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Geneva, 24–26 October 2005
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

# I. Provisional agenda

- 1. Election of officers
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- 3. Promoting participation of developing countries in dynamic and new sectors of world trade
- 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

#### **Item 1:** Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

## Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the Expert Meeting is reproduced in section I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.1/EM.28/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

# Item 3: Promoting participation of developing countries in dynamic and new sectors of world trade

- 3. The Commission on Trade, at its ninth session in 2005, decided to convene annual Expert Meetings on promoting participation of developing countries in dynamic and new sectors of world trade and decided to consider following three sectors at the next Expert Meeting: (a) electronics, (b) marine products, and (c) steel and related specialty products. The São Paulo Consensus mandated UNCTAD to convene sectoral reviews of dynamic sectors of world trade (São Paulo Consensus, para. 95).
- 4. The Expert Meeting will review national and international policies and actions to enhance developing-country participation in the above-mentioned three sectors. It will also consider enhancing the contribution of these sectors to the diversification of the economic and technological base of developing countries, improvement in export value added and growth performance. Particular focus will be given to the least developed countries (LDCs).
- 5. The UNCTAD secretariat will present background notes on each of the three sectors to facilitate discussions.

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Promoting participation of developing countries in dynamic and new sectors of world trade: Electronics sector

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Promoting participation of developing countries in dynamic and new sectors of world trade: Fishery products

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# **Item 4:** Adoption of the report of the meeting

6. The report of the Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities at its next session. The Expert Meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chairperson, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.