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AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON STEEL
Fourth session, 20 March 2001

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for the meeting to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 March 2001

DOCUMENTS : Documents for the session of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on Steel will be distributed by mail and will also be posted on the web site of the Steel Section of the Trade Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: <http://www.unece.org/trade/steel>. For the United Nations to economize on paper, delegates are requested to please bring their copies of documents to the Session.

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Matters arising from the fourth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development that have a bearing on the work of the Group of Experts. ECE/TRADE/262
4. Review of activities:
 - (a) Enterprise development, privatization and restructuring:
 - (i) Seminar on "Barriers to industrial restructuring resulting from overmanning in steel companies";
 - (b) Information, statistics and market prospects:
 - (i) The Steel Market in 2000 and Prospects for 2001: discussion of developments; ECE/TRADE/244
 - (ii) Steel statistics:
 - Status of the Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics For Europe, America and Asia, and ECE/TRADE/245
 - Status of the Quarterly bulletin of Advanced Statistics on Steel
 - (iii) Study tour of the steel industry of China;
 - (iv) Competitiveness in basic industries:
Seminar on "Trends in the Structure of Steel Consumption - Responding to Market Needs"
 - (c) Promotion of sustainable development:
 - (i) Team of Specialists on Radioactive Contaminated Metallurgical Scrap
5. Other business
6. Adoption of the report TRADE/STEEL/GE.1/2001/2

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of the decisions taken and the proposals for the programme of work made by the ad hoc Group of Experts on Steel at its third session (TRADE/STEEL/GE.1/2000/6) confirmed by the fourth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (ECE/TRADE/262).

The provisional timetable for the meeting is contained in the annex to the present document.

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

The first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2: Election of officers

The ad hoc Group of Experts is expected to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. At its second session the Group elected Mr. J.L. Montagut (France) and Mr V. Laszczyk (Poland) as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

Item 3: Matters arising from the fourth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development which have a bearing on the work of the Group of Experts (Documentation: ECE/TRADE/262)

The ad hoc Group of Experts will have before it the report of the Committee, where it is stated that the Committee :

- established a Working Party for Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8), which will assist in creating more favourable conditions for investment, industrial restructuring and enterprise development in transition countries.

- decided to abolish the ad hoc Group of Experts on Steel as of June 2001.

Item 4: Review of activities

(a) Enterprise development, privatization and restructuring

The secretariat will report orally on the preparation of the Seminar on "Barriers to Industrial Restructuring Resulting from Overmanning in Steel Companies" which will take place on 23 - 24 April 2001, in Krakow (Poland) at the invitation of the Government of Poland.

(b) Information, statistics and market prospects

- (i) The Steel Market in 2000 and Prospects for 2001: discussion of developments
(Documentation : ECE/TRADE/244)

The secretariat will report orally on the work done and decisions made during the Seventh ad hoc Meeting on the Steel Market held on 19 March 2001 in Geneva.

Due to the new cross sectoral orientations of the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8), the activities concerning the evolution of the steel market may be discontinued. The fourth, and last session of the ad hoc Group of Experts should, therefore indicate to WP.8 its wishes concerning the future of these activities.

- (ii) Steel statistics

Status of the Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics and of the Quarterly Bulletin of Advanced Statistics on Steel
(Documentation: ECE/TRADE/245)

The secretariat will provide the Group of Experts with an oral report under this sub-item. The Group will have before it the Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, America and Asia 1996-1999 (ECE/TRADE/245) and the latest issue of the Quarterly Bulletin of Advanced Statistics on Steel.

The issue of these bulletins is based on the original data received from Governments and professional national organisations by means of UN/ECE questionnaires. The collected data is processed into a quarterly and an annual bulletin by the qualified staff of the secretariat. They constitute an important source of information for a wide range of statistical publications consulted by the private sector.

Due to the reduction of the secretariat resources - retirement of the statistician in charge of the bulletins - and to the new cross sectoral orientations of the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8), the bulletins may be discontinued. The fourth, and last session of the ad hoc Group of Experts should, therefore indicate to WP.8 its wishes concerning the future of this bulletin.

(iii) Study tour of the steel industry of China

A representative of China or a representative of the secretariat will report orally on the study tour of the steel industry which took place from 15 to 22 October 2000 in China.

(iv) Competitiveness in basic industries: Seminar on "Trends in the Structure of Steel Consumption - Responding to Market Needs"

This Seminar took place in Budapest on 11 and 12 September 2000. The delegation of Hungary or the secretariat will provide the Group of Experts with information on the Seminar.

(c) Promotion of sustainable development

(i) Team of Specialists on "Radioactive Contaminated Metallurgical Scrap"

Following the recommendation by the Workshop on "Radioactive Contaminated Metallurgical Scrap" (Prague, 26 - 28 May 1999), a Team of Specialists in this area was constituted to elaborate Guidelines to attempt to harmonize legislation and elaborate codes of practice on radioactive contaminated metallurgical scrap. Experts from Governments, national and international regulatory bodies and from the industry volunteered to draft the chapters of the guidelines. Several meetings of experts took place in Geneva, Brussels and Vienna during the period October 1999 - March 2001. A text will be presented to the meeting. The Chairman of the Team of Specialists or the secretariat will present an oral report.

Item 5: Other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat has no other business to propose under this item.

Item 6: Adoption of the report

The ad hoc Group of Experts is expected to adopt the report of its fourth session on the basis of a draft prepared and circulated to the delegations by the secretariat after the meeting.

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ANNEX I

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 20 March 2001

- 10 a.m. **Opening of the session**
- Item 1:* Adoption of the agenda
- Item 2:* Election of officers
- 10.30 a.m. *Item 3:* Matters arising from the fourth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development that have a bearing on the work of the Group of Experts.
- 11 a.m. **Coffee break**
- Item 4:* Review of activities
- 11.30 a.m. (a) Enterprise development, privatization and restructuring
- Seminar on "Barriers to industrial restructuring resulting from overmanning in steel companies"
- 11.50 a.m. (b) Information, statistics and market prospects
- (i) The Steel Market in 2000 and Prospects for 2001: discussion of developments
- 12.10 p.m. (ii) Steel statistics
- Status of the Annual Bulletins of Steel Statistics for Europe, America and Asia and of the Quarterly bulletin of Advanced Statistics on Steel.
- 12.30 p.m. (iii) Study tour of the steel industry of China
- 12.50 p.m. (iv) Seminar on "Trends in the Structure of Steel Consumption - Responding to Market Needs"
- 1 p.m. **Lunch break**

3 p.m. (c) Promotion of sustainable development: Team of Specialists on
"Radioactive Contaminated Metallurgical Scrap"

4.20 p.m. **Coffee break**

4.40 p.m. *Item 5:* Other business

4.50 p.m. *Item 6:* Adoption of the report

Discussion of the main points to be included in the report which will be
drafted by the secretariat and circulated to the delegations after the meeting.

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