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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

**Standing Committee of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement
Forty-fifth session**

**10, 13-14 November 2014
New Delhi, India**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The Secretariat delivers an opening statement.

2. Election of officers

The Standing Committee is invited to elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson for the 45th session.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Standing Committee is invited to adopt the agenda.

4. Finalization of the draft Ministerial Declaration and preparations for the 4th session of the APTA Ministerial Council

The Standing committee is to discuss and finalize the draft Ministerial Declaration. The Standing Committee may also discuss any other matter relating to the conduct of the 4th session of the Ministerial Council, including the launch of NTB, RoO and the 4th round concessions database on the new web site of APTA.

5. The Protocol to amend Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement: Second Amendment

The Standing Committee is invited to continue discussions and finalize the Second amendment to APTA, which will be in the form of a Protocol to amend the Agreement.

6. Signing procedure for the National List of Concessions

The Standing Committee is invited to discuss and finalize the national list of concession. Each Participating State may check its list and put their initials on each page of the national list of concessions so that they can be annexed to the Protocol.

7. Date and venue for the 46th session of the Standing Committee and the 4th session of the APTA Ministerial Council

The 4th Ministerial Council Meeting will be preceded by the 46th session of the Standing Committee; therefore, the Standing Committee is invited to confirm on the exact date and the venue for the 46th session of the Standing Committee as well as for the 4th Ministerial Council session, tentatively scheduled for mid-January 2015.

8. Other matters

The Standing Committee may discuss any other issues not covered under the specific agenda items.

9. Adoption of the report

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