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I. Attendance

1. The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration held its fifth session on 1-3 December 2010. Representatives of the following countries participated in the session: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkey and Ukraine.

2. The European Community was also represented.

3. In attendance were representatives from the following United Nations organizations and specialized agencies: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

4. The following intergovernmental organizations also participated: Eurasian Development Bank, Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC) and World Trade Organization (WTO).

5. The following non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, experts and private companies took part in the session: Belarus State Economics University (Belarus), Belarusian State University (Belarus), Centre for Economic Studies of the University of Economics and Management (Czech Republic), ECORYS International (Netherlands), ERAWATH Network (Austria), Erenet Network (Hungary), Fraunhofer Center for Central and Eastern Europe (Germany), Ideas Centre Geneva (Switzerland), Institute for Industrial and Market Studies at the State University Higher School of Economics (Russian Federation), Institute of World Economy & International Relations (Russian Federation),

Kiev National University (Ukraine), Management company of Tambov Innovative Business Incubator “Regional Center of Management and Culture” (Russian Federation), Marketing Research Foundation (Russian Federation), National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (Belarus), Pakharenko and Partners (Ukraine), Pöyry Infra GmbH (Germany), School of Business & Law University College Dublin (Ireland), Stanford University (USA), UK Science Park Association (United Kingdom), University College London (United Kingdom) and Wissema Consulting Ltd. (Netherlands).

II. Adoption of the agenda (Agenda item 1)

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session (ECE/CECI/2010/1)

6. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda as proposed by the secretariat.

III. Election of officers (Agenda item 2)

7. The Committee thanked the outgoing Vice Chair, Mr. Andrei Savinykh (Republic of Belarus) for his guidance and contribution to the CECI programme’s implementation.

8. Mr. Andrei Popov (Republic of Belarus), Mr. Craig Reilly (United States) and Mr. Salvatore Zecchini (Italy) were elected Vice Chairs of the Committee.

IV. Substantive segment: innovation performance review of Belarus (Agenda item 3)

Documentation: Conference Room Paper “Main Conclusions and Recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Belarus” (ECE/CECI/2010/CRP.1)

9. The Chair introduced the Substantive Segment of the fifth session of CECI, dedicated to the Innovation Performance Review of the Republic of Belarus. The Innovation Performance Review of Belarus, undertaken this year and organized as a participatory policy advisory service, examines possible policy actions aimed at stimulating innovation activity in this country, enhancing its innovation capacity and improving the efficiency of the national innovation system. The Review, which follows an Outline agreed upon with the Government of the Republic of Belarus, was prepared in collaboration with international and national experts, and the UNECE secretariat. The final text of the Innovation Performance Review of Belarus is due to be published as an official UNECE publication.

10. The secretariat introduced the pilot project which was carried out by a group of international experts in close cooperation with the national authorities and local experts, noting the excellent cooperation with the leading local partner – the State Committee on Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus. The secretariat also thanked the Eurasian Development Bank for providing extrabudgetary financial support for the project and acknowledged the contribution of the UNDP Office in Belarus.

11. The Chairman of the State Committee on Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus welcomed the session, thanked the authors of the Innovation Performance Review and expressed hope that the conclusions and recommendations of the Review would contribute to significantly improving the regulatory and institutional framework for innovation in the Republic of Belarus.

12. The representative of the Eurasian Development Bank expressed satisfaction with the outcomes of the pilot project Innovation Performance Review of the Republic of Belarus and noted that the Eurasian Development Bank would be interested to consider funding similar projects in other countries of common interest.

13. In the course of deliberations, a number of delegates shared their appreciation of the results of this pilot project, its relevance and usefulness for policy making and commended the secretariat for undertaking it.

14. The Chairperson's summary of the discussion under the Substantive Segment of the session is presented under Agenda item 6, while the decisions that were taken under this item are presented under Agenda item 7.

V. Status of programme implementation (Agenda item 4)

15. The Chair introduced the work accomplished since the fourth session and emphasized the increased focus on capacity-building and policy advisory services, which exploit synergies between thematic areas. He also highlighted the importance of the pilot project Innovation Performance Review of the Republic of Belarus and indicated that similar reviews could form an essential part of the future programme of work of the Committee.

16. The decisions on agenda item 4 are presented under agenda item 7.

A. Creating a supportive environment for innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness (Agenda item 4 (a))

Documentation: Report of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies on its third session (ECE/CECI/ICP/2010/2)

Policy options for promoting innovation in the services sector (ECE/CECI/2010/5)

Report on the International Conference on Policies to Address Financing and Entrepreneurial Challenges in High-growth Innovative Firms (ECE/CECI/CONF.7/2)

17. Several delegations noted the excellent quality of the work accomplished by the Team of Specialists under this thematic area during the past year.

18. The Committee took note of the results of the work of the Team of Specialists and the progress achieved in programme implementation.

B. Facilitating the effective regulatory protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening their role in innovative development (Agenda item 4 (b))

Documentation: Report of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property on the fourth session (ECE/CECI/IP/2010/2)

Synopsis of good practices and policy recommendations on the management of intellectual property in open innovation (ECE/CECI/2010/7)

Report on the International Conference on the Commercialization and Enforcement of Intellectual Property (ECE/CECI/CONF.8/2) (forthcoming)

Report on the International Conference “From Applied Research to Entrepreneurship: Promoting Innovation-driven Start-ups and Academic Spin-offs” (ECE/CECI/CONF.9/2) (forthcoming)

19. Several delegations noted that cross-country differences in national intellectual property regulations created difficulties for small and medium-sized enterprises, in particular in their foreign trade. In the future, in cooperation with other international organizations and drawing on their experience, the Team of Specialists could explore these difficulties in more detail and try to come up with proposals aimed at harmonizing the relevant regulations.

20. The World Intellectual Property Organization informed the Committee of its ongoing activities in the UNECE region, expressed its appreciation for the past cooperation with TOS-IP and assured the Committee of its commitment to continue this cooperation in the future.

21. The Committee took note of the results of the work of the Team of Specialists and the progress achieved in programme implementation.

C. Promoting an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises development (Agenda item 4 (c))

Documentation: Report on the International Conference on Policies to Address Financing and Entrepreneurial Challenges in High-growth Innovative Firms (ECE/CECI/CONF.7/2)

Report on the International Conference “From Applied Research to Entrepreneurship: Promoting Innovation-driven Start-ups and Academic Spin-offs” (ECE/CECI/CONF.9/2) (forthcoming)

22. The Committee took note of the results of the work under this thematic area and the progress achieved in programme implementation.

D. Promoting an enabling environment for efficient financial intermediation in support of innovative development (Agenda item 4 (d))

Documentation: Synopsis of good practices and policies to address financing and entrepreneurial challenges in high-growth innovative firms (ECE/CECI/2010/6)

Report on the International Conference “From Applied Research to Entrepreneurship: Promoting Innovation-driven Start-ups and Academic Spin-offs” (ECE/CECI/CONF.9/2) (forthcoming)

23. The Committee took note of the results of the work under this thematic area and the progress achieved in programme implementation.

E. Promoting best practice in efficient public-private partnerships (Agenda item 4(e))

Documentation: Report of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships on its second session (ECE/CECI/PPP/2009/2/Corr.1 and ECE/CECI/PPP/2009/2/Corr.1)

24. Several delegations welcomed the work accomplished under this thematic area and noted that the toolkit currently being prepared by the Team of Specialists had already

provided a valuable help in developing PPP projects. They expressed support for establishing an International PPP Centre of Excellence which could become an effective vehicle for the exchange of good practices and policy experiences.

25. The Committee took note of the results of the work of the Team of Specialists and the progress achieved in programme implementation.

F. Capacity-building activities (Agenda item 4 (f))

Documentation: Report on capacity-building activities (ECE/CECI/2010/3)

26. The Committee took note of the progress report on capacity-building activities.

VI. Programme of work for 2011 and beyond (Agenda item 5)

Documentation: Programme of Work for 2011 and beyond (ECE/CECI/2010/4)

Conference Room Paper "Biennial Evaluation Plan for the Subprogramme for 2010-2011" (ECE/CECI/2010/CRP.2/Rev.1)

27. The secretariat presented the Programme of Work for 2011 and beyond. The Committee noted the need to align the programming cycle of CECI with the biennial budgeting cycle of the United Nations (2012-2013) and to this end to adopt its programme of work for one year only (2011).

28. Several delegations supported the future directions of work of the Committee. In particular, they welcomed undertaking national Innovation Performance Reviews in requesting countries. Noting the high quality and relevance of the Innovation Performance Review of the Republic of Belarus, the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan invited the secretariat to consider undertaking an Innovation Performance Review in Kazakhstan in 2011, pointing out that such a project would enjoy strong support by the national authorities. The delegation of Ukraine also submitted an official request to the secretariat to consider undertaking an Innovation Performance Review of Ukraine. The secretariat pointed out that the implementation of such projects was subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources and that it had the capacity to undertake only one such project per year. The Committee noted that the preparation of national innovation performance reviews could develop into a major focus of the future work under the subprogramme. The need to pay greater attention in the future to external factors of economic development and to the role of international integration was also raised.

29. The delegation of Azerbaijan expressed support for the work under the thematic area of Entrepreneurship and SME development and invited UNECE to organize an international conference on knowledge-based development and innovative entrepreneurship in that country next year. The delegation of Ukraine invited the secretariat to organize in 2011 a fact-finding mission on the PPP environment in the Ukraine and a capacity-building event on this subject.

30. One delegation suggested that the Teams of Specialists should establish a regular rotation of their Bureau membership, in order to enhance the efficiency of their work and ensure the involvement in decision-making of a wider range of countries. The secretariat proposed that the Teams of Specialists might discuss this question at their sessions.

31. The decisions on agenda item 5 are presented under agenda item 7.

A. The preparation of the cluster-level logical framework (Biennial Evaluation Plan) for 2010-2011 (Agenda item 5(a))

32. The Senior Adviser to the Executive Secretary gave a general introduction to the cluster-level logical framework, which is part of a United Nations-wide effort to improve transparency and accountability through performance evaluation. The secretariat presented the draft proposal for the performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2010-2011 envisaged to be undertaken in the first half of 2011 (Conference Room paper ECE/CECI/2010/CRP.2.rev). The Committee expressed its hope that this evaluation exercise would facilitate the assessment of implementation by member States of recommendations adopted by the Committee, and the analysis of feedback from countries.

B. Renewal of mandates of the Teams of Specialists (Agenda item 5(b))

33. Several delegations supported the renewal of the mandates of the Teams of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, on Intellectual Property and on Public-Private Partnerships exceptionally for the period of three years (2011-2013) in view of the envisaged alignment of the CECI biennial programming cycles with the UN biennial budgeting cycle.

VII. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the Substantive Discussion segment (Agenda item 6)

34. The discussion of the Innovation Performance Review of Belarus (Substantive Segment) highlighted a number of key policy issues and conclusions. The Chairman presented the following summary of discussion organized under the Substantive Segment (Item 3 of the Agenda).

35. Innovation is recognised by the authorities of Belarus as essential to support growth and economic dynamism. As a result, innovation issues receive strong policy attention and substantial efforts have been made to develop the legal and institutional framework to promote innovation. The priority attached to innovation has been widely noted by the participants in the Review.

36. Belarus is making efforts to improve the international comparability of innovation indicators to facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of domestic policies. The Review could make a useful contribution to such benchmarking.

37. Proper evaluation of the impact and usefulness of policies is important for the effective design of future policy interventions. Belarus uses evaluation mechanisms as inputs in the formulation of policies. However, as in all the countries, evaluation is a complex, multidimensional task that requires continued attention.

38. Innovation is a broad concept. Innovation should include not only technological and R&D issues but should also encompass other forms of innovation, such as service- or organisational innovations. The recognition of a wider concept of innovation needs to be translated into concrete strategies and forms of intervention. There was common agreement that horizontal issues could be given greater prominence, resulting in the strengthening of connections between policy interventions in different areas.

39. The State Programme for Innovative Development is a rather complex but well structured and articulated system of intervention. Budget financing covers only part of the resources mobilised by this Programme. Other sources of financing are raised to achieve its

goals. Strong monitoring mechanisms ensure the effective use of budgetary resources. However, the use of flexible instruments involving budget financing remains a challenge.

40. There was widespread agreement among participants on the importance of human capital development and the availability of specific skills for innovation. Belarus has a well educated labour force, but given the changing and increasing needs of an innovative economy, continued policy attention should be devoted to these issues. Educational institutions already play a role in some innovation support initiatives, but these positive experiences should be developed and strengthened further.

41. A vibrant entrepreneurial sector is essential for an innovative economy. SMEs, in particular, are a source of economic dynamism. Although the promotion of SMEs is mentioned as a policy target, the sector remains underdeveloped in Belarus and requires continued and focused policy attention. Support to entrepreneurship may also involve measures that improve the social perception of entrepreneurship and raise awareness of its positive value.

42. As in other countries with economies in transition, the relative importance of the business sector in R&D is limited. The innovation potential of enterprises could be enhanced by increasing the role of the business sector in knowledge generation. The Review presents interesting restructuring options to this end that could be explored.

43. The strengthening of the linkages between industry and science should be an important policy objective. However, the ability of administrative and regulatory methods to influence these links in a meaningful way is limited. Stakeholders should be encouraged through incentives and should have autonomy to develop these relations. This may require reforms regarding the regulation of intellectual property rights.

44. The possibilities offered by international relations and increased integration to foster innovation should be exploited fully. Policies should be designed to enhance and promote the innovation impact of foreign investment. The Eurasian Economic Community and other regional integration structures offer opportunities for cooperation that can foster innovation. Broadly speaking, institutional reforms to facilitate international cooperation should be explored. However, it was recognized that in some areas change can only be gradual.

45. The Review provided a good characterization of the challenges faced by innovative enterprises when seeking to raise finance. There was general agreement on the need to diversify sources of finance and develop a market infrastructure. The legal basis for venture capital financing is being created and the recommendations of the Review can provide useful guidance in this effort. While it has been acknowledged that there is a certain reluctance to accept risk when using budgetary resources, a robust system of expert assessment could be used to minimize financial losses while allowing for greater risk taking.

46. The Review contains a significant number of recommendations of differing scope. Any consideration regarding the implementation of recommendations should distinguish between those recommendations that have an impact on the general framework for innovation and those that concern the design or introduction of specific instruments. The effectiveness of policy instruments depend on the overall environment in which these instruments are applied and the presence of other supportive conditions. This interdependence should be borne in mind when devising strategies.

47. Innovation also has an important cultural dimension and policy initiatives should reflect this. Changes in attitudes, culture and institutions take time and require persistent and concerted efforts. Gradual reforms, which can be based on the experiences gained from pilot projects, can have better chances of successful implementation.

48. The Committee extended its gratitude to the speakers for their valuable contribution to the policy debate on these challenges. The Committee also thanked the moderators and expressed appreciation of the efforts of the secretariat in organizing this policy discussion on these interesting and highly relevant topics.

49. The decision on agenda item 6 is presented under agenda item 7.

VIII. Adoption of conclusions and decisions (Agenda item 7)

50. The Committee agreed on the following conclusions and decisions:

51. The Committee noted with satisfaction the results of the pilot project “Innovation Performance Review of Belarus” and the excellent quality of the reports presented to the Substantive Segment of the CECI session. It thanked the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the secretariat for their contributions to the Review and expressed its appreciation for the excellent cooperation with the Government of Belarus in undertaking this project.

52. The Committee took note of the main conclusions and draft recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Belarus as presented to the Committee and discussed at the Substantive Segment and expressed its hope that they would facilitate further development of innovation policy in Belarus. It invited the secretariat to take into account the views and proposals put forward during the debate when preparing the Review for publication. The Committee proposed to the secretariat to consider, in consultations with the Belarusian authorities, possible joint follow-up steps to facilitate the implementation of recommendations contained in the Review.

53. Having examined the status of programme implementation, the Committee noted that the main objectives and outputs envisaged in the CECI Programme of Work for 2009-2010 had been successfully achieved. The Committee invited its teams of specialists and networks of experts to take into account the issues and proposals made during the discussion of the programme implementation in their future work.

54. The Committee noted the high quality of the applied policy-oriented documents prepared for the fifth session of CECI, in particular, the draft “Policy options for promoting innovation in the services sector”, “Synopsis of good practices and policy recommendations on the management of intellectual property in open innovation” and “Synopsis of good practices and policies to address financing and entrepreneurial challenges in high-growth innovative firms”. It thanked the respective teams of specialists and networks of experts for their contribution in the preparation of these documents and invited the secretariat to disseminate them among CECI stakeholders and use them in future policy advisory services and capacity building activities.

55. The Committee welcomed the initiative put forward by the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships for establishing an International PPP Centre of Excellence under the auspices of the UNECE and the preparatory steps undertaken in this direction. It invited member States and interested stakeholders to consider the possibilities of supporting this initiative with extrabudgetary financial and in-kind contributions.

56. The Committee welcomed the positive results of capacity-building activities undertaken in the period under review (ECE/CECI/2010/3) and encouraged member Governments to fully benefit from the opportunities offered by its international expertise across the thematic areas.

57. The Committee thanked the donors, in particular the Government of the Russian Federation, United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Eurasian Development Bank,

Dolby Laboratories and Pfizer, which have contributed financial and in-kind resources into its capacity building activities and enabled CECI to increase their scope. It thanked all stakeholders for other valuable in-kind contributions to programme implementation.

58. The Committee reiterated that the growing demand for CECI capacity-building activities and other technical cooperation services needed to be matched with adequate allocations from the regular budget as well as with extra budgetary resources. It called on member States' Governments, together with other stakeholders and potential donors, to explore possibilities of strengthening their support for capacity-building activities.

59. The Committee invited the secretariat to continue exploring potential synergies between thematic areas and undertake capacity-building activities based on these synergies and involving collaboration across different groups of experts with a view to maximizing the coherence of outputs across the various thematic areas.

60. The Committee welcomed the valuable experience gained in cooperation with other international organizations in areas of common interest and invited the secretariat to continue such efforts with a view to assuring complementarities and synergies.

61. The Committee adopted its Programme of Work for 2011, taking into account comments and suggestions made during the session and, in particular, the recommendation to strengthen the international integration component in future activities (document ECE/CECI/2010/4 and Annex). It welcomed undertaking national Innovation Performance Reviews in requesting countries in the future, in particular, in the Republic of Kazakhstan (2011) and in Ukraine (2012), subject to the availability of adequate extrabudgetary funding. The Committee noted that this could develop into a major focus of the future work under the subprogramme.

62. The Committee noted the Biennial Evaluation Plan for the Sub-programme for 2010-2011, and welcomed the enhanced opportunity for the Committee and its Teams of Specialists to review, on a continuous basis, the contribution of individual activities and their clusters to the subprogramme's objectives. The results of the evaluation should facilitate the ongoing fine-tuning of subprogramme priorities and the related distribution of resources.

63. The Committee recommended the renewal of the mandates of the Teams of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, on Intellectual Property and on Public-Private Partnerships exceptionally for the period of three years (2011-2013) in view of the envisaged alignment of the CECI biennial programming cycles with the UN biennial budgeting cycle starting from 2012-2013. The Committee invited members of the Teams of Specialists to continue their active contribution to the programme implementation, including capacity-building activities and policy advisory services.

IX. Other business (Agenda item 8)

Dates of the next session

64. The Committee decided that its sixth session would take place in Geneva on 30 November-2 December 2011 (Wednesday to Friday).

Annex

Programme of Work for 2011

A. Policy-oriented and normative work

1. Regular sessions of the CECI Teams of Specialists and other intergovernmental meetings:
 - (a) Third session of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS-PPP), 18-19 April 2011;
 - (b) Fourth session of the TOS-ICP, 12-13 May 2011;
 - (c) Fifth session of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (TOS-IP), 6-8 July 2011;
 - (d) Fourth session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development, Baku, Azerbaijan, second half of 2011.
2. Integrated policy-oriented events, addressing several focus/thematic areas:
 - (a) International conference “Promoting Eco-Innovation: Policies and Opportunities”, Tel Aviv, Israel, 7-9 March 2011, to be jointly organized with the Government of Israel;
 - (b) International conference on knowledge-based development and innovative entrepreneurship, Baku, Azerbaijan, to be jointly organized with the Government of Azerbaijan in the second half of 2011.
3. Normative work based on the multistakeholder policy debates and the exchange of good practices and policies:
 - (a) Policy recommendations on strengthening good governance in PPPs, second phase;
 - (b) Guidelines in the area of procurement in PPPs with a view to the elaboration of a good practice guide on the modalities of organizing open, transparent and competitive tenders for PPPs;
 - (c) Policy options to foster the financing and development of clean technologies;
 - (d) Synopsis of good practices on the relations between education and research institutions, industry and government (subject to further consultations);
 - (e) Good practices and policy recommendations on raising awareness of the role of IPRs in innovation and the dangers and economic costs of IPR infringements.
4. Policy-oriented publications:
 - (a) Comparative Review of PPP legislation in the countries of Central Asia (to be prepared in cooperation with the subregional networks of PPP experts in Central Asia);
 - (b) Publication on issues in IP commercialization and enforcement in transition economies;
 - (c) Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan (subject to availability of extrabudgetary funding).

B. Capacity-building activities and policy advisory services

5. Field-based capacity-building events, combining learning components with knowledge sharing and exchange of good policies and practices:

- (a) PPP familiarisation event for Central Asian PPP experts, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 26-27 January 2011;
- (b) Subregional capacity-building workshop on PPPs in South East Europe, Zagreb, Croatia, 7-8 February 2011;
- (c) Workshop on the PPP national readiness self-assessment tool developed by UNECE, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, February, 2011;
- (d) High level policy seminar “Promoting Innovative Entrepreneurship”, Haifa, Israel, 28 March - 1 April 2011 jointly organized with the Government of Israel;
- (e) Capacity-building conference on intellectual property rights commercialization and enforcement, Belgrade, Serbia, 12-13 April 2011;
- (f) Subregional capacity-building conference on intellectual property rights auditing and valuation, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, May 2011;
- (g) Subregional capacity-building conference on intellectual property rights enforcement, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, May 2011;
- (h) Field-based workshop on presenting the Innovation Performance Review of Belarus and its main conclusions combined with a knowledge-sharing component, Minsk, Belarus, first half of 2011;
- (i) Capacity-building event on promoting efficient PPPs, Kiev, Ukraine, second half of 2011;
- (j) Capacity-building conference on intellectual property rights commercialization and enforcement, to be held in a CIS country, second half of 2011;
- (k) Knowledge-sharing meeting of the PPP network in Central Asia, Baku, Azerbaijan, second half of 2011.

6. Other field-based policy advisory services:

- (a) Undertaking a national Innovation Performance Review in Kazakhstan (subject to availability of extrabudgetary funding);
- (b) Policy advice mission of the PPP Business Advisory Group in Ukraine.

7. Development of training materials and modules and other knowledge enhancing tools:

- (a) Finalizing the UNECE Toolkit on How to Do PPPs;
- (b) Preparation of a set of computer-based training modules on the financing of innovative enterprises;
- (c) Development of training modules on policy options and instruments for enhancing the innovative performance of firms (first phase);
- (d) Preparation of training modules on intellectual property rights commercialization and enforcement.

Note: The secretariat will respond to ad hoc requests from Member States Governments for capacity-building activities and policy advisory services on the basis of available capacity and extrabudgetary resources.