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Geneva, 1–3 November 2004
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Good governance in investment promotion
4. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

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. A detailed programme will be made available one week before the Meeting.

Item 3: Good governance in investment promotion

3. At its eighth session in January 2004, the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues accepted the recommendation by the UNCTAD Expert Meeting on Effectiveness of Foreign Direct Investment Policy Measures, held in June 2003, that discussions on country experiences in good governance in investment promotion be followed up and that an Expert Meeting on this subject be convened. The Expert Meeting should include discussions on efforts that countries are making to increase transparency and accountability in the public sector and to apply high standards of corporate governance. The role of the different stakeholders, including business groups, in the process of improving the investment environment should be given special attention.

4. The Meeting will identify policies and best practices that enhance good governance in investment promotion on the basis of national examples, the experience gained through UNCTAD programmes and contributions by Meeting participants. The Meeting will also identify complementary home country measures and relevant corporate standards.

5. To facilitate discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat will prepare an issues note drawing on the experience it has gained through its programme on Good Governance in Investment Promotion, as well as selected experiences of other programmes and organizations. In addition, experts are expected 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.15/2 Good governance in investment promotion. Issues note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 4: Adoption of the report of the Meeting

6. The report of the Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues at its next session (Geneva, 7–11 March 2005). 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.