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on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation

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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the fourth meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting:
 - (a) Opening address;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report on progress made on the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific.
3. Report on progress made by the Legal and Technical Working Groups on the preparation of a draft road map for the implementation of the substantive provisions in the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific.
4. Discussion on future operations of the Steering Group.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

(a) Opening address

The detailed programme for the opening of the session will be made available online at www.unescap.org/events/fourth-meeting-interim-intergovernmental-steering-group-cross-border-paperless-trade.

A senior official from the secretariat will open the meeting and deliver an opening statement.

(b) Election of officers

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/fourth-meeting-interim-intergovernmental-steering-group-cross-border-paperless-trade.

The meeting will elect a chair and vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(4)/L.1)

Annotation

The meeting will adopt the agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Report on progress made on the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Report on progress made on the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(4)/1)

Annotation

The meeting will review progress made on the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific, including progress made by interested member States of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in completing their domestic procedure for joining the Framework Agreement. It will also discuss any follow-up action that may be taken to facilitate interested ESCAP member States in joining the Framework Agreement.

3. Report on progress made by the Legal and Technical Working Groups on the preparation of a draft road map for the implementation of the substantive provisions in the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Report on progress made by the Legal and Technical Working Groups in their mandated tasks (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(4)/2)

Draft road map for the implementation of the substantive provisions in the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(4)/CRP.1)

Annotation

The meeting will review the progress made so far by the Legal and Technical Working Groups in preparing a draft road map for the implementation of the substantive provisions in the Framework Agreement. It will then review the draft road map and discuss any further action needed to improve it.

4. Discussion on future operations of the Steering Group

In light of the progress already made by the Steering Group on its mandated tasks, the meeting will discuss next steps and the future work direction of the Steering Group, including its Legal and Technical Working Groups.

5. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the meeting may wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

6. Adoption of the report of the meeting

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(4)/L.2)

Annotation

The meeting will consider the draft report for adoption.
