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**SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS ORGANIZED AND ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARIAT**

**Note by the secretariat**

The purpose of this note is to list seminars, workshops and meetings organized or attended by the secretariat in support of the work programme of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development during the period from April 1999 to April 2000.

**SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS ORGANIZED IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK  
PROGRAMME AND RELATED OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS**

In the activities mandated by the Committee, the secretariat organized the meetings indicated below:

Where (beginning in 2000), participants to a seminar/workshop/meeting were asked to fill in an evaluation form, the results of the overall meeting evaluation are provided.

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> Preparation of Build Operate Transfer (BOT) Projects' and the preparation of Part II of the Guidelines on Private, Public Partnerships (PPPs)			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
6 April 1999	Build Operate Transfer Group regular review meeting	Paris	35
24 September 1999	Build Operate Transfer Group regular review meeting	Paris	35
13-16 October 1999	ECE – ESCAP consultative meeting with the Government of Bangladesh	Dhaka	100
16-17 November 1999	Seminar: "BOT Projects as a Means of FDI Promotion," (organized by UN/ECE during an FDI conference in Belarus).	Minsk	30
14-18 February 2000	ECE-ESCAP – Training/consultation seminar and follow-up with the Government of Bangladesh	Dhaka	350
6-7 April 2000	Meeting of the Build Operate Transfer Group	Geneva	30

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meeting:</b> Exchange of experience in soil decontamination			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
13-15 April 1999	Seminar "Analysis, Methods of Treatment and Remediation of Contaminated Soils" Participants gave this meeting an overall evaluation of 4.5 out of 5	Paris	640

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meeting(s):</b> Harmonization of positions of governments and industry			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
26-28 May 1999	Seminar: "Radioactive Contaminated Metallurgical Scrap"	Prague	180

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> Development of entrepreneurship in transition economies			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
2 June 1999	Seminar: "Best Practice in Entrepreneurship and SMEs in Countries in Transition: the Czech Case" organized in conjunction with the Regional Advisor on SMEs	Geneva	80
3-4 June 1999	Expert Meeting: "Best Practice in Business Incubation" organized in conjunction with the Regional Advisor on SMEs No evaluation forms were distributed	Geneva	110
21-22 October 1999	Seminar: "Women's Entrepreneurship and East-West Co-operation," (co-organized with the Central European Initiative and the OECD/Lead Programme).	Brijuni, Croatia	200
3-6 November 1999	Conference: "Business Incubation, Innovation and International Cooperation," organized together with the Russian Academy of Management and the Russian Institute for Entrepreneurship and Investment	Moscow	60

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> Assisting transition economies to improve the use and protection of intellectual property rights primarily through recommendations and assistance with the follow-up to these recommendations. Consultations with the Estonian Government to this end and related organizational work			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
17 September 1999	Inaugural Meeting of the UN/ECE Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment	Geneva	100
18 September 1999	First Meeting of the Steering Group of the UN/ECE Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment	Geneva	25
9 December 1999	Second Meeting of the Steering Group of the UN/ECE Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment	Paris	25
21 February 2000	Third Meeting of the Steering Group of the UN/ECE Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment	London	20
6-7 April 2000	Consultative Visit to Estonia of the UN/ECE Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment Participants gave this meeting an overall evaluation of 4.38 out of 5	Tallinn	45

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> At the request of WP.6 to prepare proposals on a wider use of international standards in technical regulations.			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
29 September 1999	Organizational meeting: START (Ad hoc team of experts on STandardization And Regulatory Techniques)	Geneva	6
30 November 1999 1 December 2000	Inaugural meeting: START (Ad hoc team of experts on STandardization And Regulatory Techniques)	Geneva	6
27-28 January 2000	Third meeting: START (Ad hoc team of experts on STandardization And Regulatory Techniques)	Geneva	7
4-5 April 2000	Fourth meeting: START (Ad hoc team of experts on STandardization And Regulatory Techniques)	Budapest	6

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> Prepare a Guide and best practice in competition policy			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
30-31 November 1999	Forum: "New Trends in Competition Law and their Implications for Business". Participants gave the Forum an overall evaluation 4.5 out of 5	Brno, Czech Republic	140

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> Implementation of project "Capacity building to improve trade finance and investment prospects for the Russian timber sector". Activities include strengthening of timber port operations, customs cooperations, trade facilitation and timber sustainable development of forest resources.			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
22-26 April 1999	Expert meeting on Improved Customs and Trade Procedures for the Timber Industry	Arkhangelsk, Russian Federation	15
13-14 December 1999	Workshop: "International Workshop on Sustainable Development and Certification in the Russian Timber Industry"	St.Petersburg, Russian Federation	50
3-11 February 2000	Meeting on Customs cooperation in the timber sector	St.Petersburg, Russian Federation	15
23-25 February 2000	Forum: "Timber Port Logistics"	Rotterdam, Netherlands	40

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> Review and development of recommendations with regard to the possible revision of the 1961 European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
26-27 November 1999	Meeting of the Bureau of the WP.5 Advisory Group on Arbitration	Prague	5
17-18 February 2000	Meeting of Experts on the 1961 European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration Participants gave the meeting an overall evaluation of 4.5 out of 5.	Vienna	29

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> Objective: to encourage cooperation among regions in transition countries and to provide regional authorities with information about work undertaken in the UN/ECE of relevance to them.			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
2-3 March 2000	Seminar: "Trade and Investment Promotion from a Local and Regional Perspective" Jointly organised with FEDRE (Foundation for the Economy and sustainable Development of the Regions of Europe) Participants gave this meeting an overall evaluation of 4.5 out of 5	Geneva	18

<b>Activity/Outputs supported by the following seminars/workshops/meetings:</b> To initiate the understanding of environmental management in transition economies			
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Attendees</b>
30-31 March 2000	Workshop: "The Use of ISO 14000 Environmental Management Standards in the Chemical Industry in the UN/ECE region" Participants gave this meeting an overall evaluation of 4 out of 5	Budapest	70

## II. SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

In addition to organizing seminars and workshops, the secretariat took part in a number of meetings, seminars, and workshops organized by national, regional or international organizations and initiatives on issues related to the UN/ECE activities including:

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>
27 - 29 April 1999	ESCWA Meeting on Standardization of Perishable Produce	Beirut
12-13 May 1999	Seminar: "Trade Facilitation for Latvia,"	Prague
21-24 May 1999	Training Course: "International Slovak Training Course for Quality inspectors,"	Mojmirovce, Slovakia
30 May - 1 June 1999	OECD Seminar on Corporate Governance in the Russian Federation	Moscow
3-4 June 1999	Workshop: SECI Workshop on "Best Practices for SME Development,"	Geneva

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>
30 August - 1 September 1999	Seminar: "Trade Facilitation for Ukraine"	Kyiv
27-28 September 1999	Meeting of the OECD/World Bank Global Corporate Governance Forum	Washington D.C.
25-27 September 1999	Seminar: "Administrative Issues at Customs Check Points and Their Impact on Development of Inter Arab State Trade," organized by the Arab Administrative Development Organization"	Cairo
29-30 September 1999	Seminar: "Cooperation of SMEs with Transnational Corporations,"	Baku
29-30 September 1999	Round Table: "First Business Round Table on Strategic Partnerships and Investment Promotion in Bashkortostan" with specific section on the chemical industry	Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russian Federation
30 September – 1 October 1999	Conference: "European Property Italian Conference"	Rome
6-8 October 1999	"Session of the CIS Interstate Council on Standardization, Certification and Metrology".	Yerevan
11-12 October 1999	Seminar: "Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe"	Alpbach, Austria
14-15 October 1999.	Seminar: for Belorussian officials on "Trade Facilitation in the Context of Countries in Eastern Europe"	Prague
4-5 November 1999.	Conference: "First International Conference on Electronic Business in Ukraine"	Odessa, Ukraine
10-12 November 1999	Conference: International Conference "Quality-99"	Minsk
11-13 November 1999	Seminar: "Journées internationales professionnelles, Management et ingenierie des réseaux d'entreprises,"	Marrakech, Morocco
16-17 November 1999	Conference: Second conference on "Foreign Investment"	Minsk
16-18 November 1999	Expert Group: "ESCWA Transport Expert Group Meeting"	Beirut
6-9 December 1999	Conference: "Europe is Our Common? Environmental Aspects"	Minsk
8-9 December 1999	Workshop: "Journées Siderurgiques Internationales,"	Paris
18-19 January 2000	Speaker at "Contaminated Land Problems in Central and Eastern Europe", Risk Abatement Center for Eastern and Central Europe (RACE)	Katowice, Poland
17-20 January 2000	Seminar: "Capacity Building for Development Co-operation", (co-organized with the Czech National Trade Facilitation Committee [FITPRO]).	Prague
17-18 January 2000	Seminar: "Capacity-building for Development Cooperation,"	Prague
26-27 January 2000	Seminar: OSCE Seminar on "Experiences with Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Efforts"	Tbilisi
17 February 2000	Second session of the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade	Washington D.C.
24-25 February 2000	Seminar on "Trade Facilitation and E-business, with Emphasis on the Role of UN/CEFACT".	Minsk