Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

First Meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group
 on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation

Bangkok, 1-3 April 2015

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the First Meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

I.   Provisional agenda

1.   Opening of the Meeting:

  (a)   Opening address;

  (b)   Election of officers;

  (c)   Adoption of the agenda.

2.   Update on the implementation of Commission resolutions 68/3 and 70/6.

3.   Discussion on operation of the Steering Group.

4.   Improvement of the draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade.

5.   Preparation of a draft road map for the implementation of substantive provisions in the draft text of the regional arrangement.

6.   Other matters.

7.   Adoption of the report of the Meeting.

II.   Annotations

1.   Opening of the Meeting

(a)   Opening address

A senior official from the secretariat will open the Meeting and deliver an opening statement.

(b)   **Election of officers**

>   The Meeting will elect a chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

(c)   **Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(1)/L.1)

Annotation

>   The annotated provisional agenda will be adopted, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2.   **Update on the implementation of Commission resolutions 68/3 and 70/6**

Documentation

Update on the implementation of Commission resolutions 68/3 and 70/6 (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(1)/1)

Annotation

>   The document contains a brief description of the background to Commission resolutions 68/3 and 70/6. It also provides an overview of the progress achieved so far in developing the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade.

3.   **Discussion on operation of the Steering Group**

>   The Meeting will discuss, on the basis of the Terms of Reference of the Steering Group, how the Steering Group can operate most effectively in carrying out its mandated tasks, including how to establish subgroups on specifics tasks or issues.

4.   **Improvement of the draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade**

Documentation

Draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(1)/WP.1)

Annotation

>   The Meeting will consider the current draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade, including submissions on improvement from the members. In addition, during the Meeting, an expert panel will discuss key provisions, including general principles.

5. **Preparation of a draft road map for the implementation of substantive provisions in the draft text of the regional arrangement**

   Documentation

   Preparation of a draft road map for the implementation of substantive provisions in the draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(1)/2)

   Annotation

   The Meeting will discuss how to prepare a draft road map for the implementation of substantive provisions in the draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade.

6. **Other matters**

   Under this agenda item, the Meeting may wish to consider other matters.

7. **Adoption of the report of the Meeting**

   Documentation

   Draft report (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(1)/L.2)

   Annotation

   The Meeting will consider the draft report for adoption.

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