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Vision, mission and Programme of work

Vision and Mission Statements of the Advisory Group on Advanced Technologies in Trade and Logistics

1. The vision and mission statements for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Advisory Group (Advisory Group) on Advanced Technologies in Trade and Logistics have been developed in line with the Terms of Reference and complement the Programme of Work of the Advisory Group. The document has been reviewed and approved during the first session of the Advisory Group, on 30 January 2020 and will be submitted for information at the twenty-sixth Plenary of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT).

I. Vision statement

2. The work of the Advisory Group will be instrumental:
- to achieve an effective and efficient analysis of advanced technologies related to trade and logistics and the subsequent business needs and opportunities, for all stakeholders;
 - to provide advice and expertise on implementation requirements and challenges;
 - to identify potential new work items for UN/CEFACT and needs for updating existing deliverables; and,
 - to contribute to the realisation of Sustainable Development Goal 17 of the United Nations Agenda 2030, on Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development.

II. Mission statement

3. The Advisory Group will monitor the latest technology development and trends relevant for trade and logistics; study the potential impact of these technologies on standards, business models and operations; and identify implementation challenges and best practices learned by overcoming these challenges. In particular, the Advisory Group will prepare regular reports on the latest technology trends and the way they may impact relevant trade and logistic areas.

4. In a collaborative environment, together with other relevant entities and organizations, the members of this Advisory Group will work to analyze the latest technology trends, share

experiences on development and implementation issues, and facilitate and support the best practices for overcoming these issues.

5. The Advisory Group will give advice and conduct support activities regarding policy making and technical implementation of advanced technologies.

6. The Advisory Group will contribute to information and knowledge exchange between all relevant stakeholders as well as outreach to other partner organizations in the area of trade and logistics management organizations and technical communities.

7. The Advisory Group will propose new project developments to be taken up within UN/CEFACT under the Open Development Process (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2016/17) as well as identify needs for updating existing deliverables and propose the way they should be updated addressing findings from emerging technology analysis.

8. The Advisory Group will function as a platform for:

- Monitoring of advanced technologies, assessment and advice,
- Consultations for implementation challenges and exchange of best practice,
- Communication and outreach for Advisory Group's findings, and
- Proposals for new developments.
