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* The submission of this document was delayed owing to the need to take into account the outcome of UNCTAD XI.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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 Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur, the Chairperson of the Working Party at its forty-third session will be a representative of one of the States members in list B. The Vice Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members of 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 forty-third session, as reproduced in section I above.

Item 3: Review of the UNCTAD programme of work for the biennium 2004–2005, in the light of the outcomes of the eleventh session of the Conference

3. The Working Party will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing the impact of the outcomes of the eleventh session of the Conference on the work programme for the current biennium and its related implementation plans.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/174

Implication of the outcomes of UNCTAD XI
for the work programme for 2004–2005

Item 4: Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

4. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the “A review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD” (TD/B/WP/172) dealing with activities undertaken in 2003, which is being submitted both to the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-first session and to the Working Party at its forty-third session. The report also provides an overview of activities since UNCTAD X, information on trends in the mobilization of resources and delivery, and a preliminary assessment of the implementation of the technical cooperation strategy adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its fiftieth session in October 2003.

5. Annex I to the above document – “Review of activities undertaken in 2003” (TD/B/WP/172/Add.1) – provides a programme-by-programme review of technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2003 under various programmes and projects. It contains background information on activities as well as information on their impact and results.

6. Annex II to the above report – “Statistical tables” (TD/B/WP/172/Add.2) – provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and distribution of activities among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of projects under implementation in 2003.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/172	A review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD
TD/B/WP/172/Add.1	Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2003 (English only)
TD/B/WP/172/Add.2	Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 5: Evaluation of technical cooperation activities:

(a) Follow-up to the evaluation of UNCTAD's trade, environment and development programme

7. In accordance with the decision made at its forty-first session, the Working Party will have before it a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the evaluation of UNCTAD's trade, environment and development programme (document TD/B/WP/165) that it undertook at the forty-first session in 2003 in the context of its annual evaluation of a technical cooperation programme.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/175	Progress report on the follow-up to the recommendations of and discussions on the evaluation of UNCTAD's programme on trade, environment and development
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(b) Evaluation plan

8. In accordance with the decision made at its forty-first session, the secretariat will inform the Working Party of the plan for the annual evaluations of technical cooperation programmes to be undertaken in the next three years.

Item 6: Provisional agenda for the forty-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 7: Other business

Item 8: Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

10. The report of the Working Party on its forty-third session will be before the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-first session.
