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Item 4 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Annotated provisional agenda for the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference

The Secretary-General of the Conference has the honour to transmit herewith the annotated provisional agenda for the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries. The annotations have been prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the usual practice, taking into account decisions of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee.

With regard to organizational matters, the Secretariat will issue a detailed schedule of meetings prior to the Conference.

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Annotations

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/214, decided to convene the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in 2014, and, in its resolution 68/270, accepted with appreciation the offer of Austria to host the Conference. The Conference will be held in Vienna from 3 to 5 November 2014, at the United Nations Office at Vienna.

2. The mandate of the Conference, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/222, is as follows:

(a) To undertake a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries;

(b) To identify effective international, regional, subregional and national policies in the area of international trade and transit transport cooperation and to review the current situation of transit transport systems in the light of new and emerging challenges, partnerships and opportunities and the means to address them;

(c) To reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special development needs of and the challenges faced by the landlocked developing countries as called for at major United Nations conferences and summits;

(d) To mobilize international support and action by and in favour of the landlocked developing countries and formulate and adopt a renewed development partnership framework for the next decade.

3. The Conference will be open to the participation of the following, upon invitation or designation by the Secretary-General of the Conference and in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference:

(a) Representatives of States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies;

(b) Representatives of the European Union;

(c) Representatives of the intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices;

(d) Representatives of specialized agencies and related organizations;

(e) Representatives of interested United Nations organs;

(f) Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(g) Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations especially invited by the Secretary-General of the Conference;

(h) Representatives of non-governmental organizations, including from the private sector, approved and invited by the Preparatory Committee to attend the Conference;

(i) Other persons invited by the Secretary-General of the Conference.

Item 1
Opening of the Conference

4. The Conference will open on Monday, 3 November 2014, at 10 a.m., at the United Nations Office at Vienna. The daily schedule will be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Conference or a member of the Secretariat designated by either shall preside until the Conference has elected its President.

Item 2
Election of the President

5. It is customary for the head of the delegation of the State hosting the Conference (Austria) to be elected President of the Conference.

Item 3
Statement by the President

6. Following his or her election, the President will make a statement to the Conference.

Item 4
Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda for the Conference, as approved by the Preparatory Committee at its first session, appears above.

Organization of work

8. It should be noted that:

(a) The resources available for the Conference will be distributed, as required, among the plenary meetings, the Committee of the Whole and the Credentials and General Committees. Limited services may be provided for regional group meetings and parallel and side events if facilities are available;

(b) The precise working hours of the Conference will be indicated in a timetable to be circulated prior to the Conference;

(c) Plenary meetings will be streamed over the Internet.

Establishment of subsidiary organs

9. In line with rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference is to establish a Committee of the Whole. Pursuant to rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Chair of the Committee will be elected by the Conference. Under rule 50 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee shall, unless it decides otherwise, elect a Vice-Chair.

10. The Committee of the Whole is to consider item 11 of the provisional agenda and, in doing so, elaborate a programme of action for the landlocked developing countries on the basis of a draft prepared by the Preparatory Committee.

11. In accordance with rule 49 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference and the Committee of the Whole may establish working groups. In the establishment of working groups, account shall be taken of the availability of conference-servicing facilities.

Item 5
Adoption of the rules of procedure

12. The Preparatory Committee, at its first session, approved the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.225/PC/L.2) and recommended them for adoption by the Conference.

Item 6
Election of other officers

13. Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides for the election of a President, a Rapporteur, 15 Vice-Presidents and a Chair for the Committee of the Whole to be established under rule 48. These 18 officers will constitute the General Committee (Bureau). In line with the same rule, the Vice-Presidents will be elected after the election of the Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

Item 7
Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

14. Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-ninth session.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

15. Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay. Rule 3 provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, who is the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not less than two weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. The credentials are to be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Items 8, 9 and 10
General exchange of views
Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations
Statements by non-governmental organizations

16. Particular attention is drawn to the question of statements in the general debate. Such statements will be delivered in a conference room specially equipped to allow for live webcasting. The statements will begin on 3 November. Pursuant to rule 22 of the provisional rules of procedure, the list of speakers will be closed at the end of the third day of the Conference. Statements made in the general debate by representatives of States participating in the Conference shall be limited to 10 minutes and those of other participants to 8 minutes.

Item 11
Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference

17. For the consideration of item 11, the Conference will have before it the following documents, among others:

(a) Draft Programme of Action for the Landlocked Developing Countries 2014-2024 (formulated by the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee) (A/CONF.225/___);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the ten-year review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries (A/69/170);

(c) Report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries on its second session (A/CONF.225/__);

(d) Report of the regional-level preparatory review meeting for Africa (A/CONF.225/PC/2);

(e) Report of the regional-level preparatory review meeting for Latin America (A/CONF.225/PC/3);

(f) Report of the regional-level preparatory review meeting for Europe and Asia (A/CONF.225/PC/4);

(g) Report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on its first session (A/CONF.225/PC/5);

(h) Draft political declaration (A/CONF.225/__).

Item 12
Other matters

18. Any administrative and financial implications of proposed actions of the Conference will be brought to the attention of the Conference by the Secretariat and subsequently put before the General Assembly.

Item 13
Adoption of the report of the Conference

19. It is suggested that the report of the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries consist of an introduction and three parts. The first part should contain a declaration; the second part should contain a programme of action for the landlocked developing countries; and the third part should be on organizational and procedural matters.