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the right to development
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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Prepared by the Secretariat

The present annotations have been prepared by the Secretariat in the light of the comments and suggestions made by the Working Group on the Right to Development at its sixth session. The topics for discussion at the segments of the second meeting of the high-level task force were selected in view of their “potential to add value from the perspective of the right to development” (E/CN.4/2005/25, para. 18).

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

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1. The second meeting of the high-level task force on the right to development will be opened by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative.

Item 2. Election of the Chairperson

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2. The meeting will elect a chairperson, who will be responsible for managing the discussions, for the finalization of the report and for the presentation of the report to the Working Group on the Right to Development at its seventh session.

Item 3. Adoption of the approach to addressing the mandate, timetable and programme of work

3. The Chairperson will present a timetable and programme of work. There will be an opportunity for statements by, inter alia, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development and representatives of international and regional institutions and organizations. In accordance with the task force's programme of work, four segments will be held during which presentations will be made by members of the task force and invitees. Representatives of international and regional institutions and organizations and of Member States will be invited to intervene. At the end of each session, there will be an interactive dialogue with the observers.

Item 4. The right to development and practice strategies for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly Goal 8

4. The first segment, on "Global partnerships: evolution and recent developments", will be of a general and introductory nature. A preliminary concept note (E/CN.4/2005/WG.18/TF/2) on this item has been prepared by the Secretariat. The segment will address recent key events relating to aid, trade and debt that may have an impact on partnerships for development, such as the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the status of the negotiations of the Doha Round, and the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative, and what these events bring to the notion of partnership from the perspective of the right to development. Two members of the task force will lead the discussions in this session.
5. The second segment of the meeting, entitled "Existing partnerships for development and mutual commitment: regional and national perspectives", will be more concrete and operational in its structure. The segment will help the task force to benefit from the experiences of major players at the regional and national levels: international institutions, donor countries and partner developing countries. The segment session will be divided into two parts, a regional and a national part. Each part will provide at least two practical examples of existing development partnership agreements, enabling the task force to analyse their features and effectiveness in order to draw lessons for future partnership frameworks to contribute to the implementation of the right to development. Two members of the task force will be lead the discussions.

6. A background paper entitled “The right to development and national strategies for the implementation of Millennium Development Goal 8” (E/CN.4/2005/WG.18/TF/CRP.1) has been prepared on this item and will guide the deliberations of the task force on the issue. The background paper analyses national strategies on the implementation of Goal 8 on the basis of the country reports of both donor and partner developing countries and proposes recommendations on how these strategies can contribute to and benefit from a right to development framework.

Item 5. Criteria for the evaluation of Millennium Development Goal 8

7. The third segment of the meeting will focus on this item with the aim in particular of improving the effectiveness of global partnerships for the realization of the right to development. The task force will examine the kind of criteria that are relevant for assessing progress towards this goal from the perspective of the right to development and the scope for considering additional indicators to supplement the existing list of indicators for periodic evaluation of Goal 8. This segment will also consider the question of how the international development, trade and financial institutions can contribute to the assessment framework for the implementation of Goal 8 from the perspective of the right to development.

8. A background paper entitled “Millennium Development Goal 8: criteria for its evaluation” (E/CN.4/2005/WG.18/TF/CRP.2) has been prepared on this item and will guide the discussions of the task force. The paper analyses the existing framework of targets and indicators of Goal 8, assessing their suitability and efficacy in providing operative criteria for undertaking periodic assessments of progress in implementing the goal from the perspective of the right to development and suggesting additional criteria.

9. The fourth and final segment will be prospective in its approach, focusing on the right to development and its added value to global partnerships. This segment will allow the task force members and representatives of institutions to share their views on the way forward in furthering the implementation of the right to development.

10. The task force is guided in its deliberations by submissions from various actors - States, experts, non-governmental organizations - which provide factual information and analytical perspectives on the various topics within the task force’s mandate. These can be found on the OHCHR web page <http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/development/taskforce.htm>.

Item 6. Adoption of the report, including conclusions and recommendations

10. The task force will adopt, in a private meeting, conclusions and recommendations and finalize its report to the Working Group on the Right to Development at its seventh session, in accordance with the terms of reference set forth by the Working Group at its fifth session (see E/CN.4/2004/23).
