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II. Annotations

Item 1

Election of officers

1. In accordance with established practice, it is suggested that the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development may wish to adopt the provisional agenda reproduced in chapter I above.
3. It is proposed that the opening plenary meeting of the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, which will start at 10 a.m. (Central European Time) on Monday, 1 December 2025, will be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and opening statements. The closing plenary meeting, which will start



at 3 p.m. (Central European Time) on Wednesday, 3 December 2025, will consider the adoption of the report of the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development to the Trade and Development Board, including agreed policy recommendations and the provisional agenda of its tenth session (agenda items 4 and 5), to be held in the final quarter of 2026, as stipulated in the original terms of reference for the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (TD/B(S-XXXI)/2, annex IV, II.6) and the revised terms of reference (TD/B/EX(71)/3, annex V). The remaining meetings will be dedicated to substantive discussions of issues under agenda item 3.

Documentation

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Item 3

Advancing the Sevilla Commitment towards a shared framework: Enhancing responsibility, capacity and scalability

4. Through a silence procedure of the Trade and Development Board that ended on 7 August 2025, member States decided that the topic of the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development, should be “Advancing the Sevilla Commitment towards a shared framework: Enhancing responsibility, capacity and scalability”.¹ The session will be held in Geneva, from 1 to 3 December 2025.

5. The Sevilla Commitment is the outcome document of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, held from 30 June to 3 July 2025, in Seville, Spain (see A/RES/79/323, annex). This Commitment establishes a renewed global financing for development framework to expand access to and unlock additional and innovative financial resources, and support reforms to the international financial architecture to close the development finance gap within the nine action areas of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

6. The guiding questions for the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts are as follows:

(a) What is required to create effective, replicable and scalable blended finance structures and instruments, based on different country contexts, lessons learned, best practices and existing efforts towards harmonization, as appropriate, as highlighted in paragraph 33 (i) of the Sevilla Commitment?

(b) What are the next steps to take to support the development of trade-related physical and digital infrastructure, statistical systems and connectivity to ease trade bottlenecks and support trade facilitation and connectivity, in particular for landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, as called for in paragraph 44 (a) of the Sevilla Commitment?

(c) What capacities do developing countries, particularly in Africa, need to engage more effectively with financial market actors, including credit rating agencies, as requested in paragraph 51 (c) of the Sevilla Commitment?

7. The three guiding questions fall, respectively, under the following action areas in chapter II of the Sevilla Commitment: domestic and international private business and finance (section B), international trade as an engine for development (section D) and debt and debt sustainability (section E).

8. At the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development, participants will address the three guiding questions, examining policy initiatives to create effective, replicable and scalable blended finance structures and instruments, support the development of trade-related physical and digital infrastructure, statistical systems and connectivity, and enhance the capacities of developing countries,

¹ Documented in TD/B(S-XXXVI)/2, report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-sixth session.

particularly in Africa, to engage more effectively with financial market actors, including credit rating agencies.

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Item 4

Provisional agenda of the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development

9. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development, acting in its capacity as the preparatory body for the tenth session, is expected to agree on the provisional agenda for its next session, the substantive item of which should come out of discussions under item 3.

Item 5

Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development on its ninth session

10. Under the authority of the Chair of the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development, a report of the meeting will be produced and submitted to the Trade and Development Board. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts may wish to authorize the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur to finalize the report after the conclusion of its ninth session.

Experts are requested to submit written contributions related to agenda item 3 to the UNCTAD secretariat as soon as possible.

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