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COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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This document highlights ongoing cooperation with other organizations and recent developments. It endeavours to make as transparent as possible the framework within which the Committee and its subsidiary bodies cooperate with other organizations.

Because of the large number of organizations with which the Committee and its subsidiary bodies cooperate, for ease of reading we have presented the major part of this information in tabular format.

For further information on these cooperation activities and mechanisms, please e-mail: trade@unece.org or fax: +41-22 917 0037.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) enjoys well-structured cooperation and coordination with United Nations Headquarters and with other organizations within and outside the United Nations system.
2. In the current planning period (2004 to 2005), we are paying especial attention to strengthening cooperation with the other regional commissions of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), to maintain an environment that fosters intergovernmental policy dialogue.

3. At the regional level, we are promoting further economic integration through studies and capacity-building activities such as seminars, workshops and advisory services. In addition, we are working to strengthen the policies and institutions of transition economies for implementing sustainable development.

4. We continue to encourage the business community and non-governmental organizations to take part in all aspects of our work.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COOPERATION 2004/2005

5. UNECE signed a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport (GFP) in March 2005. UNECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and IRU. The GFP promotes coordination between member organisations and the business community in implementing trade facilitation worldwide (www.gfptt.org).

6. The revised UN Development Account Interregional project on Trade Facilitation was launched in January 2005. This involves all five regional commissions, with UNECLAC as the lead agency. UNECE has already commenced two joint activities under this project with UNECA and UNESCAP. A joint interregional conference with all five Regional Commissions will be held in Geneva in June 2005 – organised by UNECE.

7. The Regional Adviser on Trade Facilitation organized, in cooperation with the World Bank, the OSCE and the Georgian Government, a workshop on trade facilitation and transit in the South Caucasus Corridor Development for South Caucasus countries in Tbilisi, 18 – 19 May 2004 to progress the development of national transit strategies of the countries of the South Caucasus. UNECE also continues to collaborate with the World Bank project on Trade and Transport Facilitation in Southeast Europe using UNECE recommendations, standards and tools. More information on capacity-building activities of the Regional Adviser can be found in the report on Capacity Building and Implementation Activities (TRADE/2005/15).

8. Another organization that the Trade Facilitation Regional Adviser cooperates regularly with is the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe (SEE), and, particularly in the work of the Trade Liberalization and Facilitation Working Group and the e-SEE initiative. For example, he contributed to the work on establishing a free-trade zone in South East Europe, including the preparation of a policy paper, prepared an e-business strategy paper for the Western Balkans, and is currently involved in organizing a June 2005 regional Ministerial Meeting in SEE in preparation for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

9. The UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Harmonization and Standardization Policies (WP.6) has initiated cooperation with the Stability Pact Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation under the joint UNECE – Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) project “South-East Europe Regulatory Project”. The project promotes good regulatory practices and sharing information on regulatory priorities in countries of the south-east European region with a view to identifying areas for future regulatory cooperation. Discussions are under way with SIDA to organize similar projects in other regions.

10. In the context of the Committee’s Multiplier Point Network’s promotional work, in the autumn of 2004, the UNECE signed a MoU with the World Trade Point Federation (WTPF). This is a worldwide network of trade facilitation centres serving to establish, facilitate and maintain trade contacts across borders. The UNECE and WTPF agreed to cooperate in promoting each other's activities, to encourage regular contacts between the WTPF and the relevant UNECE subsidiary bodies and to share contacts in

order to develop further their networks. Further information on WTPF can be found on their website at www.wtpfed.org.

11. In the area of sustainable development, the UNECE Public – Private Partnership (PPP) Alliance of WP.5 held a Conference with UN-Habitat on the occasion of its Second World Urban Forum, Barcelona, Spain, 13 –18 September 2004. The Conference allowed delegations from countries outside the UNECE region to see the Alliance’s expertise in this important area. Useful contacts were made at the Conference on follow-up work with the Russian Federation and the EU among others.

12. In the area of industry and enterprise development, UNECE’s Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8) continued its cooperation with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. In November 2004, on the invitation of the Government of Kazakhstan, UNECE and the OSCE Centre in Almaty organized a Forum on “Public-Private Cooperation in Industrial Restructuring” in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The Forum developed recommendations to Governments.

COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

13. The European Commission participates actively in the sessions of UNECE’s working parties 6, 7 and 8, and UN/CEFACT as well as in the Committee session.

14. The European Commission’s cooperation with UNECE in agricultural quality standards is based on European legislation (Council Regulation 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 concerning the standards and Commission Regulation 1148/2001 of 12 June 2001 on conformity checks). As a result of this policy UNECE and EU standards are closely harmonized.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

15. The following two tables describe our current cooperation with other United Nations and other international bodies under the two subprogrammes of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development.

I. Cooperation on Trade Activities

Organization¹	Mechanisms for Cooperation	Current Cooperation
AITIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization of joint seminars and workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint organization of a workshop on trade facilitation within the WTO Public Symposium to be held on 21 April 2005 at the WTO Joint Organization of a Symposium on the DOHA Work Programme and the Economies in Transition, to be held at the Palais des Nations on 7 April 2005 A joint Workshop on Managing Globalization, Trade Facilitation and WTO Accession, held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina in June 2004 Joint publication of a Russian WTO Glossary is underway to be issued in 2005

¹ A list of abbreviations is given at the end of the tables

Organization ²	Mechanisms for Cooperation	Current Cooperation
BDT/ITU and WSIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization of joint seminars and workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UNECE will organize with the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe a subregional meeting in preparation of WSIS 2.
FAO Codex Alimentarius (Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting schedules are set in coordination between secretariats Secretariats participate in relevant meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNECE standards are circulated to the members of the Codex Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables whenever a Codex Standard for the same or similar produce is developed
ICC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorandum of Understanding between the UNECE and the ICC Participation in meetings and seminars Participation in Groups of Experts Exchange of information Maintenance of the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in the UN/CEFACT TBG15 (ITPWG) and Legal Group Many Chambers of Commerce in the member States host UNECE Multiplier Points Joint organization of the elections of the special committee under the 1961 European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration Discussions on standardization of the documentary credit form.
IEC, ITU and ISO (See also ISO and ISO Technical Committee 127 on Earth Moving Machinery and 154 on Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry and administration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorandum of Understanding between UNECE, IEC, ISO and ITU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation and coordination between the secretariats Each organization acts as secretary to the MoU Management Group on a rotating basis (IEC in 2004) Management meetings twice a year between the secretariats, the expert groups and international user groups Summit meetings by the Memorandum of Understanding Management group on coordination and standardization issues.
ISO (See also ISO Technical Committees 127, 154, and IEC, ITU and ISO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorandum of Understanding between IEC, ISO, ITU and UNECE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO attends all WP.6 meetings and annual seminars
ISO Technical Committee 127 on Earth Moving Machinery		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TC 127 contributes to the WP.6 sectoral regulatory project "Earth-Moving Machinery Initiative"
ISO Technical Committee 154 (See also ISO and IEC, ITU and ISO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Working Group Meetings Plenary meetings once a year The MoU for UNECE to be Secretary of an ISO Technical Committee is unique of its kind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNECE is Secretary to ISO Technical Committee 154 on Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry and administration UNECE is the maintenance agency of the ISO 7372 Standard (Trade Data Element Directory).

² A list of abbreviations is given at the end of the tables

Organization ²	Mechanisms for Cooperation	Current Cooperation
OECD (1) Scheme for the application of international standards for fruit and vegetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting schedules are set up in coordination between secretaries and secretariats actively participate in each other's relevant meetings. Joint organization of capacity-building events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OECD adopts UNECE standards • The UNECE meetings, the OECD Plenary meeting and both secretariats work closely on updating and interpreting the standards. • Organization of a joint training course in Georgia in 2005.
OECD (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the meetings organized by the UNECE Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the UNECE regulatory conference organized by WP.6 in Russia in 2004
OSCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint seminars and workshops • Contributions to analytical work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trade Division contributes to the preparation of the review of OSCE Commitments made by its Economic Forum, especially as regards the cluster on "Integration, Trade and Transport" in 2005. • The Trade Division will further contribute to the organization of the OSCE Economic Forum both with speakers and general organization support • UNECE also contributes to other trade-related parts of review and activities under the OSCE economic dimension
Regional Commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings • Joint projects • World Summit for the Information Society (WSIS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UN Development Account Interregional project on Trade Facilitation (UNECLAC – lead agency, UNECA, UNECE, UNESCAP, ENESCWA) was launched in January 2005. Joint projects with UNECA and UNESCAP have already commenced. A joint interregional conference involving all five RCs will be held in Geneva in June 2005 – organised by UNECE. • Mediterranean project (UNECE, ESCWA and ECA) • Coordination meetings with all four regional commissions on trade and on trade facilitation • UNECE and ESCAP have proposed a joint UN Development Account project for Central Asia for 2006 – 2007 on trade facilitation and development. • UNECE and UNESCAP support actively the UN activities with the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) • UNECE coordinates liaison between all 5 UN regional commissions and WSIS Executive Secretariat, Geneva, and cooperates with the other regional commissions in ICT and WSIS projects.

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Stability Pact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to joint activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP.6 cooperates with the Stability Pact Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation under the joint UNECE / Swedish International Development Agency Project • The Trade Facilitation Regional Adviser cooperates regularly with the Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE signed a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport (GFP) in March 2005. UNECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU • Participation in each other's meetings, seminars and forums • Occasional joint organization of seminars • Mutual contribution to projects: experts, publications • The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an inter-agency group comprising WB, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and UNECE • An MoU has been signed for the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport between the UN organizations and the World Customs Organization as well as the International Road Transport Union (IRU) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE and UNCTAD cooperate closely on providing support to countries in trade facilitation implementation and preparation for negotiations at the WTO. This includes participation in each other's workshops on the topic. • UNCTAD participates in the UN/CEFACT Working Group on Trade Procedures (TBG15) • UNCTAD provides assistance to the UNECE Russian timber project: • UNECE has provided support to the UNCTAD secretariat for relevant work with the Trade Point programme • UNCTAD participated in the UNECE e-Mediterranean seminar • UNECE participates in the work of the UNCTAD/FAO/IFOAM International Task Force on Harmonization (in organic agriculture) • UNCTAD participates in WP.6 sessions
UPU		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of EPM signatures in UNeDocs electronic trade documents. Development of a Web Service demonstrating automated validation of a trade document and UPU electronic signature. UNeDocs will test the integration of EPM into UNeDOcs pilots using standard office software

Organization ²	Mechanisms for Cooperation	Current Cooperation
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE signed a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport (GFP) in March 2005. UNECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in joint meetings on trade facilitation implementation with other organizations • Participation by UNECE in UNIDO Trade Facilitation and e-business conference in Damascus in 2004. • UNIDO participates in WP.6 sessions
World Customs Organization (WCO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE signed a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport (GFP) in March 2005. UNECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCO participates in UN/CEFACT meetings and expert groups • WCO participates with UNECE in an e-learning project being negotiated for 2005 – 2006 • WCO contributes to UNECE work on the Supply Chain Model • UNECE participates in the work on the G7 Customs dataset. • UNECE participates in the WCO Task Force on Trade Facilitation and Security as well as in related follow-up activities
World Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an informal inter-agency group comprising WB, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and UNECE • UNECE signed a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport (GFP) in March 2005. UNECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU • Support by the World Bank to a variety of UNECE capacity-building activities and reciprocal support from the UNECE to World Bank goals and objectives, particularly in the area of trade and transport facilitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE participates actively in and contributes substantial materials to the GFP Website. UN/CEFACT Single Window Recommendation Number 33 was topic of the month for the launch of the GFP Website. • ECE staff supported World Bank Trade Facilitation workshops in Bangladesh and China in 2004. • WB participates actively in UN/CEFACT TBG 15 (ITPWG) meetings • WB has selected the new ECE Single Window Recommendation as the base for their projects in this area. • WB participated in the UNECE/UNESCWA Mediterranean project • The TTFSE programme of the World Bank promotes the implementation of United Nations standards on trade facilitation, particularly standardized trade documents • WB supports SECI project. • The Regional Adviser organizes jointly with the WB trade facilitation events in the transition economies

Organization ²	Mechanisms for Cooperation	Current Cooperation
WTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an inter-agency group comprising WB, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and UNECE • The Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport is seen by the WTO as the core mechanism for coordinating the delivery of capacity building support to countries in trade facilitation. • Trade Division and WTO staff meet regularly outside the inter-agency group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE and UNECA jointly organised a Capacity-Building Workshop for the African Group on the "Technical Aspects of GATT Articles V, VIII and X in relation to the Doha Work Programme", March 2005 • UNECE will organise a half-day workshop for the WTO Public Symposium in April 2005 • WTO representatives regularly attend meetings of CTIED subsidiary bodies • UNECE Trade Division attends some WTO committee sessions (on the part of the United Nations regional commissions) • UNECE will assist WTO with training seminars and conferences in transition economies • UNECE works with WTO on the implementation of Trade Facilitation in transition countries • WTO attends UN/CEFACT ITPWG-TBG15 meetings • The Regional Adviser organized a workshop on WTO accession and trade facilitation in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2004 and a similar event will be organized in Serbia in 2005.
WTPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2004, the UNECE signed an MoU with the World Trade Point Federation (WTPF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE and WTPF cooperate in promoting each other's activities, to encourage regular contacts between the WTPF and the relevant UNECE subsidiary bodies and to share contacts in order to develop further their networks.

II. Cooperation on Industry and Enterprise Development Activities

Organization and Field	Role and Division of Labour		Mechanisms for Cooperation
	Related activity of the partner organization	Relevant UNECE activity	
BDT/ITU and WSIS	Expertise on telecommunications regulations	UNECE expert meeting on e-regulation analyses and disseminates information on best practice in regulation of e-business and related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE has signed an MoU on e-policy and e-regulation issues with ITU
BSEC	Development of entrepreneurship and strengthening of cooperation among SMEs in the BSEC countries	Assistance to countries in transition in developing their national SME policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE has drafted Terms of Reference for the new BSEC Working Group on SMEs and assisted BSEC in developing its programme of work

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	Related activity of the partner organization	Relevant UNECE activity	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE assists BSEC in compiling internationally comparable statistics on SMEs in the BSEC countries
BSEC (cont'd)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE contributed to the recommendations to Governments on the development of entrepreneurship and a sustainable SME sector in the BSEC countries
CEI Secretariat	Working Group on SMEs	Assistance to countries in transition in developing their national SME policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE assisted in establishing CEI Working Group on SMEs and in developing its terms of reference and a programme of work • UNECE experts participate in the relevant CEI meetings and international conferences • CEI-UNECE joint spring meeting of the Working Group on SMEs took place in 2003 and 2004 at the Palais des Nations
CIS	Consultative Committee on Support and Development of Small Entrepreneurship in CIS member States	Creation of favourable policy and regulatory environment for SME development in CIS countries	UNECE assisted in drafting the CIS Declaration on "SMEs at the Dawn of the 21 st Century" to be approved at a future high-level ministerial meeting
European Organization for Quality (EOQ) and European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM)	Development of European quality standards (European Vision on Quality and European Business Excellence)	Implementation of international quality management systems in transition economies	Cooperation in development of quality management systems for SMEs and benchmarking of national quality award schemes.
EC, DG Information Society	6th Framework Programme and other relevant programme elements aimed at developing the Information Society	UNECE Team of Specialists on Internet Enterprise Development produces surveys and analytical reports drawing attention of member States to the benefits and challenges of the emerging knowledge-based economy	Exchange of information, joint participation in meetings organized by the EC and UNECE

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	Related activity of the partner organization	Relevant UNECE activity	
EBRD	Promotes Public Private Partnerships in financing and mitigating risk	UNECE Programme on PPP provides legal and regulatory advice; trains civil servants in negotiating projects and advises on pilot projects	Organization of joint meetings. EBRD participates in the UNECE training seminars and capacity building
EBRD (2)	Provides assistance to enterprises to be restructured	Provides a platform for discussion and disseminates the best practice on industrial restructuring in transition economies	EBRD contributes to the UNECE meetings on industrial restructuring and benefits from the UNECE network in that area
ESCAP	Monitors the development of women's entrepreneurship and ICT in the ESCAP region	UNECE has developed a network focal points on women's entrepreneurship and ICT in central Asia	Joint project on "Equipping women for the digital economy"
UNCTAD	Promotion of entrepreneurship policies in CITs	Best practice and benchmarking in the field of entrepreneurship and SME sector development	UNCTAD participated in annual forums on best practice on SME policies: the Croatian, Romanian, Slovak and Slovenian experiences
ILO Women's Entrepreneurship Development and Gender Equality (WEDGE)	Worldwide dissemination of publications on women's entrepreneurship and organization of training for new companies and SMEs managed by women entrepreneurs	UNECE analyses the gender-related data and economic trends and contributes the results of this analysis as an input to joint activities (meetings and publications)	ILO -WEDGE participates in the Team of Specialists on Women's Entrepreneurship and the relevant UNECE meetings. Exchange of relevant information, Linked websites
ILO (2)	Development of youth entrepreneurship policy	Organization of meetings and publication within the framework of the TOS on Youth Entrepreneurship	ILO representatives participated in the programme of work of the TOS on Youth Entrepreneurship and made presentation on its events
ITC	E-Trade Programme Technical Assistance	Regional Network of E-Trade initiatives in transition economies	Sharing of data and information on the status of ICT in transition economies
ITU	Collects and analyses information on gender-specific aspects of ICT. Contributes to the organization of gender activities for WSIS 2003 and 2005. Conducts technical assistance projects on e-learning and telecentres for women	UNECE contributes to the mainstreaming of the gender issues into the WSIS regional preparatory process	Organization of joint events during WSIS meetings and exchange of relevant information Websites on ICT and gender are linked
OECD (1)	Develops recommendations on regulations governing online dispute resolution	UNECE organizes meetings on online dispute resolution and e-government	OECD takes part in the relevant UNECE meetings

Organization and Field	Role and Division of Labour		Mechanisms for Cooperation
	Related activity of the partner organization	Relevant UNECE activity	
OECD (2)	Promotes international investment standards and codes of conduct. Runs the Investment Compact under the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe, which promotes the creation of an attractive environment for FDI.	UNECE Programme on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) provides legal and regulatory advice; trains civil servants in negotiating projects and advises on pilot projects	UNECE organizes under the Investment Compact a Regional flagship initiative. Participates in the relevant IC and joint meetings and provides inputs to the relevant meeting documents
OECD (3)	Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Innovative SMEs in Global Economy	Promotion of the implementation of the Bologna Process	UNECE participated in the 2 nd Ministerial Conference on SMEs held on 3-5 June 2004 in Istanbul and moderated ministerial panel on strengthening the contribution of e-business
OSCE (1)	Contributes to improving the economic and environmental dimension of OSCE.	The Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice promotes the rule of law and good governance for the public and private sectors.	Co-organization of conferences and seminars on economic and environmental matters and participation in each other's events. Organization of a joint workshop on New Strategy for enhancing security in the economic and environmental dimensions at Villars, Switzerland, July 2003 The UNECE WP.5 assisted the OSCE in the elaboration of its New Strategy in Economic and Environmental Dimensions, which was adopted by the OSCE 11th Ministerial Conference in Maastricht in December 2003.
OSCE (2)	Programme on environmental and economic aspects of security	Organization of meetings and publications under the Team of Specialists on Industrial Restructuring	Co-organization of meetings. OSCE sponsors some of the speakers for the co-organized events; it also assists in distributing the relevant information on those meetings in targeted countries
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS	Capacity building in Public Private Partnership for infrastructure development	UNECE PPP Alliance	PPP capacity -building Project (UNESCAP, UNECA and UNECE)
UN HABITAT	Promotes socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter	UNECE REAG Land for Development Programme	UN HABITAT participates in UNECE REAG annual Land for Development Forums in Rome and proposed High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment for the Poor.

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	Related activity of the partner organization	Relevant UNECE activity	
UN FAO	Leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Serving both developed and developing countries.	UNECE REAG Land for Development Programme	UN FAO participates in UNECE REAG annual Land for development Forums in Rome and proposed High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment for the Poor.
UNCTAD	Research in the area of the developmental role of e-commerce and organization of relevant meetings	Team of Specialists on Internet Enterprise Development analyses e-commerce development in European transition economies and compares its status with that of developing countries	Mutual participation in meetings
UNCITRAL	Develops an e-contract model law	UNECE develops methods of online dispute resolution as an input for e-Contract	Development of cyber-contract terms and interface elements for e-contract model law
UN ICT Task Force	Information Society; regional nodes, Geneva and Moscow.	UNECE facilitates the exchange of data, information and recommendations on ICT development aimed at mainstreaming e-policy issues in the government policy agenda	UNECE country reports on e-readiness serve as useful background information for UN ICT task force and its regional nodes
UNDP	Organization of a regional project on e-governance	UNECE contributes to mainstreaming gender issues into the decision-making pertaining to the emerging knowledge based economy	UNECE develops a gender component of the project on e-governance for the region
UNIFEM	Providing financial support to transition countries' participation in UNECE work and meetings; UNIFEM also organizes meetings and training workshops on gender issues	UNECE analyses the gender-related data and economic trends and contributes the results of this analysis as an input to joint activities (meetings and publications)	A MoU has been signed between the two organizations. They coordinate activities pertaining to economic aspects of gender equality and cooperate in preparing the WSIS Joint meetings and training seminars
World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (WASME)	Raising awareness of the societal role of entrepreneurship and SMEs	Strengthening the civil society initiatives in support of SMEs	A MoU has been signed between UNECE and WASME.

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	Related activity of the partner organization	Relevant UNECE activity	
WIPO	Administers international treaties for the protection of intellectual property. It assists transition economies to utilize intellectual property in a market oriented framework	UNECE Advisory Group on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment helps entrepreneurs and SMEs to use intellectual assets through valuation seminars and support materials. It also brings together the business community and government officials to improve enforcement of IP rights	WIPO participates in the relevant UNECE workshops and conferences in CIS. Collaboration in drawing attention of regional economic commissions to IP issues
World Bank	Contributes to the UNECE Land for Development programme	UNECE advises Governments and the private sector on the regulatory and institutional issues related to land property valuation and management	Sharing of relevant information The World Bank participates in the Annual Forums of Land for Development and in related missions

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AITIC	Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation
BDT/ITU	Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union
BSEC	(Organization of the) Black Sea Economic Cooperation
CEI	Central European Initiative
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CTIED	[UNECE] Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development
DG Information Society	European Commission, Directorate-General Information Society
ECA	Economic Commission for Asia
EFQM	European Foundation for Quality Management
EOQ	European Organization of Quality
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
e-SEE	e-Southeast European initiative of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
G7	Group of Seven
GFP	Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IEC	International Electro-technical Commission
ITPWG	International Trade Procedures Working Group
IFOAM	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
ILO	International Labour Organization
ILO WEDGE	ILO Women's Entrepreneurship Development and Gender Equality
IP	Intellectual Property
IRU	International Road Transport Union
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISO Technical Committee 154	ISO Technical Committee on Process, Data Elements and Documents in Commerce, Industry and Administrator
ITC	International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

ITU	International Telecommunication Union
ITU (WSIS)	ITU World Summit on the Information Society
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SECI	Southeast European Cooperative Initiative
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
TSIED	[UNECE] Team of Specialists on Internet Enterprise Development
UN/CEFACT	UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business
UNCITRAL	UN Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
UNECE	UN Economic Commission for Europe
UNIDO	UN Industrial Development Organization
UN ICT Task Force	UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force
WASME	World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises
WCO	World Customs Organization
WCT	WIPO Copyright Treaty
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WP.5	[UNECE Industry Restructuring, Energy, and Enterprise Development Division] Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice
WP.6	[UNECE Trade Development and Timber Division] Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies
WP.7	[UNECE Trade Development and Timber Division] Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards
WP.8	UNECE Industry Restructuring, Energy, and Enterprise Development Division] Working Party Industry and Enterprise Development
WPPT	WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
WSIS	World Summit on the Information Society
WTO	World Trade Organization
WTO/CTD	WTO Committee on Trade and Development

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