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Expert Meeting on the Development Dimension of FDI:
Policies to Enhance the Role of FDI in Support of the
Competitiveness of the Enterprise Sector and the
Economic Performance of Host Economies, taking into
account the Trade/Investment Interface, in the National
and International Context
Geneva, 6-8 November 2002
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the meeting is contained in section I above. A detailed programme will be made available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.2/EM.12/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3: The development dimension of FDI: policies to enhance the role of FDI in support of the competitiveness of the enterprise sector and the economic performance of host economies, taking into account the trade/investment interface, in the national and international context

3. The Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial issues decided to convene an Intergovernmental Expert Meeting on the Development Dimension of FDI: Policies to Enhance the Role of FDI in Support of the Competitiveness of the Enterprise Sector and the Economic Performance of Host Economies, taking into account the Trade/Investment Interface, in the National and International Context.
4. The terms of reference of the Expert Meeting, as agreed at the sixth session of the Commission, request that the question of the development dimension of FDI be further explored, especially in the context of more competitive challenges in the global economy, with particular attention to the interface between trade, investment and development in facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy.
5. As identified by the terms of reference, four themes that are of preponderant importance for the development dimension of FDI will be discussed:
 - a) How can host country policies encourage a synergy between FDI and domestic enterprises, so as to support the competitiveness of the latter, in the national and international context?
 - b) How can safeguards be introduced to ensure that domestic enterprises are not adversely affected?
 - c) How to reflect in a balanced manner the interests of home and host countries, taking into account the development policies and objectives of host Governments,

as well as their right to regulate in the public interest?

- d) What are the home country measures that contribute to encouraging the synergy between FDI and domestic enterprises?

6 To facilitate the discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat is preparing an issues note on “The development dimension of FDI: policies to enhance the role of FDI in support of the competitiveness of the enterprise sector and the economic performance of host economies, taking into account the trade/investment interface, in the national and international context”. In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.2/EM.12/2 “The development dimension of FDI: policies to enhance the role of FDI in support of the competitiveness of the enterprise sector and the economic performance of host economies, taking into account the trade/investment interface, in the national and international context.” Issues note by the UNCTAD secretariat.

Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting

7 The report of the Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues at its next session. The Expert Meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chairperson, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.