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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The Accra Accord, adopted at UNCTAD XII, established the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission. Paragraph 202 states: “The Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will have the mandate of the previous Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, and will also assume responsibility for enterprise and ICT issues from the previous Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development.”

2. Paragraph 203 of the Accra Accord stipulates: “The outcomes of commission sessions will be agreed conclusions from the policy dialogue and recommendations to the secretariat achieved within the scheduled time of the session. These conclusions and recommendations should be focused, brief and directly related to the agenda of the session and should provide inputs to the research and analysis pillar and the technical cooperation pillar.”

3. Paragraph 206 of the Accra Accord also specifies: “The commission meetings will have as their inputs: substantive documentation prepared by the secretariat, providing secretariat views and recommendations based on secretariat research and analysis; reports of expert meetings; inputs from the Global Network of Development Think Tanks, civil society and the private sector; and secretariat activity reports”.

Item 1

Election of officers

4. In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the main committees of the Trade and Development Board, the Commission is to elect a Chair, five Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of its members, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Commission shall consist of seven members, i.e., four members from lists A and C combined, two members from list B and one member from list D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), as amended.

5. Accordingly, following the cycle of rotation established after UNCTAD IX, the Bureau for the fourth session of the Commission will be as follows: the Chair from list A (Asia); the Rapporteur from list B; three Vice-Chairs from lists A and C combined; one Vice-Chair from list B; and one Vice-Chair from list D.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The fourth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission is scheduled for 26–30 November 2012. The agenda was prepared in accordance with paragraph 204 of the Accra Accord.

7. With regard to the organization of the work, the Commission session will have a duration of up to five days and this time frame will include one day for informal consultations. The first day will focus on consideration of expert meetings’ reports and work plans. On the last day of its session, after a break of one day, the Commission will address the institutional issues on the agenda and adopt any agreed outcome.

Documentation

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Item 3**Reports of expert meetings**

8. The Commission will have before it (a) the reports of the multi-year expert meetings; and (b) the reports of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.

(a) Reports of the multi-year expert meetings

9. Under this item, the Commission will consider the reports of three multi-year expert meetings: (i) the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment for Development on its fourth session; (ii) the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enterprise Development Policies and Capacity-building in Science, Technology and Innovation on its fourth session; and (iii) the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration on its fourth session.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.3/12	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment for Development on its fourth session
TD/B/C.II/MEM.1/13	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enterprise Development Policies and Capacity-building in Science, Technology and Innovation on its fourth session
TD/B/C.II/MEM.2/12	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration on its fourth session

(b) Reports of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions

10. The Commission will consider the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its twenty-eighth session, which addressed a capacity-building framework for high-quality corporate reporting and dealt with topics such as corporate governance disclosure and environmental accounting and reporting (with a specific focus on climate change-related disclosures). The Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts will present the report, highlighting progress made on these topics and the orientation of the future work programme. The Commission is expected to endorse the report of the Group.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/ISAR/64	Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its twenty-eighth session
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11. A report will also be prepared on the twenty-ninth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (30 October–2 November 2012), which focused on the role of regulatory and institutional arrangements for the consistent implementation and enforcement of international standards and codes of corporate accounting and reporting. An oral report of the Group will be presented to the Commission.

Item 4**Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

12. Under this item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of the work of UNCTAD in the areas covered by this Commission. A presentation of the progress achieved since the last session of this Commission will be made by the Director of the Division on Investment and Enterprise and by the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/CRP.4

Update on the implementation of the UNCTAD mandate in the area of investment and enterprise

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Progress report on the implementation of the provisions of the Accra Accord related to the areas of work on science, technology and innovation, and information and communication technologies

Item 5**Other business**

13. Under this agenda item, the Commission may wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board for approval the substantive topic(s) for the fifth session of the Commission.

Item 6**Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board**

14. The report of the fourth session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.
