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Third session, 16-20 March 1998

**REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION**

1. The Centre for the Facilitation of Procedures and Practices in Administration, Commerce and Transport (CEFACT) held its third session in Geneva from 16 to 20 March 1998, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henri Martre (France).

2. Participants in the meeting included representatives from the following countries:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America. The European Union (EU) was also represented.

The following United Nations bodies were also represented:

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

The following non-governmental organizations participated:

International Article Numbering Association (EAN), European Electronic Messaging Association (EEMA), International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH), International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (S.W.I.F.T.) and the United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation.

3. Observers present at the invitation of the secretariat included representatives from the European Board for EDI/EC Standardization (EBES), the Association of Committees on Simplified Procedures for International Trade within the European Community and the European Free Trade Association (EUROPRO), the International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA), CALS International, and the Yugoslav Association for Electronic Data Interchange (YUEDI).

Item 1 - Adoption of the agenda

Documents:

- TRADE/CEFACT/1997/12 Report of the second CEFACT session
- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/Rev.1/Corr.1 Provisional agenda for the third CEFACT session

4. The provisional agenda (TRADE/CEFACT/1998/1/Rev.1/Corr.1) was adopted. The Chair then announced that Ms. Bernadette Curry (United States) had tendered her resignation as Vice Chair due to work commitments and that, in view of the short notice, elections for this post would take place during the September 1998 session.

5. The meeting then honoured, by one minute of silence, the recent death of Mr. Bernard Wheble, a trade facilitation pioneer and former WP.4 legal rapporteur.

Item 2 - CEFACT Steering Group (CSG) reports

Documents:

- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/3 Report from the CSG, 18-21 August 1997
- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/8 Report from the CSG, December 1997
- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/10 Report of the CSG Chair to the Plenary

6. The Chair of the CEFACT Steering Group (CSG), Mr. R. Walker (United Kingdom) introduced document TRADE/CEFACT/1997/10, Report of the CEFACT Steering Group Chair to the CEFACT Plenary.

7. CEFACT noted the report (TRADE/CEFACT/1997/10) and the following specific items from within that report:

the appointment of Mr. K. Naujok as Standards Liaison Coordinator for the CSG and the ongoing work on the MoU with ISO, IEC and UN/ECE;

the CSG's authorization to the ISO central secretariat to include, as part of the current fast-track procedure, two unanimous recommendations from the joint UN/ECE-ISO EDIFACT syntax development group regarding year 2000 compliance and segment collision in version 4 of the ISO 9735 Syntax;

that one of the consequences of the empowerment of the work on UN/EDIFACT, and replacement of the UN/EDIFACT Rapporteurs' structure, was the possibility for single countries or international organizations to submit Data Maintenance Requests (DMRs) into the UN/EDIFACT system. However, before this could be implemented, changes would be required to the present DMR system, including the automation of DMR submissions.

8. The two CSG resolutions, one on the Use of Business and Information Modelling and the other on Electronic Participation in Working Groups, as contained in annex C of TRADE/CEFACT/1998/10, Report of the CEFACT Steering Group (CSG) Chair to the CEFACT Plenary, are contained in the annex to this report.

9. The delegation of the United Kingdom suggested that annex B of the report, "Guidance on some of the options open to CEFACT Head of delegations in designating experts to empowered groups," should be made a permanent document in its own right. **The Chair then recommended that a CEFACT "guide/brochure" incorporating all relevant guidance on operating issues, including the aforementioned annex B, be created. The Plenary approved this recommendation**

Item 3 - Migration to CEFACT structures

Documents:

- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/2                      Permanent working group mandates for approval: UN/EDIFACT Working Group mandate
- TRADE/CEFACT/GE.1/1997/11              Report from the September 1997 GE.1 session
- TRADE/CEFACT/GE.2/1997/9              Report from the September 1997 GE.2 session
- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.17              EDIFACT Working Group (EWG) management considerations

10. In introducing the mandate for the UN/EDIFACT Working Group (EWG), the Chairman of the Steering Group (CSG) reported that the mandate had already received preliminary approval by the CSG. He nevertheless pointed out that the following sentence, present in other mandates, was lacking in the EWG mandate under delegated responsibilities: "co-operate and establish liaisons with other groups and organizations as required". He further acknowledged the importance of coordination between the CEFACT working groups while emphasizing that the Group

needed to be established and operational before the ongoing requirements of coordination could be finalized.

**The Plenary then approved the EWG mandate, with the incorporation of the aforementioned sentence on cooperation.**

11. The delegation of Australia introduced TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP. 17, EDIFACT Working Group (EWG) Management Considerations and emphasized the need for global participation in EWG activities and, in particular, the incorporation of the principles of inclusiveness, transparency and balance in the practices and procedures of the EWG. The delegations of Ireland and Sweden expressed their support for some form of regional participation in the EWG management structure. **The Chair pointed out that the questions of coordination and regional participation should be taken into account in establishing the EWG and the Plenary noted this document.**

12. The Chairman of the Meeting of Experts on Data Elements and Automatic Data Interchange (GE.1), Mr. Bates (Australia), presented the report of its fifty-sixth session (TRADE/CEFACT/GE.1/1997/11), and pointed out that it did not contain any outstanding issues. He further notified the meeting that the final session of GE.1 was scheduled for 18 March 1998 given that all of its work items would have been transferred to empowered CEFACT working groups following the April 1998 Joint Rapporteurs Team Meeting.

13. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair of the Meeting of Experts on Procedures and Documentation (GE.2), Mr. Wolf (Germany), presented the report of its fifty-sixth session (TRADE/CEFACT/GE.2/1997/9), explaining that it was the report from the last GE.2 meeting, given that the migration to the new CEFACT structure had been completed.

14. Following a question on past GE.2 work items from the delegation of the United Kingdom, the secretariat suggested that outstanding issues on document names and functions should be covered under discussions on the work programme and noted that maintenance of the UN Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDDED) would be part of the discussions relating to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and UN/ECE.

15. In response to a question from ICS on another GE.2 work item, a member of the secretariat explained that, following the ICS initiative to harmonize dangerous goods forms, contacts had been established with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the UN/ECE Transport Division and the issue had been referred to the CEFACT International Procedures Working Group (ITPWG) for further discussion.

16. A CSG member and a member of the Legal Rapporteurs Team, Mr. Marsh, presented the report of the fifty-sixth Joint GE.1 and GE.2 Session on Legal and Commercial Aspects of Trade Facilitation (as found in the annex to TRADE/CEFACT/GE.1/1997/11 and TRADE/CEFACT/GE.2/1997/9) and explained that its activities had now been taken over by the CEFACT Legal Working Group. **The Plenary noted this report.**

**17. The Plenary took note of the reports from GE.1, GE.2 and the Joint GE.1 and GE.2 Legal Sessions.**

Item 4 - Reports from mandated groups

Documents:

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| - TRADE/CEFACT/1998/5      | Report from the International Trade Procedures Working Group (ITPWG) |
| - TRADE/CEFACT/1998/6      | Chairman's report, Techniques and Methodologies Working Group (TMWG) |
| - TRADE/CEFACT/1998/7      | CEFACT Ad Hoc Working Group, final report to CEFACT                  |
| - TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.10 | Report from the Legal Working Group (LWG)                            |
| - TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.11 | Report from the Electronic Commerce Ad hoc Working Group (ECAWG)     |
| - TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.14 | UN/EDIFACT: a national implementation plan                           |
| - TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.16 | Specifications for a harmonized electronic form                      |

18. The Chairman of the International Procedures Working Group (ITPWG), Mr. Battersby, introduced the report of the Group's first session, document TRADE/CEFACT/1998/5 and explained that the Group's terms of reference had been agreed upon. He then called attention to the following highlights from his report:

- completion of a first set of guidelines for creating a framework for the International Trade Transaction;
- the ongoing work on revision of Recommendation 4 was under way. The group had received a number of contributions, including a proposal from UNCTAD to include transport issues.
- the beginning of work on revision of Recommendation No. 18 (Facilitation Measures to International Trade Procedures) and the Group's consideration of replacing the text on pre-shipment inspection in this recommendation with a new recommendation;
- the decision of the Group to develop a new recommendation on the application of systems audit based control;
- work continuing on the creation of new aligned documents based on the UN Layout Key.

**CEFACT noted this report.**

19. The Techniques and Methodologies Group (TMWG) Chair presented his Group's report in TRADE/CEFACT/1998/6. He reported that Mr. K-D Naujok (Canada) and Mr. Peter Wilson (United Kingdom) had been elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively and Mr. Thienot (France) was responsible for their "electronic secretariat". The Group had completed its Terms of Reference and Procedures. It had also developed a statement to the CSG on the absolute importance of modelling to progress in the standards development process. One priority item of the work

plan was to determine which modelling technique was best suited for business and information models as well as for current and future EDI. Three methods had been identified for review: IDEF, UML and EXPRESS G.

20. He further reported on a joint business modelling activity that had taken place under the auspices of the NMF (Network Management Forum), Boulder (United States), 8-12 December 1998 and UN/CEFACT/TMWG. One of the goals of the joint CEFACT-NMF project was to "determine if the use of Business Models using Common Business Objects (CBO) will allow the mapping between the different data exchange methods". **CEFACT noted this report.**

21. A member of the Legal Rapporteurs Team, Mr. Marsh, presented the report of the Legal Working Group, TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.10, pointing out that a draft programme of work and terms of reference had been submitted to the CSG for comments. **CEFACT noted this report.**

22. The Chairman of the Code Working Group (CDWG), Mr. Dobbing, informed the meeting that the first session of the Group was to be held on 19-20 March in Geneva. In turn, the Chairperson of the Business Analysis Working Group (BAWG), Ms Navarro, notified the meeting that the first session of the BAWG would be held in Miami, 27-30 April 1998. **CEFACT noted this report.**

23. A member of the secretariat introduced TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.14, UN/EDIFACT - A national implementation plan, explaining that the document outlined a possible future recommendation on developing an EDI Implementation Plan. **CEFACT noted this document** and delegations were requested to submit comments to the secretariat so that this proposal could be taken into consideration in future discussions on the work programme.

24. The Convenor of the Ad hoc Working Group on UN/LOCODE introduced a revised UN/LOCODE Recommendation 16 as contained in the Group's report (TRADE/CEFACT/1998/7), noting that paragraph 2 of the report outlined the objectives that the revision sought to accomplish.

25. The Convenor then summarized the Ad hoc Group's thoughts on maintenance. The Group had identified the need for two distinct maintenance functions: one related to the long-term strategic management of UN/LOCODE; the other was for ongoing updating of the code list. For the first purpose, it had proposed the creation of a working group; for the second a maintenance agency was envisaged, largely modelled on similar functions in the ISO environment. He expected that the Group would be able to submit proposals covering these functions to the June 1998 CSG meeting.

26. One delegation requested clarification of the terms "place of receipt" and "place of delivery", which had been embedded in the new text. The Plenary agreed that these terms needed further clarification. The Chairman of the CSG also suggested that, rather than a separate working group for the UN/LOCODE, a sub-group under the new Codes Working Group might be appropriate.

27. The UN/LOCODE Consultant drew attention to the fact that Recommendation 16 would also need further modifications based upon the decision taken with regard to maintenance. He then reported that the 1998 UN/LOCODE had been issued and was now



(TRADE/CEFACT/1998/4). This approach is based on and consistent with UN/EDIFACT methodologies and message principles.

34. By sharing plans and performance data, by synchronizing trading data, and by communicating transactions in a simple, standard and structured manner, better results and service can be achieved at a lower total cost. Progressively, value chain processes and procedures, electronic communications including EDI, and information technology (IT) applications can be developed to become more mutually consistent, thereby achieving major synergies. The stronger the relationship between processes, communications standards and applications software, the greater the common benefits.

35. It was suggested that the SIMPL-EDI approach and messages be incorporated within the CEFACT work programme and tested in use nationally and internationally. It was also recommended that best business and administrative practice via value chain management be included in CEFACT guidelines for use, currently for EDI messages, and progressively for electronic commerce and for computer applications.

36. A number of delegations expressed their interest in the SIMPL-EDI and supported the continued work in this area but also warned that it should not be in contradiction with the UN/EDIFACT standard nor lead to the existence of two standards.

37. The ECAWG Chair presented TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.16 (Specifications for a harmonized electronic form) and stressed that the Web technology is a huge accelerator of electronic commerce, with the potential, simplifying and facilitating the flow of information required for an effective interoperability of distributed systems.

38. CEFACT work aims at facilitating the information flow and restricting information requirements to essential data. This is particularly important for SMEs to be able to connect to the cybertrade through EDI at low costs.

39. The document suggested that specifications should be identified which are required for the adaptation of both the UN Layout Key for trade documents (UNLK) and EDIFACT to the Web methodologies. The objective was to fill the gap between the various methods of data exchange: "paper", "application to application" (EDI) and "human to application" (electronic forms) by proposing a unique "line" of homogeneous specifications for an electronic form allowing SMEs to connect to the trade flow through EDI.

40. The CSG Chair summarized the two propositions that address process, best practice coding and implementation. He also informed the meeting that work was under way within both the EWG and the ITPWG in these areas. He recommended the establishment of an ad hoc working group with a life span of no more than 12 months, which should make proposals to CEFACT on how to make progress on these issues. He advised close cooperation with the EDIFACT Working Group.

41. The CEFACT Chair requested that the Group should take into account any proposal in order to answer effectively to market requirements. **It was decided to establish the ad hoc group and that the CSG would define its terms of reference.**

42. The CEFACT Work Programme (Activity Planning Worksheets for Working Group Key Deliverables) TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.3 was reviewed by the meeting with the understanding that details from groups not yet established should be added at a later stage. The delegations of Austria and ESCAP requested clarifications on how to be involved in the work of different groups. **It was agreed that electronic means of participation should be strongly encouraged and incorporated into each working group procedures, further, that delegations should submit their comments on the work programme so that the initial work could be finalized.**

Item 7 - Promotion of CEFACT objectives

43. The Chair announced that following the resignation of the Vice Chair responsible for Promotion, **he was nominating the Vice Chair, Mr. Santiago Mila (IAPH), to assume this responsibility. The Plenary confirmed this nomination.**

44. The secretariat reported that two brochures had been printed since the last session and were available, upon request, from the secretariat. The first was an overview of CEFACT and all its activities in a large, folder-style format with an inside pocket that allowed it to be tailored to specific audiences by the inclusion of additional material. The second brochure was in a smaller 3-fold format and entirely devoted to information on UN/EDIFACT. The development and printing of the UN/EDIFACT brochure had been donated by FedEx. **The secretariat was requested to send an official letter of appreciation to FedEx on the part of the Plenary.**

45. The delegation of the United Kingdom suggested that, given the urgency and importance of promotion as a policy issue, an ad hoc group be established in order to develop a strategic plan for promotion. **It was decided, at least for the moment, to leave the establishment of such a group to the discretion of the Vice-Chair responsible for promotion working with the CSG.**

46. The delegation of France undertook to have the text of the two brochures translated into French to facilitate having French-language versions made available.

Item 8 - Implementation of CEFACT's work

Document:

- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.5

Current implementation of CEFACT's work

47. Mr. Itoh, Vice-chair of CEFACT, requested information on the questionnaire on implementation of CEFACT's work that had been under preparation. A member of the secretariat explained that, following the last session, the secretariat had received comments on the draft version of the questionnaire and after consultations, it had been distributed to heads of delegations. However, only a few countries had so far replied. The delegation of Belgium explained that they were waiting for an electronic version of the document before submitting it. **It was agreed that an electronic version of the document would be distributed and the Chairman encouraged delegations to fill out and return the questionnaire as soon as possible.**

Item 9 - Cooperation with other international organizations

Documents:

- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.4 Report from a joint seminar with WTO on trade facilitation
- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.13 CALS International position paper adopted by the Board of Directors on 3/11/97
- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.18 Trading into the 21st Century
- TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.19 CEFACT: an international private/public sector partnership

48. The Chair referred to a recent Symposium on trade facilitation organized by WTO (presented as TRADE/CEFACT/1998/CRP.4) and explained that it had given CEFACT much positive exposure. UN/ECE had proposed three ways of cooperation with WTO and these proposals would be followed up in future deliberations with WTO. He also noted that WTO may soon be discussing Electronic Commerce since significant reference had been made to it during the symposium. However, he was concerned that, in any development, there should be no discrimination between electronic trading and non-electronic trading.

49. The UNCTAD delegation added that they had also made proposals for closer cooperation; some WTO delegations had been reluctant to pursue this discussion. He also noted that CEFACT had a good working relationship, not only with WTO, but also with UNCTAD and WCO, regional commissions and other organizations. In order to manifest this cooperation, he suggested that an additional link be established between the CEFACT and UNCTAD's respective World Wide Web sites for the recommendations issued by the two organizations.

50. The Chair of the CSG emphasized the need for a more cooperative and coordinated approach between the two organizations. He further stressed the need to closely follow the developments in order to incorporate the trade facilitation recommendations in the WTO legal framework.

51. The UNCTAD delegation stressed the close cooperation between UNCTAD and UN/ECE and stated that recent discussions had shown that no duplication of efforts existed.

52. Mr. H. Mason introduced the International CALS Congress (hereafter referred to as ICC/CALS) and explained how it related to the work of CEFACT on electronic commerce. CALS stood for Computer Acquisition Logistics Support; ICC/CALS was a global organization with standards requirements and consisted of two parts: a senior industrial council and a working group that shared issues and solutions and helped industries to adopt CALS recommendations.

53. The ICC/CALS saw the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ISO, IEC and UN/ECE as a unique single coordination body to achieve the standards-related aspects of their objectives. A proposed revision and extension of the MoU had been tabled to allow the participation of ICC/CALS. He emphasized that they were not a standards-setting body but an organization with standards requirements wishing to make a contribution. ICC/CALS welcomed all the efforts of CEFACT and was looking forward to participating actively in its work on business processes and electronic commerce.

54. Dr. Erhard Busek, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria and Coordinator of the South-east European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), addressed CEFACT on the goals of the Initiative and its project dealing with border-crossing facilitation among

the 11 participating countries in the Balkan region. Several projects that the SECI project group had proposed related to implementing CEFACT trade facilitation recommendations. These included the establishment of national trade facilitation or "PRO" Committees (Recommendation 4) and harmonizing the use of a standardized customs declaration based on the European Union's Single Administrative Document, which itself is based on the UN Layout Key (Recommendation 1). Dr. Busek expressed his appreciation of the support provided by the UN/ECE secretariat and various CEFACT delegations, notably the European Commission and EUROPRO, and of the successful results achieved to date. He invited other national PRO committees to provide information about their organizations and activities so that they could be made available to the SECI countries.

#### Item 10 - Other business

55. The Chairman of the Steering Group noted that approving the report by correspondence (e.g. electronically or by fax) would be more efficient than waiting for the report to be available in Geneva. He suggested that the CSG would make a proposal to this effect to the next meeting.

56. The secretariat then informed delegates of the following meeting dates and deadlines for document submission:

<u>Deadlines</u>			
<u>CEFACT meeting beginning.</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>Issuance as an "R" Document</u>	<u>Reproduction as a CRP</u>
Monday, 14 Sept.1998	15 June 1998	13 July 1998	26 Aug. 1998
Monday, 15 March 1999	18 Dec. 1998	16 Jan. 1998	27 Feb. 1999

57. CEFACT noted the following meeting dates:

CEFACT Steering Group	- 1998 June 15-18, Geneva - 1998 Oct. 26-29, Geneva - 1999 Jan. 25-28, to be confirmed - 1999 June 21-25, to be confirmed
Joint Rapporteurs Team (JRT)/ UN/EDIFACT Working Group (EWG)	- 1998 April 27 - May 1, Miami - 1998 September 7-11, Brussels
Business Analysis Working Group (BAWG)	- 1998 April 27-30, Miami
Codes Working Group (CDWG)	- 1998 May 1, Miami - 1998 Sept. 17-18, Geneva
International Trade Procedures Working Group (ITPWG)	- 1998 July 1-3. Geneva - 1998 Sept. 21-23, Geneva
Legal Working Group (LWG)	- 1998 June 18-19 Geneva - 1998 Sept. 7-11, Brussels - 1998 Nov. 30-Dec. 4, to be confirmed
Techniques and Methodologies Working Group (TMWG)	- 1998 March 23-27, Washington D.C. - 1998 August 24-28, Brussels - 1998 November 30-December 4, Nice

58. Contact information for submission of comments, as requested in the above minutes, can be found below. In all cases, submission of comments via e-mail is preferred.

59. Comments for consideration by the CSG should be sent to:

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**Other information**

61. For constantly updated information on Trade Facilitation and UN/EDIFACT work, as well as documentation for the next meeting, delegates can refer to:

UN/ECE Internet WWW Trade Facilitation Information Exchange (TRAFIX) ADDRESS:  
<http://www.unece.org/trafix>

**Item 11 - Adoption of the report**

62. CEFACT adopted the report of its third session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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**Annex****CEFACT Steering Group Resolutions**

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**Resolution CSG/1997/1****RESOLUTION ON THE USE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION MODELLING**

The UN/CEFACT Steering Group (CSG) resolves that business and information modelling is an essential requirement to the future of UN/EDIFACT and that the implementation of business and information modelling is a critical objective of the CEFACT strategy and its attendant work programme. Accordingly, the CSG further resolves that all new United Nations Standard Messages (UNSMs) submitted as a Message in Development (MiD) shall utilise modelling as a condition of submission and approval commencing at a date to be jointly agreed by the CSG and the UN/EDIFACT Working Group (EWG).

In support of this resolution, the CSG requests that the EWG, after considering an analysis and impact study provided by the Techniques & Methodologies Working Group (TMWG), submit their comments, and in consultation with TMWG, a proposed target commencement date to the CSG not later than 1 June 1998.

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**Resolution CSG/1997/2****RESOLUTION ON ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUPS**

The UN/CEFACT Steering Group (CSG) strongly encourages all working groups to expand participation in their work programme through the use of electronic means to progress their work.

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