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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Second 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. Report on progress made by the Legal and Technical Working Groups in their mandated tasks.
3. Improvement of the draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade.
4. Preparation of a draft road map for the implementation of substantive provisions in the draft text of the regional arrangement.
5. Discussion on future operation of the Steering Group.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the Meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Opening address

The Chair of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation and a senior official from the secretariat will open the Meeting and deliver opening statements.

(b) Election of officers

The Meeting will elect vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(2)/L.1)

Annotation

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

2. Report on progress made by the Legal and Technical Working Groups in their mandated tasks

Documentation

Report on progress made by the Legal and Technical Working Groups in their mandated tasks (E/ESCAP/PTA/IISG(2)/1)

Annotation

The document contains details of the progress made so far by the Legal and Technical Working Groups in their mandated tasks of improving the draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade and preparing a draft road map for the implementation of substantive provisions therein.

3. 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(2)/2)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider the current draft text of the regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade – which has been prepared by the Legal and Technical Working Groups through negotiations up until their third meeting from 21 to 23 March 2016 – for further improvement and possible finalization as an intergovernmental agreement.

4. 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(2)/3)

Annotation

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

5. Discussion on future operation of the Steering Group

In light of the progress already made on its mandated tasks, the Meeting will discuss the next steps and future work direction of the Steering Group, including its Legal and Technical Working Groups.

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(2)/L.2)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider the draft report for adoption.
