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FIFTH SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON LIBERALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE ESCWA REGION BEIRUT, 24-26 APRIL 2007

Summary

The Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the Countries of the ESCWA Region held its fifth session in Beirut from 24 to 26 April 2007. The Committee considered the items included on the agenda, with discussions concentrating on the following: (a) a review and evaluation of action taken in the field of liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization since the fourth session of the Committee; (b) progress made in the multilateral trade negotiations over the Doha Agenda for Development; (c) possible options in the light of the breakdown in World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations especially given the current trends towards regional agreements and South-South trade; (d) financing for development: progress made in implementing the Monterrey Consensus, especially capital markets and foreign direct investment (FDI) in the ESCWA region; (e) the draft programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009 in the field of liberalization of foreign trade, economic globalization and financing for development.

This report contains a brief review of the most important issues raised in session discussions, and the measures recommended by the Committee regarding the issues included on the agenda.

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Introduction

1. The fifth session of the Technical Committee on Liberalizing Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the Countries of the ESCWA Region was held pursuant to ESCWA resolution 214(XIX) dated 7 May 1997 concerning the establishment of a technical committee on liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization in the countries of the ESCWA region and the recommendations made by the Committee at its fourth session, which was held in Beirut on 7 and 8 March 2005, that were adopted by ESCWA at its twenty-third session, held in Damascus in May 2006.
2. This session was distinguished by the incorporation into the Committee's agenda of the Monterrey Consensus issues and financing for development, pursuant to the recommendations made at the fourth session of the Committee, held in 2005.
3. This report covers the most important points raised during the discussions of each agenda item. The Committee adopted the report at its final meeting on 26 April 2007.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON LIBERALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE ESCWA REGION AT ITS FIFTH SESSION

4. Participants made the following recommendations to the Governments of member countries and ESCWA:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS

5. The following recommendations were made to member countries:
 - (a) Technical Committee focal points should be designated in member countries, selected from specialists in foreign trade and financing for development;
 - (b) The ESCWA secretariat should provide the names and addresses of experts specialized in international trade, financing for development and trade negotiations in order to establish a database of experts in ESCWA member countries and facilitate the exchange of expertise;
 - (c) Member countries should support the efforts of ESCWA to liberalize foreign trade and finance development, and should cooperate with ESCWA in realizing those goals, particularly by providing extrabudgetary funding for some of the activities which concern them;
 - (d) The ESCWA secretariat should consider the legislative developments related to foreign trade and financing for development;
 - (e) The ESCWA web site should be regularly consulted, especially the web page that covers trade and WTO issues. The quarterly bulletin on trade issues published by the Trade and WTO Issues Team should be regularly monitored in order to provide ESCWA with an array of views and articles which may enrich both the web page and the bulletin, create a forum for the exchange of ideas, promote discussion of global and regional trade issues and reflect the various needs and aspirations of member countries.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ESCWA

6. The following recommendations were made to ESCWA:
 - (a) The secretariat should take the measures necessary to amend the current name of the Committee to "the Technical Committee on Liberalizing Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization, and Financing for Development in the Countries of the ESCWA Region". The Committee should convene once every two years and should hold two separate expert group meetings during the period between each Committee

session, one of which should be dedicated to trade issues and the other to regional integration and financing for development without, however, incurring any additional costs;

(b) The activities and services in the ESCWA draft programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009 in the fields of the liberalization of foreign trade, economic globalization and financing for development, which are set out as part of subprogramme 3, Development Management and Economic Integration, in document E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/6, should be approved;

(c) Regular meetings of member countries should continue to be held with the aim of forging a consensus on developments in trade negotiations at the regional and multilateral levels;

(d) The scope of the advisory services mentioned in the draft programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009 should be broadened to include regional and bilateral trade agreements and an evaluation of their impact on the various economic sectors of the ESCWA member countries, as financial resources may permit;

(e) Preparations for the second meeting on financing for development in Doha during June 2008 should be made, and the need for member countries to maintain a unified stance during that meeting should be reaffirmed;

(f) ESCWA should follow up on the work of the national committees for trade facilitation which have already been established in certain countries, and on the completion of the establishment of such committees in the remaining countries, in order to form an integrated network to aid in the facilitation of trade;

(g) An expert group meeting on Arab export competitiveness should be convened, with Arab countries presenting case studies. Consideration should be given to funding for that activity from ESCWA and member countries;

(h) The single window initiative should be set up and implemented in several of the countries in the region. Member countries hosting such initiatives should be encouraged to participate in their implementation;

(i) The issue of trade in services should be incorporated into member countries' future programmes of work, especially issues related to, inter alia, the tourism, communications and financial services sectors;

(j) Attention should be given to tax issues, reforming the tax system and assisting member countries in negotiating agreements on preventing double taxation in future programmes of work, as financial resources permit.

II. ISSUES CONSIDERED

A. REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN IN THE FIELD OF LIBERALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION SINCE THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 5)

7. The Committee considered this item on the basis of a three-part document, as set forth below:

1. *Follow-up to implementation of the recommendations of the fourth session of the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the Countries of the ESCWA Region*

8. The Committee examined this part on the basis of document E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/3(Part I), which reviews the activities undertaken by ESCWA pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee at its

fourth session, some of which were made to the Governments of member countries, while others were made to the ESCWA secretariat. The Committee took note of the procedures adopted pursuant to those recommendations. It called on member countries to ensure that the necessary mechanisms were in place for participating in Committee sessions and that there is continual diplomatic communication between ESCWA and member countries on issues of trade and financing for development. The feasibility of designating focal points to follow up on the results of the Committee sessions was considered.

*2. Progress achieved between the fourth and fifth sessions of the Committee
in implementing activities related to liberalizing foreign trade
and economic globalization*

9. The Committee considered this part on the basis of document E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/3(Part II). The Committee took note of the activities implemented during the biennium March 2005 - April 2007. That period was divided into four major phases: preparing the study; preparing the Arab countries for the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference; implementing the interregional partnership for promoting trade as an engine for growth through knowledge management and information and communication technologies (ICTs); and providing technical assistance to member and other Arab countries and helping to build their capacities. The Committee noted the roles of ESCWA in apprising member countries of the latest international trade developments, especially issues regarding WTO and the WTO negotiations. The Committee also emphasized the important role played by ESCWA in convening a preparatory ministerial meeting before the WTO Ministerial Conference and a preparatory expert group meeting before the other two official meetings, in order to enable member countries to consolidate their stance on relevant issues pertaining to the WTO negotiations. ESCWA has urged that this role should be continued and expanded to include non-ESCWA member Arab countries.

3. Advisory services and technical cooperation

10. The Committee considered this part on the basis of document E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/3(Part III), which reviews the training programmes and advisory services undertaken at the request of member country Government parties in 2005-2006. The Committee also noted procedural steps for requesting consultation and technical assistance from ESCWA.

**B. PROGRESS MADE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
OF THE DOHA DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
(Agenda item 6)**

11. The Committee considered this item on the basis of document E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/4, which reviews developments in WTO negotiations and the most important outcomes of WTO ministerial conferences, beginning with the Fourth Ministerial Conference in Doha in 2001 up to and after the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong, China in December 2005.

12. The Committee also reviewed the challenges and risks that Arab countries will face in the near future. The Committee called upon the Arab States to actively participate in negotiations and consolidate their negotiating stances in such a manner as would serve their interests and aspirations for growth and development. The ESCWA secretariat recommended that its role in keeping member countries and other Arab States apprised of the latest developments should continue. It also called for studies to be carried out and for meetings to be held in order to achieve the following: prompt Arab countries to greater participation in the multilateral trade system negotiations; raise the level of coordination between the Arab States; and help train negotiators and the private sector in issues pertinent to the negotiations. The Committee was also of the opinion that, with regard to the breakdown of the Doha Round, Arab countries should take the opportunity to reconsider their positions and modify their stances on their schedule of obligations. The Committee called on ESCWA to assume an active role in that regard whenever feasible, especially by helping member countries to review pertinent trade policies and their impact on trade performance, economic performance, growth and development.

C. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE OPTIONS IN LIGHT OF
THE WTO BREAKDOWN
(Agenda Item 7)

13. As part of the work of the session, a round table discussion was held on possible options in light of the breakdown of WTO negotiations. Current trends towards regional and bilateral agreements and their impact and South-South trade were discussed.

14. The round table discussion attempted to clarify the positions of member countries on the stalled negotiations, possible options, and whether the trend towards bilateral and regional agreements represented a viable alternative to the multilateral trade system. The Committee considered the implications of member countries accelerating their incorporation into the bilateral and regional arrangements despite already being party to the multilateral trade system. The Committee also considered whether such regional and bilateral arrangements would be at odds with or support the multilateral trade system.

15. Similarly, the Committee considered the possibility of certain arrangements being made by countries in the South with a view to improving both terms of trade and the negotiating position of developing vis-à-vis developed countries.

16. The Committee was of the view that all of those issues should be laid before the ESCWA member countries. It is essential for developing countries in general, and Arab countries in particular, to be prepared to deal with fast-paced developments, be fully aware of all possible options, focus on their strengths and benefit fully from incorporation into any multilateral, regional or bilateral arrangement, while objectively evaluating the advantages and disadvantages arising from such incorporation.

17. The Committee called on Arab countries in general, and ESCWA member countries in particular, to devote attention to the issue of bilateral and regional agreements, and seriously reflect on the ramifications of such before becoming involved in trade negotiations, particularly in the case of agreements that have already been or are about to be concluded with developed countries. The Committee also called upon countries to review their established schedule of obligations and their implications for trade opportunities and economic growth and development.

18. The Committee called upon ESCWA to actively participate in that regard whenever feasible and to provide technical advice for member countries which want to study the implications of bilateral and regional agreements on their economic performance.

19. The Committee similarly called on ESCWA to devote attention to the issue of competitiveness and include that issue in its work programme in coming years. The Committee noted that ESCWA had conducted a study on the movement of natural persons in addition to convening a meeting on that subject. The Committee welcomed the willingness demonstrated by the representative of the Arab Labour Organization (ALO) to assist ESCWA in those two activities.

20. The Committee emphasized the importance of encouraging countries with similar growth levels to conclude and strengthen regional and bilateral trade agreements, especially between Arab countries and between Arab and other developing countries.

D. FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT: PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE MONTERREY
CONSENSUS (REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF MEMBER COUNTRIES AFTER THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT)
(Agenda item 8)

21. The Committee reviewed the progress made by member countries in implementing the Monterrey Consensus during the period 2002-2006, and took note of the outcome of the expert group meetings on the role of capital markets in the ESCWA region and the report prepared by ESCWA on FDI policies in ESCWA countries.

22. The Committee also took note of the work carried out by ESCWA related to financing for development and regional integration, including convening an expert group meeting and a workshop, and preparing relevant studies and publications.

23. The Committee similarly took note of the annual publication by the Globalization and Regional Integration Division (GRID) of *The Annual Review of Globalization and Regional Integration Developments in the Arab Countries 2006*.

24. The Committee noted the role assumed by ESCWA in providing a regional centre for discussion of the Monterrey Consensus and welcomed the wish expressed by ESCWA to convene a second international conference on financing for development in Doha in 2008, to be preceded by a preparatory expert group meeting.

E. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2008-2009 IN THE FIELD OF
LIBERALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE, ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION
AND FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
(Agenda item 9)

25. The Committee discussed the programme of work proposed by the ESCWA secretariat for the biennium 2008-2009 in the field of the liberalization of foreign trade, economic globalization and financing for development, and made some observations and recommendations. The Committee took those observations into consideration when making the recommendations to ESCWA and member country Governments that are set out in the first part of this report.

F. DATE AND VENUE OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE
(Agenda item 10)

26. It was agreed that the sixth session of the Committee should be held in Beirut in March 2009, provided that no member country asks to be allowed to host the session.

G. OTHER MATTERS
(Agenda item 11)

27. The Committee resolved to change the name of the Committee from “The Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the Countries of the ESCWA Region” to “The Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing Development in Countries of the ESCWA Region”. That change shall take effect at the sixth session in 2009.

28. In order to promote greater communication between ESCWA and its member countries, the Committee resolved to convene two separate expert group meetings in the period between the sessions of the Committee without, however, incurring additional financial costs. One of those expert group meetings will consider foreign trade issues, while the other will consider regional integration and financing for development-related issues.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON
LIBERALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC
GLOBALIZATION IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE ESCWA
REGION ON ITS FIFTH SESSION**
(Agenda item 12)

29. The Committee adopted the report on its fifth session, available in document E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/7, with the provision that the agreed amendments should be incorporated and that the report should be formally edited.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. DATE AND VENUE OF THE SESSION

30. The Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the Countries of the ESCWA Region held its fifth session at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut from 24 to 26 April 2007.

B. OPENING

31. Mr. Nazem Abdalla, Chief of GRID, opened the session of the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the Countries of the ESCWA Region with a warm welcome to the participants. Mr. Abdalla noted the importance of the session, being the first to include the two GRID teams, namely, the Trade and WTO Issues Team and the Regional Integration and Financing for Development Team. As a result of that inclusion, issues related to both teams have been raised. Mr. Abdalla expressed the desire to conduct a comprehensive discussion on issues relating to the liberalization of foreign trade and financing for development. Those issues concern countries in the ESCWA region and have been included on the session agenda. Mr. Abdalla further noted that the ESCWA secretariat had prepared all the documents to be reviewed by the Committee.

32. Mr. Malek Assi, Director of the Foreign Trade Division in the Lebanese Ministry of Economy and Trade, and Chairman of the fourth session of the Technical Committee, made a statement in which he welcomed the participating delegations. Mr. Assi noted the outcome of the previous session and the cooperation demonstrated by ESCWA and its member countries in following up implementation of its recommendations.

33. Ms. Anhar Hijazi, Officer-In-Charge of ESCWA, made a statement in which she welcomed participants. She noted that the Committee had been established in order to determine the priorities of member countries with respect to multilateral trade agreements and relevant negotiations. It also had a mandate to monitor trade-related developments throughout the world, in order to enable member countries to derive the appropriate lessons from those developments, coordinate their negotiating positions, and develop their capacities to cope with the changes around them. Member countries could accomplish that by establishing and implementing programmes in cooperation with relevant Arab and international organizations.

34. Ms. Hijazi said that the fifth session of the Committee was distinguished by the inclusion in the agenda for the first time of the issues of the Monterrey Consensus and financing for development. That inclusion was in response to a previous Committee recommendation.

35. Ms. Hijazi expressed the hope that the meetings of the Committee would establish orientations for work and define priorities for the programmes and needs of the countries in the ESCWA region with regard to foreign trade and financing for development. She also touched upon topics covered in the agenda, which include a wide array of important and controversial issues.

36. Ms. Hijazi said that globalization poses new, fast-paced challenges for every country in the world and, in particular, developing countries, which must deal with those new developments while simultaneously pursuing their paths to development. Ms. Hijazi emphasized how, in that framework, ESCWA has been following the latest regional and global developments, especially with regard to trade negotiations and the Monterrey Consensus, and has been studying their impact on and ramifications for member countries. She also emphasized how ESCWA has contributed to setting forth alternative plans for dealing with such developments, and stressed the importance of developing countries in general, and Arab countries in particular, being completely ready to deal with fast-paced developments in global trade and financing for development.

37. Ms. Hijazi wished the Committee every success, and called upon participants to raise the ideas and programmes which they would like ESCWA to carry out in the forthcoming two years, thereby permitting ESCWA to respond to the needs of the countries in the region, facilitate their incorporation into the global system and help bring stability to their societies.

38. At the end of her statement, Ms. Hijazi thanked the Lebanese delegate, the representative of the Chairman of the previous session of the Committee for heading the Committee at its fourth session and honouring it with his attendance. Ms. Hijazi also thanked all the participants and everyone who had contributed to making the meeting possible.

C. PARTICIPANTS

39. Representatives from the following nine member countries of ESCWA attended the session: Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

40. Representatives of regional and international organizations also attended the session. In particular, representatives of the League of Arab States, ALO and the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Arab Countries.

41. Representatives of some United Nations agencies also attended the session, notably a representative from the Food and Agricultural Organization. The list of session participants is included in annex I of this report.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

42. Pursuant to Rule 18 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of ESCWA, “member countries shall assume the chairmanship of the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations”. Ms. Shaima Siraj al-Din Anwar, from Egypt, assumed chairmanship of the Commission (in place of Mr. Abdurrahman Fawzi, head of the Trade Agreements Sector in the Ministry of Trade and Industry); Mr. Fahd bin Yusuf al-Shimry of Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Kazim al-Arid of Bahrain, were elected Vice-Chairmen; and Mr. Muhammad al-Humuri of Jordan was elected Rapporteur.

E. AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

43. At its first meeting, the Technical Committee adopted the agenda of its fifth session as set forth below and in E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/L.1:

1. Opening of the fifth session of the Committee.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
4. Proposed organization of work.
5. Review of action taken in the field of liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization since the fourth session of the Committee:
 - (a) Follow-up of implementation of the recommendations made by the fourth session of the Committee;

- (b) The progress made in implementing liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization-related activities since the fourth session of the Committee;
 - (c) Consultancy services and technical cooperation.
6. The progress made in the multilateral trade negotiations over the Doha Development Agenda.
 7. Round table on options in the light of the breakdown in WTO negotiations:
 - (a) Current trends toward bilateral and regional agreements and their impact;
 - (b) South-South trade.
 8. Financing for development: progress made in respect of the Monterrey Consensus:
 - (a) Capital markets in the ESCWA region;
 - (b) Foreign direct investment in the ESCWA region.
 9. Draft programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009 in liberalization of foreign trade, economic globalization and financing for development.
 10. Date and venue of the sixth session of the Committee.
 11. Other matters.
 12. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifth session.
44. Under “Other matters”, the Committee approved the inclusion of the issue of renaming the Technical Committee, in order to reflect the incorporation of financing for development into its agenda.
45. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the proposed organization of work submitted to it in document E/ESCWA/GRID/2007/IG.2/L.2.

F. DOCUMENTS

46. Annex II of this report comprises a list of the documents submitted to the Technical Committee at its fifth session.

Annex I

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Annex II

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