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Draft annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

The session will include three opening statements by representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Union Commission and the host Government. The outgoing Chair from the eighth session will preside over this session.

2. Election of the Bureau

The Committee will elect its Bureau in the light of prior consultations with member States by the ECA Secretary to the Commission. The Bureau will comprise four members – one Chair, two Vice-Chairs and one Rapporteur. After making a few brief remarks, the incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings.

3. Consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The Committee will consider and adopt the provisional agenda and programme of work.

4. Progress in the implementation of the regional integration and trade programme

The Secretariat will present reports on a number of issues and developments in the area of trade and regional integration in Africa. In this context, the following reports and publications will be presented: “Assessing Regional Integration in Africa”; “Africa Regional Integration Index”; “International and Intra-African Trade”; “Development in Land Policy Formulation and Implementation in Africa”; “Status of Food Security in Africa”; “Development and Promotion of Regional Strategic Food and Agricultural Commodities Value Chains in Africa”; “Review of Investment Policies and Bilateral Investment Treaties Landscape in Africa: Implications for Regional Integration”; and “Infrastructure Development in Africa”.

5. General discussions on the theme of the ninth session, “Enhancing productive integration for Africa’s structural transformation”

This session will be introduced by the Secretariat through the presentation of the report entitled “The Review of Industrial Policies and

Strategies in Africa”. The presentation will then be followed by general discussion. Panellists from member States, regional economic communities and the African Union Commission will lead the discussion.

6. Review of the 2014–2015 Work Programme of the Regional Integration and Trade Division

In this session, the Director for the Division will make a presentation on the subject, followed by discussion on the priorities for the next biennium 2016–2017.

7. Side event

This side event is organized by the African Trade Policy Centre and focuses on the upcoming flagship report *Assessing Regional Integration in Africa* and the Africa Regional Integration Index, which assesses regional integration efforts at the national and regional levels.

8. Adoption of the report of the ninth session

The Committee will consider and adopt a draft report of its session.

9. Closing of the session

The Chair will make closing remarks.