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Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development

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#### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING PARTY ON INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Note by the secretariat

#### Background

The Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (CTIED) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) adopted the draft Terms of Reference for the Working Party at its fourth session in June 2000, when it requested the Commission to establish a new Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development. The Working Party may wish to review, amend or complement this programme.

#### Terms of Reference

The mission of the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8) is to promote entrepreneurship, industrial restructuring and a sustainable business environment in the UN/ECE region.

Under the general guidance of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development, the Working Party:

- (a) agrees a policy framework for the UN/ECE's work regarding industry and enterprise development;
- (b) organizes the exchange of information and experience related to the development of competitive business in the UN/ECE region;
- (c) provides help to promote access to global markets leading to economic growth and job creation;
- (d) provides an environment for discussions on entrepreneurship;
- (e) helps to promote best practice in innovation and the application of new electronic technologies, such as the Internet;
- (f) collects, processes and disseminates statistical and other information related to enterprise development and industrial restructuring;
- (g) studies economic, technical and regulatory issues related to enterprise development and makes recommendations for government actions;
- (h) cooperates with the other subsidiary bodies of the Committee and with other international institutions in all matters concerning industry and enterprise development;
- (i) supervises the activities of Task Teams set up to implement more precisely defined activities on an ad hoc basis.

In order to fulfil its mandate, the Working Party may convene ad hoc meetings for studies, hold seminars, organize study tours and assist in organizing workshops, or adopt any other appropriate method of carrying out its agreed programme of work. It will review the results of its work at its annual sessions and submit reports thereon to the Committee for its consideration.