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**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION**

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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on 3 December 2008 <sup>1,2</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Status of Programme Implementation
  - (a) Creating a supportive environment for innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness
  - (b) Facilitating the effective regulatory protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening their role in innovative development

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- (c) Promoting an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and SME development
  - (d) Promoting an enabling environment for efficient financial intermediation in support of innovative development
  - (e) Promoting best practice in efficient public-private partnerships
  - (f) Fostering wider and deeper international economic integration in the UNECE region
  - (g) Capacity-building activities
  - (h) Status of the CECI virtual platform for exchange of information.
3. Policy Discussion Segment on Economic Cooperation and Integration in the UNECE Region
  4. Discussion of the draft Programme of Work for 2009-2010
  5. Preparations for the performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009
  6. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the Policy Discussion Segment
  7. Adoption of conclusions and decisions, including those on the Programme of Work
  8. Other business
    - (a) Dates of the next session

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Documentation: Provisional Agenda for the third session (ECE/CECI/2008/1)

1. The Committee will adopt its agenda.

### **Item 2. Status of Programme Implementation**

- (a) **Creating a supportive environment for innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness**

Documentation: Report on the annual session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (ECE/CECI/ICP/2008/2)  
Synopsis of policy options for creating a supportive environment for innovative development (ECE/CECI/2008/3)

2. The Committee may wish to discuss the synopsis of policy options for creating a supportive environment for innovative development.

**(b) Facilitating the effective regulatory protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening their role in innovative development**

Documentation: Report on the annual session of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (ECE/CECI/IP/2008/2)

**(c) Promoting an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and SME development**

Documentation: Report on the Applied Policy Seminar on “Early Stage Financing and “Investment Readiness” of Innovative Enterprises” (ECE/CECI/SEM.1/2)

**(d) Promoting an enabling environment for efficient financial intermediation in support of innovative development**

Documentation: Report on the International Conference on Investing in Innovation: Promoting New Opportunities in the UNECE Region (ECE/CECI/CONF.2/2)  
Policy recommendations on improving the regulatory environment for the financing of innovation-related activities (ECE/CECI/2008/4)

3. The Committee may wish to discuss the policy recommendations on improving the regulatory environment for the financing of innovation-related activities.

**(e) Promoting best practice in efficient public-private partnerships**

Documentation: Report on the International Conference “Taking Public-Private Partnerships Forward: New Opportunities for Infrastructure Development in Transition Economies” (ECE/CECI/CONF.3/2)  
Policy recommendations on improving the legal background for efficient PPPs (ECE/CECI/2008/5)  
Report on the annual session of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (ECE/CECI/PPP/2008/2)

4. The Committee may wish to discuss the policy recommendations on improving the legal background for efficient PPPs.

**(f) Fostering wider and deeper international economic integration in the UNECE region**

Documentation: Report on the International Conference on Strengthening Integration of the Economies in Transition into the World Economy through Economic Diversification (ECE/CECI/CONF.1/2)

**(g) Capacity-building activities**

Documentation: Report on capacity-building activities (ECE/CECI/2008/7)

5. The Committee will discuss the interlinkages between various thematic areas and capacity-building activities with the view of enhancing synergies emerging in the course of programme implementation.

**(h) Status of the CECI virtual platform for exchange of information**

6. The Committee will be briefed by the secretariat on the progress achieved in this area. A conference room paper will be circulated.

**Item 3. Policy Discussion Segment on Economic Cooperation and Integration in the UNECE Region**

7. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, CECI develops synergies both within the programme and with the relevant activities of the other ECE sectoral committees. Many of the activities undertaken in the context of other ECE subprogrammes have important linkages with the CECI Programme of Work. The main objective of this Policy Discussion Segment will be to identify such linkages and to discuss options for closer cross-sectoral cooperation within the Organization in addressing such issues.

8. The Policy Discussion Segment will bring together both representatives of CECI's expert networks and experts from other ECE subprogrammes to discuss issues of common interest. The Segment will address the related policy aspects as well as aspects of cross-border cooperation in tackling these problems. The participants in the discussions will include high-level representatives of Governments, high-level representatives of integration structures (EC, EurAsEC, CIS, EFTA); corporate executives from the UNECE region representing various industries; representatives of business associations, academia, NGOs and/or other multi-stakeholder organizations.

9. The item will be organized as a multi-stakeholder interactive roundtable discussion in two meetings. **Meeting 1. Cooperative solutions to global challenges: Eco-innovation and clean energy for higher competitiveness.** The meeting will address important cross-sectoral issues related to the work in the ECE subprogrammes on **environmental policy** and **sustainable energy** and will seek to identify linkages with CECI work, such as the interlinkages between innovation and environmental protection, innovative solutions for higher energy efficiency and thus cleaner energy, as well as the relations between these issues and international competitiveness. **Meeting 2. Wider economic integration through innovative development of efficient and safe transport and trade links.** The meeting will address important cross-sectoral issues related to the work in the ECE subprogrammes on **transport** and **trade** and will seek to identify linkages with CECI work. The meeting will discuss cross-sectoral options for fostering wider economic integration in the ECE region by promoting innovative solution to transport, transit and trade facilitation including such as those based on public-private partnerships. It will also address some cross-sectoral aspects of the trans-border protection of intellectual property rights.

**Item 4. Discussion of the draft Programme of Work for 2009-2010**

Documentation: Draft Programme of Work for 2009-2010 (ECE/CECI/2008/6)

10. The Committee will consider its programme of work on the basis of experience gained in 2006–2008. The draft Programme of Work was approved by the Bureau of the Committee and its Teams of Specialists. The decisions on the Programme of Work for 2009-2010 will be made under item 7 of the Provisional Agenda.

**Item 5. Preparations for the performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009**

Documentation: Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009 (ECE/CECI/2008/8)

11. The Committee will discuss and agree on the measurement methodology and the process of collecting information on the agreed indicators of achievement for the 2008-2009 biennial performance evaluation. It may also discuss the ways to further encourage Teams of Specialists and networks of experts to actively contribute to this process.

**Item 6. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the Policy Discussion Segment**

12. The Committee will take note of the Chairperson's summary of the Policy Discussion Segment.

**Item 7. Adoption of conclusions and decisions, including those on the Programme of Work**

13. The Committee will adopt the conclusions and decisions formulated under items 2, 4 and 5 of the Provisional Agenda.

**Item 8. Other business****(a) Dates of the next session**

14. The secretariat proposes that the fourth session of the Committee take place on 30 September – 2 October 2009. The Committee will decide on the dates of the next session.

**Annex****TENTATIVE TIMETABLE**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda items</b>
<b>Wednesday, 3 December 2008</b>	
10:00-13:00	Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda Item 2. Status of Programme Implementation
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-17:00	Item 2. Status of Programme Implementation (continued)
17:00-18:00	Item 4. Discussion of the Programme of Work for 2009-2010
<b>Thursday, 4 December 2008</b>	
10:00-13:00	Item 3. Policy Discussion Segment on Economic Cooperation and Integration in the UNECE Region
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-17:45	Item 3. Policy Discussion Segment on Economic Cooperation and Integration in the UNECE Region (continued)
17:45-18:00	Item 5. Preparations for the performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009
<b>Friday, 5 December 2008</b>	
10:00-10:15	Item 6. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the Policy Discussion Segment
10:15-12:00	Item 7. Adoption of conclusions and decisions, including those on the programme of work
12:00-13:00	Item 8. Other business

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