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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 10

Trade and development

1. At its 13th meeting, on 12 June 2012, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 10, Trade and development, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 10)).

2. The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC) introduced their respective subprogrammes of the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the work of UNCTAD and ITC in assisting developing countries, including least developed countries and countries with economies in transition.

4. In the context of the overall orientation of the programme, concern was expressed about the excessive use of the term "development" in paragraph 10.1. Concern was also expressed with regard to the consistency of the description of the participation of developing countries in globalization.



5. Concerns were raised on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 only on the basis of the decisions adopted at the twelfth session of the conference held in Accra in April 2008. The concern was raised about whether outcomes of the thirteenth session of the conference held in Doha in April 2012 should be presented separately or be incorporated into the document for discussion.

6. With regard to subprogramme 2, Investment and enterprise, queries were raised on the non-inclusion of the term “countries with economies in transition” in the objective, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and strategy.

7. With regard to subprogramme 6, Operational aspects of trade promotion and export development, it was observed that ITC plays a key role in line with mandates given by the Economic and Social Council to coordinate technical assistance provided by the United Nations to promote export capacity of developing countries. In this connection, queries were raised on whether a holistic medium-term plan is in place to establish new strategic alliances within and outside the United Nations in order for the Centre to have the ability to provide technical assistance and add to specialized services it provides to its membership.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **While recognizing the relevant provisions on UNCTAD as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, the Committee expressed its concern about the fact that the strategic framework of programme 10, Trade and development, for the period 2014-2015 was prepared only on the basis of the twelfth session of UNCTAD, held in Accra in April 2008, without taking into account the outcomes of the thirteenth session of UNCTAD, which took place in Doha in April 2012, reasonably in advance of the beginning of the fifty-second session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.**

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 10, Trade and development, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 10.9

At the end of the second sentence, delete the words “and other relevant decisions”.

Subprogramme 2 Investment and enterprise

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “and countries with economies in transition”.

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (b) (ii), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “and countries with economies in transition”.

*Strategy**Paragraph 10.12*

In the second sentence, after “Africa”, add “, middle-income countries, countries with economies in transition”.

In the last sentence, replace (b) with the following:

“(b) helping developing countries, middle-income countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, to strengthen their capacity to formulate and implement integrated policies, develop an enabling environment and participate in discussions related to international investment;”.

In the last sentence, replace (c) with the following:

“(c) supporting efforts by developing countries, middle-income countries and countries with economies in transition to build productive capacities and internationally competitive firms;”.

**Subprogramme 3
International trade**

Component 1: strengthening international trade

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “, middle-income countries and countries with economies in transition”.

Replace accomplishment (c) with the following:

“(c) Enhanced capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to prepare and implement national and regional competition laws to address the challenges arising from global economic crises”.

In expected accomplishment (d), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “, middle-income countries and countries with economies in transition”.

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (d) (i), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “and countries with economies in transition”.

In indicator (d) (ii), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “and countries with economies in transition”.

*Strategy**Paragraph 10.14*

In subparagraph (b), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “and countries with economies in transition”.

In subparagraph (f), after the words “developing countries”, add the words “and countries with economies in transition”.

Replace subparagraph (g) with the following: “Assisting developing countries and countries with economies in transition in their efforts to successfully achieve diversification, including their increased participation in manufacturing and creative industries and global supply chains;”.

Paragraph 10.15

In the second sentence, after “Africa”, add “, middle-income countries and countries with economies in transition;”.

**Subprogramme 4
Technology and logistics**

Strategy

Paragraph 10.16

In the second sentence, after “Africa”, add “middle-income countries, countries with economies in transition” and after “small economies” delete “, as well as countries with economies in transition”.

**Subprogramme 6
Operational aspects of trade promotion and export development**

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective of the Organization with the following: “To foster sustainable economic development and contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals in developing countries and countries with economies in transition through trade and international business development”.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following: “(a) Strengthened integration of the business sector into the global economy through trade intelligence and enhanced support to policymakers”.

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) with the following:

“(a) (i) Increased number of male and female users of trade-related intelligence, including cases in which a gender perspective in trade is integrated into national development strategies, as a result of ITC support to enable decision makers to prepare and/or design effective trade development programmes and policies;

“(ii) Increased number of male and female clients expressing awareness of trading system-related activities through the support of ITC to enable decision makers to understand business needs and create an environment conducive to business;

“(iii) Increased number of cases in which country negotiating positions have been enriched through analytical input and business sector participation, with the support of ITC, to enable decision makers to integrate business dimensions into trade negotiations”.

Replace indicators (c) (i) and (ii) with the following:

“(c) (i) Increased number of enterprises enabled to formulate sound international business strategies through ITC training on export management issues, delivered directly or indirectly;

“(ii) Increased number of enterprises enabled to become export-ready through ITC training activities focusing on export readiness, delivered directly or indirectly;”.

Add new indicators (c) (iii) and (iv) as follows:

“(iii) Increased number of enterprises having met potential buyers and, as a result, having transacted business through ITC support;

“(iv) Increased share of women-owned enterprises that report improved competency in export-related operations and that are exposed to new markets or market contacts as a result of ITC assistance”.

Strategy

Paragraph 10.23

In the first sentence, delete the words “and parastatals”.

Legislative mandates

Under subprogramme 6, add the following General Assembly resolutions:

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| 66/186 | Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries |
| 66/215 | Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) |
| 66/218 | Operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 66/219 | South-South cooperation |