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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda will be proposed for adoption of the CPDG.

2. CONVENOR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Convenor will report on developments since the last CPDG meeting in May 2002, in Mérida, México.

3. ISSUES RELATED TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LEADERS, MINISTERS AND SOM

The Convenor will report on the guidelines for the 2003 work program received from Leaders, Ministers and the SOM.

a) Strengthening of Multilateral Trading System

To improve WTO consistency and coherence with other institutions, aimed at enhancing the multilateral trading system.

b) APEC Transparency Standards

To discuss possible Confidence Building Activities and Transparency Principles to be undertaken by the CPDG. Economies are expected to propose activities that will result in enhancing trade and investment.

c) Individual Action Plans

To continue improving IAPs making them business-friendly and discuss the implementation of a template or modification of the e-IAP template, in order to include:

- i) Regional and bilateral agreements regarding competition.
- ii) Corporate governance measures
- iii) Website links and contact details.

d) Collective Action Plans

Review and report progress on implementing CAPs

e) Strengthening functioning of markets

To discuss the relationship between Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure and competition policies.

f) Structural reform.

Discuss the role of competition in structural reform initiatives and to promote dialogue in this area. Economies are expected to share experiences and propose initiatives related to this topic.

4. REPORT ON PROJECTS RELATED TO COMPETITION OR DEREGULATION

- APEC/OECD Cooperative Initiative on Regulatory Reform (CTI08/2002T) Report on the Third Workshop held in Jeju, Korea (Peru).
- APEC/OECD Cooperative Initiative on Regulatory Reform (CTI18/2003T) Report on the second phase of the Initiative (Mexico).
- Training program to Promote Economic Competition in APEC economies (CTI23/2002T) Report on the first and second components related to electricity and transportation sectors in Mexico. Report on the developments of the third and fourth components regarding financial services and telecommunications (Mexico).
- Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure (Australia, Indonesia and Japan)
- APEC Training Program on Competition Policy (CTI133/2002T) Update on the steps for the implementation of the project (Japan, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam)
- Summary Report of Updated Competition Policy and Law Database (Chinese Taipei).

5. TILF ISSUES: PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS FOR CPDG APPROVAL

Member economies are invited to present projects to be implemented in 2004, seeking TILF funds.

6. RESEARCH, ANALYSIS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS DEVELOPED BY MEMBER ECONOMIES

Member economies are invited to analysis, studies, lectures or other activities, considered to enrich the knowledge and ideas exchange amongst members.

7. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Convenor will provide concluding remarks.