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**AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS  
ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY**

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR TRADE,  
INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT THAT HAVE A BEARING ON THE  
WORK OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY**

Note by the secretariat

1. At its first session, in December 1997, the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development adopted its new structure, which included the creation of the ad hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry, which is to report its activities and programmes to the Committee. During its second session (ECE/TRADE/222) the Committee decided:

- to remain the body responsible for the further elaboration and implementation of the ad hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry and the Enterprise Development Programme;
- that work should begin at once on cross sectoral activities. A priority would be a compilation of the programmes relating to enterprise development in the countries in transition which was being carried out by other institutions. The ECE could then define its role in enterprise development with the assurance that there would be little likelihood of duplication of effort.
- that the UN/ECE strategy in enterprise development should include the problems of small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs) and involve the private sector;
- that the enterprise development strategy should be designed to cover the needs of all ECE member states and not just to a restricted number;

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4. The Committee will again review the programmes of work at its session in June 1999 in the light of the new strategy paper and the report of the present meeting of the Group of Experts.

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