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Item 1. Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, the Chair of the Working Party at its fifty-third session will be a representative of one of the States members on list B. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list A (Asia).

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its fifty-third session, as reproduced in section I above.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/211

Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3. Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

3. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled "Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing" (TD/B/WP/212), which deals with activities undertaken in 2008. This report is being submitted both to the Working Party at its fifty-third session and to the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-sixth session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities, i.e. voluntary contributions and their allocation by thematic areas and by regions or countries, as well as an updated overview of the structure and main features of UNCTAD's technical cooperation programmes and projects.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is entitled "Review of activities undertaken in 2008" (TD/B/WP/212/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2008 under various programmes and projects. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impact and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is entitled "Statistical tables" (TD/B/WP/212/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of activities among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of the projects under implementation in 2008.

6. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with paragraph 220 of the Accra Accord and paragraph 7 of Trade and Development Board decision 495(LV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/212

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

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| TD/B/WP/212/Add.1 | Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2008 (English only) |
| TD/B/WP/212/Add.2 | Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only) |

Item 4. Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: an in-depth external evaluation of UNCTAD's commodities programme

7. In the context of its annual in-depth evaluation of an UNCTAD programme, the Working Party, at its forty-ninth session in September 2007, endorsed the evaluation plan for 2009. In accordance with this plan, the Working Party will consider an in-depth external evaluation of UNCTAD's commodities programme. The evaluation report, contained in document TD/B/WP/213, was prepared by an independent evaluation team composed of a professional evaluator with extensive experience in this area, and two other team members who are familiar with UNCTAD programmes and who are regularly involved in the work of UNCTAD's intergovernmental bodies. The latter two team members were selected with a view to bringing the perspectives of both the beneficiary and the donor communities into the evaluation process.

8. Under this item, the Working Party will also be invited to endorse the evaluation plan for 2010 and 2011, as proposed in the report of the forty-ninth session.

Documentation

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| TD/B/WP/213 and
TD/B/WP/213/Add.1 | In-depth external evaluation of UNCTAD's commodities programme |
| TD/B/WP/198/Rev.1 | Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its forty-ninth session |

Item 5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Working Party

9. In the course of the session, the secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

Item 6. Other business

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

10. The report of the fifty-third session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.