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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Item 4 (a))

Section 13

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

1. At its 15th meeting, on 19 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 13)).
2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 13 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the activities of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC), in particular in the field of trade services and competitiveness of the business sector. The need of developing countries for technical cooperation in these areas was underlined.
4. The view was expressed that, in accordance with the recent decision of the General Assembly on the ITC outline for the biennium 2004-2005, the complete fascicle to be submitted in the fall should provide for documentation services in Arabic and Chinese to the Joint Advisory Group of ITC.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee took note of the preliminary estimate to accommodate the ITC programme of activities during the biennium 2004-2005. It also took note of the fact that, under the existing administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly, the detailed proposed programme budget of ITC for the biennium 2004-2005 would be submitted directly to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

6. The Committee recommends that the proposed programme budget of ITC for the biennium 2004-2005 to be submitted to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session should reflect the resolution on the budget outline of ITC approved by the Assembly, taking into account that the United Nations share of the ITC budget is 50 per cent.

7. The Committee requests that programme managers within section 13 comply fully with the rules and regulations governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.
