At its December 2005 session, through the adoption of the Work Plan on UNECE Reform, the Economic Commission for Europe established a new subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration, which will be implemented by the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1, paragraphs 45 – 51). The first (inaugural) annual session of the Committee will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 27 to 28 September 2006. During this session, the Committee will adopt its terms of reference and programme of work. It will also discuss possibilities for cooperation in its implementation with...
other international and national stakeholders. The tentative timetable for the first session is presented in Annex I.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
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III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Documentation:

- Provisional Agenda for the first session ECE/CECI/2006/1

The Committee will adopt its agenda.

Item 2. Election of Officers

The Committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs. Member States are invited to inform the secretariat of their nominations.

Item 3. Matters arising from the sixty-first session of the Commission

Documentation:

- Work Plan on UNECE Reform E/ECE/1434/Rev.1
- Report of the sixty-first session of the Commission E/2006/37:
  E/ECE/1444
The secretariat will inform the session on the outcome of the UNECE reform process, which resulted in the establishment of a new subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration.

**Item 4. Adoption of the Terms of Reference**

Documentation:

- Draft Terms of Reference of the Committee  
  ECE/CECI/2006/2

The Committee will discuss and adopt the draft Terms of Reference of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration.

**Item 5. Substantive Discussion Segment “Competitiveness in the Modern Economy: Challenges for the UNECE Region”**

Documentation: Competitiveness and Innovation:

- Inventory of Substantive Work  
  ECE/CECI/2006/3
  ECE/CECI/2006/3/Add.1

- Draft Programme of Work  
  ECE/CECI/2006/5

This segment will include an interactive dialogue of member States with representatives of business and research communities focusing on major components of the CECI’s programme of work and sequencing of its implementation. The outcome of this discussion will be taken into account when deciding on the programme of work under item 8 of the provisional agenda.

**Item 6. Cooperation and partnerships with international and regional organizations**

Documentation:

- Inventory of Activities and Prospects for Cooperation with Other International Organizations  
  ECE/CECI/2006/4
  and Adds. 1 - 4

The Committee will discuss the ways and means to strengthen its cooperation with the other international organizations, the activities of which are relevant to the Committee. The participating international organizations will be invited to make proposals on possible cooperation with the Committee.

**Item 7. Building of the Network of Experts in support of the Programme of Work**

The secretariat expects member States to provide information regarding the national experts, who could be involved in the implementation of the programme of work of the Committee. Once such information is provided, a roster of experts will be compiled. The Committee will discuss
how these experts could be most effectively involved in the implementation of the programme of work.

**Item 8. Adoption of the Programme of Work**

Documentation:

- Draft Programme of Work ECE/CECI/2006/5

On the basis of the substantive discussion under item 5 of the Provisional Agenda, the Committee will adopt its programme of work.

**Item 9. Other business**

(a) establishment of ad hoc groups of experts (teams of specialists), if required

If required by its programme of work, the Committee will establish ad hoc groups of experts (teams of specialists).

(b) procedures for the adoption of the report

In the spirit of the Secretary-General’s reform aimed *inter alia* at streamlining the work and reducing the workload of the conference services, the secretariat proposes that the session’s report be prepared not later than ten days following the session and that it be reviewed and adopted by the Bureau (Chair and Vice-Chairs) on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee will discuss whether the proposed procedures of report preparation and adoption are acceptable, and decide on the appropriate procedures.

(c) dates of the next session

The secretariat proposes that the second session of the Committee take place on 5-7 December 2007 (Wednesday – Friday). The Committee will decide on the dates of the next session.

**DOCUMENTS**

Documents for the first session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration will be issued with the symbol ECE/CECI/2006/1-5. They will be downloadable from the official document system of the United Nations: [http://documents.un.org](http://documents.un.org) as well as from the Committee’s web page at the following address: [http://www.unece.org/ceci/docs/firstsession.html](http://www.unece.org/ceci/docs/firstsession.html). Delegates encountering problems in downloading documents from the official document system or from the Committee’s web page should contact the secretariat at ceci@unece.org or +41 22 917 27 53.

Delegates are requested to bring their copies of session documents.
## ANNEX I

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