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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

**Standing Committee of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement
Forty-third Session**

**26-27 May 2014
Vientiane, Lao PDR**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The Secretariat delivers opening remarks.

2. Election of officers

The Standing Committee is invited to elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson for the 43rd session.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Standing Committee is invited to adopt the agenda.

4. Accession of Mongolia to APTA

At the 42nd Standing Committee, the Standing Committee reached consensus and made a decision for Mongolia to become the seventh Participating State of APTA. The final offer list of Mongolia (HS 2012) is attached. Mongolia may like to brief the Standing Committee on steps taken for the ratification of accession.

5. Supplementary criteria for Rules of Origin

The Standing Committee is invited to continue finalizing the negotiations on Rules of Origin and finalize the draft Protocol for the signature the Ministerial Council. The Standing Committee may also decide on the date for the implementation of the supplementary criteria.

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6. The Fourth Round of Tariff Concession Negotiations

The Standing Committee is invited to confirm the wording on draft legal instrument to conclude the Fourth Round of tariff concessions and recommend to the Ministerial Council, as well as to discuss the date for its implementation.

7. Finalization of the draft Ministerial Declaration and preparation for the 4th session of the Ministerial Council

The Standing committee is invited to confirm the final wording of the Ministerial Declaration and discuss any other matters relating to the conduct of the 4th session of the Ministerial Council.

8. Date and venue for the upcoming sessions of the Standing Committee and the 4th Ministerial Council session and subsequent Standing Committee Meetings

The 4th Ministerial Council will be preceded by the 44th session of the Standing Committee; therefore, the Standing Committee is invited to decide on the date and venue for the 44th session of the Standing Committee as well as the date for the 4th Ministerial Council session.

After the Ministerial Council session, the negotiations in Trade Facilitation, Investment, and Trade in Services may begin in 2014 for which adequate preparations, identification/finalization of focal points for Working Groups would be required. In view of smooth functioning, the Secretariat proposes that the Standing Committee discusses the plan for 2014. In this regard, the following dates are proposed for consideration of the Standing Committee.

List of Meetings	Proposed period & Venue
The 44 th Standing Committee of APTA	July 2014, Bangkok
The 45 th Standing Committee of APTA	September 2014, India
The 46 th Standing Committee of APTA	December 2014, Bangkok

9. Other matters

The Participating States may also discuss any other issues not covered under the specific agenda items.

10. Adoption of the report

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