, the Committee decided to hold, in 2002, an International Forum on Trade Facilitation. A preliminary agenda for this event is attached as annex I, a more detailed version can be found in document TRADE/2002/19. The two-day Forum will be held on 29 and 30 May, between the first and last days of the Committee session (on 28 and 31 May).

3. The Committee’s regular session will, therefore, formally begin on Tuesday, 28 May at 10:00. The Committee will approve the draft report of the sixth session on the afternoon of Friday, 31 May.

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/287).

Item 2 - Election of officers

5. At its third session, the Committee elected Mr. Alexander Safarik-Pstrosz (Czech Republic) as Chairman, and Ms. Sofia Aisagaliyeva (Kazakhstan), Ms. Ayse Öktem (Turkey) Mr. Miguel Vilchez-Barros (Spain) as its vice-chairpersons.

Item 3 - Matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe

6. The secretariat will report orally on the discussions held, and the decisions adopted by the Commission at its fifty-seventh session in May 2002.
TRADE POLICY AND PROMOTION

Item 4 - Review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems


A short presentation will be given on recent economic developments including foreign trade, based upon the latest edition of the Economic Survey of Europe

8. During February 2002, the secretariat prepared a background paper and organized a briefing on, “WTO, Doha and transition economies”. A member of the secretariat will present the background paper (TRADE/2002/1) which is for noting.

Item 5 – Follow-up to the 2001 Forum and Round Table on Trade in Services

9. The discussion will draw upon a background paper (TRADE/2002/2) prepared by the secretariat which reviews the major issues and makes suggestions as to further action that the Committee’s subsidiary bodies could take to improve trade in services in transition economies.

Item 6 – Trade promotion activities

10. The Committee will receive a report (TRADE/2002/3 and Add.1) on the Division’s multiplier point programme. The first version of the Trade Directory (TRADE/2002/4 and Add.1) and the first edition of a CD-ROM containing a wide selection of best practices information created under the Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development Programme (ECE/TRADE/284) will also be presented. All of these documents are for noting.

Item 7 – Topics for 2003 and 2004 forums and round tables

11. After consultation with the Bureau of the Committee, the secretariat has developed proposals for the 2003 and 2004 Forums and roundtables as found in document TRADE/2002/5, which is for approval.

REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND ADVISORY GROUPS

IN-DEPTH REPORT FROM A SUBSIDIARY BODY

Item 8 – Technical Harmonization and Standardization policies

12. At its June 2001 meeting, the Bureau of the Committee decided to have a more in-depth presentation from one subsidiary body at each session. It agreed that for the sixth session this presentation would be made by the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (WP.6). The Committee will also have before it the report of the 2001 session of the Working Party (TRADE/WP.6/2001/18) for a review of any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement. A report on the Working Party’s activities prepared by the secretariat (TRADE/2002/6) will also be available.
REPORTS COVERING MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AND DECISIONS REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE BY SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND ADVISORY GROUPS

**Item 9 - Trade facilitation**

13. The Committee will have before it a report from the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business UN/CEFACT (TRADE/2002/7) summarizing developments since the Committee’s last session. An oral report will also be made on decisions taken during the first day of the UN/CEFACT 2002 session which will take place immediately prior to the Committee’s session (i.e. on 27 May). In addition, a brief highlights presentation will be made on: “Restructuring of the working groups under UN/CEFACT and the Centre’s global mandate”.

**Item 10 - Agricultural quality standards**

14. The Committee will have before it the report of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7) (TRADE/WP.7/2001/9) for a review of any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement, and a note by the secretariat (TRADE/2002/8) summarizing progress achieved since the November 2001 meeting of the Working Party. A brief highlights presentation will be made on: “Creating internationally harmonized quality codes for fruit and vegetables”.

**Item 11 – Legal and commercial practice**

15. The Committee will have before it the report of the fiftieth session of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice, WP.5, (TRADE/WP.5/2002/12) for a review of any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement. A brief highlights presentation will be made on: “The Public Private Partnership Alliance”.

**Item 12 - Industry and enterprise development**

16. The Committee will have before it the report of the third session of the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (TRADE/WP.8/2002/10) for a review of any decisions the Committee has been requested to make and for endorsement. In this report, new teams of specialists under the Working Party will be presented for approval. A brief highlights presentation will be made on: “Industrial restructuring in transition economies”.

**Item 13 - International commercial arbitration**


REPORTS ON CROSS-SECTORAL ACTIVITIES, COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Item 14 – (a) Operational and regional advisory activities in support of the work programme

18. The Director of the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities will present a report on operational and regional advisory activities (TRADE/2002/11) for noting.

Item 14 - (b) Technical cooperation in support of the implementation of trade related norms, standards and recommendations

19. A report on technical cooperation in support of the implementation of trade related norms, standards and recommendations (TRADE/2002/12) will also be presented for noting.

Item 15 – Cross-sectoral activities in sustainable development, gender mainstreaming and ICT for development

20. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a report (TRADE/2002/13) 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 throughout the United Nations: i.e. Sustainable Development, Gender mainstreaming and the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to support development. This report is for noting.

Item 16 - Cooperation with other organizations in support of the work programme

21. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a report on the activities carried out by the secretariat (TRADE/2002/14) 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). This report is for noting.

Item 17 - Activities of the Commission's other principal subsidiary bodies

22. The Committee will have before it a paper by the secretariat on trade and investment related activities of other principal subsidiary bodies (TRADE/2002/15), which includes an in-depth report on the related activities of the Timber Committee. This document is for noting.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Item 18 - Programme of Work, 2002-2003, and Priorities

23. The Committee will have before it a draft programme of work (TRADE/2002/16) as submitted by the Bureau and a second document (TRADE/2002/16/Add.1) containing proposals from the Bureau for the work programme’s priorities during the next two years. Both documents are for approval. A single document containing the Terms of Reference and Strategic Goals and Objectives of the Committee (TRADE/2002/17) as approved at the June 2002 session will also be made available and is for noting.
### ROUND TABLE

**Item 19 – ROUND TABLE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TRADE FACILITATION IN TRANSITION ECONOMIES**

24. Presentations on the specific importance of trade facilitation for transition economies and their experiences with implementation will be made by high-level speakers.

25. The topics to be covered include trade facilitation:

- Issues of particular relevance for the participation of transition economy enterprises in international supply chains
- in Southeastern Europe
- in Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
- in Central Europe

26. The Committee will also have before it background papers on, “Trade Facilitation for Transition Economies” (TRADE/2002/18) and on transit issues (TRADE/2002/19) for noting.

### FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

**Item 20 – Recommendations from the International Forum on Trade Facilitation**

27. The Committee will have before it a set of recommendations (TRADE/2002/24) approved by the International Forum on Trade Facilitation, which will take place on 29 and 30 May, between the first and last day of the Committee session. These recommendations will be for approval. It will also have the Forum programme (TRADE/2002/20), a background document (TRADE/2002/21) and discussion documents on the “single window concept in trade facilitation” (TRADE/2002/22) and on landlocked countries (TRADE/2002/23). These documents will be for noting but may also contain items for approval.

### OTHER

**Item 21 - Other business**

**Dates of the next session**

28. The dates of the seventh session of the Committee must be agreed.
ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Item 22 - Adoption of the report

29. In accordance with established practice, the Committee will adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON TRADE FACILITATION:
SIMPLER PROCEDURES FOR WORLD TRADE GROWTH
29-30 MAY 2002

in cooperation with
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Trade Organization,
World Customs Organization, International Chamber of Commerce and
the other United Nations Regional Commissions

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY

9:30 Opening Session
Executive Secretary, UNECE
Mr. Mike MOORE, Director-General, WTO
(keynote address)
Mr. Rubens RICUPERO, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Mr. Michel DANET, Secretary-General, WCO
Ms. Maria LIVANOS CATTAUI, Secretary-General, ICC

Session I. Defining the Trade Facilitation Agenda for the 21st Century
Chairperson (t.b.c.):
Mr. Maxim MEDVEDKOV, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Russian Federation
Rapporteur: (t.b.a.)
Speakers:
Trade facilitation and globalization
Mr. José-Maria FIGUERES-OLSON, Managing Director of the World Economic Forum and former President of Costa Rica

Trade facilitation in the new world environment
Mr. Pascal LAMY, Trade Commissioner of the European Commission

Trade facilitation – Everyone wins!
Baroness SYMONS (keynote speaker), Minister of State for Trade and Investment, United Kingdom

Trade facilitation in a developing country
Dr. NAHAVANDIAN, Trade Envoy Plenipotentiary, Islamic Republic of Iran

Trade challenges of facilitation the flow of commerce in a heightened security environment
Mr. Michel DABET, Secretary-General, WCO

13:15 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Session II. Setting the Framework: Cost and Benefit of Trade Facilitation
Mr. Anthony KLEITZ, Head, Trade Liberalization and Review Division, OECD

Trade facilitation and confidence-building
Dr. Erhart BUSEK, Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and SECI Coordinator, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria

Session III. Implementation: Role of the Business Community
Chairperson:
Ms. Maria LIVANOS CATTAUI, Secretary General, ICC
Rapporteur:
Mr. Patrick GANNON, Chief Executive, OASIS
Speakers:
How to achieve maximum trade facilitation in a regulatory environment
Mr. Rolf M. JEKER, Société Générale de Surveillance SA (SGS)

The impact of trade facilitation on a standard supply chain
Mr. Vratislav KULHANEK, Chairman of the Board, Skoda Auto

Solutions, standards and best practices in the triangle: manufacturer – express carrier - retailer
(t.b.a.)

The need for standardization in a global corporation
DAY TWO: THURSDAY, 30 MAY, 10:00

Session IV. Achieving an Open and Inclusive Environment: the Role of the International Organizations

Chairperson: Mr. Rubens RICUPERO, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Rapporteur: (t.b.a)

Speakers: (t.b.a)

Practical measures for future trade facilitation
Mr. Octavio MAIZZA-NETO, Assistant Director-General and Director, Strategic Planning, Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNIDO
Mr. Barry CABLE, Director, Transport Division, ESCAP

New instruments simplifying trade procedures
Mr. M. Vanden ABEELE, Director-General, Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission
Mr. Julian OLIVER, Director-General, International Express Carriers Conference (IECC)

Trade-related technical assistance
Mr. John WILSON
Lead Economist Development Research Group, World Bank

Public-private cooperation
Mr. Georg KELL, Executive Head of the United Nations Global Compact

Trade facilitation in the multilateral trade negotiations
Mr. Andrew STOLER, Deputy Director-General, WTO

Session V. The Stake of Developing and Transition Economies in Trade Facilitation

Chairperson: Lord BHATIA, OBE, Chairman of the Simpler Trade Procedures Board (SITPRO)


Speakers: (to be confirmed)

Capacity-building for trade facilitation
Vice-Minister of Trade, China (to be confirmed)

Developing countries’ views on trade facilitation
Dr. Ahmed El-GUWEILY, Secretary General, Council of Economic Unity, former Minister of Trade of Egypt
Mr. Peter GAKUNU, Economic Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Kenya

13:15 - 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

Session V (continued)
Trade facilitation, reducing transaction costs and improving security
Minister of the Economy, Bulgaria

The specific problems of landlocked countries
Mr. KELDIBEKOV, Vice-Minister of Finance, Kyrgyzstan

The way forward and recommendations
Chairperson: Ambassador Lucius WASESCHA, Delegate of the Swiss Government for Trade Agreements

Rapporteur: Mr. Chrtistian FRÜHWALD, Chairman, UN/CEFACT

Speakers:

Trade facilitation as a prerequisite for successful e-business
Mr. Bernard VERGNES, Chairman Emeritus, Microsoft, EMEA

Recommendations for action to facilitate international trade
Ms. Carol COSGROVE-SACKS, Director of the UNECE Trade Division

18:00 END OF FORUM
Annex II

REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES

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

As places are limited, completed registration forms should be sent as soon as possible and no later than 10 May 2002 to the attention of:

Mrs. Dominique Rames
Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Tel.: (+41 22) 917 2481
Fax: (+41 22) 917 0037
E-mail: dominique.rames@unece.org

Visa request should be addressed directly to Mrs. Aruna Vivekanantham
(Tel.: (+41 22) 917 5175, Fax: (+41 22) 917 0479, E-mail: aruna.vivekanantham@unece.org)

For further information and hotel reservations, please see the website
www.unece.org/forums

Please consult the web page of the Forum as soon as possible for preferential hotel rates:
www.unece.org/trade/forums/forum02/registration/hotel_info.htm

ACCESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS PREMISES

Security at the Palais des Nations has been significantly increased and personal security badges are needed for access. Therefore participants are requested to complete the Conference Registration Form overleaf and return it to the secretariat not later than 10 May 2002. An electronic version of the Form is available on request or can be downloaded from the forum website www.unece.org/forums.

To enter the United Nations Premises, participants must obtain their badges, which will have been already prepared at the Villa Les Feuillantines, located near the Palais des Nations (see the attached map).

ENQUIRIES about participation should be addressed to the Forum Coordinator:

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Trade Division, Office 437
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Tel.: (41 22) 917 11 34
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E-Mail: mario.apostolov@unece.org
Website: http://www.unece.org/forums
REGISTRATION FORM (to be sent not later than 10 May 2002)

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I will be participating in the following event(s):
(please indicate your status of participation for each event)

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   - **29 and 30 May 2002**
   - **Head of Delegation**
   - Are you based in Geneva as a representative of your Permanent Mission?
     - Yes
     - No
   - Observer Organization
   - **Delegation Member**
   - NGO (ECOSOC Accredited)
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