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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND  
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AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON STEEL

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE THIRD SESSION OF THE  
COMMITTEE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Note by the secretariat

1. “During its second session, in June 1999, the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED) discussed the framework for work in cross-sectoral enterprise development as set out in documents TRADE/1999/10, TRADE/1999/10/Add.1 and TRADE/1999/10/Add.2. These had been prepared in full consultation with the member countries for adoption by the Committee. The strategic directions take into account the information found in the document entitled “Compilation on Enterprise Development Programmes of International Organisations”(TRADE/1999/9) which had been requested by the Committee at its second session in June 1998. This last document was noted by the Committee.”
2. “After discussion, the Committee adopted the framework for the Programme of Work on Enterprise Development (TRADE/1999/10) and decided to maintain the structure of supervision whereby the Committee itself directly supervises the work on enterprise development.”

3. “The Committee then requested that the programme be implemented according to the views and needs expressed by the Committee and within the limits of the existing budgetary and personnel resources.” (Report of the third session of the CTIED (ECE/TRADE/231), paras. 45, 46, 47)
4. As the ad hoc Group of Experts on Steel was created in December 1997 with a renewable mandate for a period of two years starting in March 1998, the fourth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development which will take place on 21 June 2000, should decide on the renewal of that mandate. Consultations are presently taking place between delegations and the CTIED Bureau in order to take into consideration the support given by delegations to the projects conducted by the ad hoc Group of Experts on Steel and the integration of its work into the programme of work focussing on enterprise development mandated by the UNECE Plan of Action in 1997.
5. As consultations are still underway at the time of writing of the present note, a complementary document will be issued and made available to participants at the time of the meeting.
6. It is extremely important for the Group of Experts to be associated in these ongoing consultations. Delegations participating in its third session (29 March 2000) are invited to comment upon the orientations being currently taken.