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Item 4 of the provisional agenda\*

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

## Update on progress status for tasks of the Technical Working Group

The Technical Working Group during the third meeting of the Legal and Technical Working Group made progress in delivering its tasks and updated progress status in the table in Section III of the document titled 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(2)/3), as appears below:

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>Progress Status</i>	<i>Relevant articles</i>
Template for designing a good national policy framework	The Technical Working Group is in the process of collecting examples and designing an initial template.	Article 6
List of relevant international legal frameworks and best practices	Work to be initiated by the Legal Working Group.	Article 6
A technical guide on: (1) How to develop or upgrade paperless trade systems consistently with the general principles (2) Facilitating concurrent implementation of national and cross-border paperless trade systems  Annex: Different implementation options/mechanisms for paperless trade systems in an interoperable manner	A background study has been completed. The Technical Working Group is in the process of collecting comments to develop the guides.	Articles 7 and 14
Criteria for satisfying the requirements to offer a substantially equivalent level of reliability	Work initiated with initial contribution from the Technical Working Group members	Article 8
Model memorandum of understanding and service-level agreement for mutual recognition of exchange of trade-related data	Work initiated. The Technical Working Group is in the process of collecting sample memoranda and agreements.	Article 8

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in electronic form		
International standards implementation Framework	A draft has been prepared and is under further revision by the Technical Working Group.	Article 9
Guide on how to engage in a cross-border exchange of trade-related data and documents in electronic form consistent with regional and international laws and regulations and best practices	Work to be initiated by the Legal Working Group.	Article 10
List of relevant provisions of international law, regional and international regulations, and best practices	Work to be initiated by the Legal Working Group.	Article 10
Guide on how to establish an adequate legal liability framework	The Task is to be cancelled in accordance with a decision to delete provision on legal liability framework.	
Legal readiness checklist	The Legal Working Group conducted a preliminary legal gap analysis among interested members based on an existing checklist featured in the UNNEX <sup>T</sup> <sup>a</sup> <i>Electronic Single Window Legal Issues: A Capacity-Building Guide</i> . <sup>b</sup> Work to be continued by the Legal Working Group.	Article 13
Technical gap checklist	A draft is ready and in the process of further improvement by the Technical Working Group.	Article 13
Cross-border paperless trade reference map and list of prioritized cross-border paperless trade processes, documents and data for pilot projects	The Technical Working Group is in the process of improving the draft.	Article 14
Introduction of a framework for a mutual recognition programme for identifying economic operators, beyond authorized economic operators	Pending. The Technical Working Group has yet to develop a concept note before including it as a new task.	Article 14
Plan for developing technical and legal guides to be used for pilot projects	Discussion was initiated by the Technical Working Group.	Article 14
Strategy and guidance on how to transition pilot projects into live projects	Discussion was initiated by the Technical Working Group.	Article 14
Template for reporting the progress of pilot projects, registry for pilot projects, database for collection of best practices, experiences and lessons learned (including criteria for self-assessment)	The Technical Working Group is in the process of collecting examples for benchmarking.	Article 14
Model memorandums of understanding/ agreements for arranging bilateral/multilateral exchanges of cross-border paperless data	Work to be initiated by the Legal Working Group.	Article 14

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Capacity-building support document on: (1) Options and mechanisms for capacity-building, including a customization strategy for national, subregional and regional levels (2) Guide on how to make a request for technical support and assistance and how to provide technical support and assistance (3) Plan for engaging development partners	The Technical Working Group started discussion and is in the process of collecting comments from the members.	Article 15

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