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Working Table II: Economy
Trade Working Group

IDENTIFYING AND ELIMINATING NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE:

SECOND MEETING OF FOCAL POINTS IN SEE
Skopje, Tuesday 20 March 2007
DRAFT AGENDA

- Chair** Ms Mary O'Mahony
Senior Economic Adviser
Stability Pact – Working Table II
- 09.00** **Welcome Address**
Krum Efrenov, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Macedonia, Chair in
Office of CEFTA
- 09.10** **Introductory Remarks and Purpose of Meeting**
Ms Jan Forest
Senior Trade Advisor
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- 09.15** **Review by NTB Focal Points of Actions Taken since Bucharest Meeting**
Tour de Table followed by Discussion
- 10.15** **Overview of Draft Annual Reports**
Introductory Assessment by Dr Christian Pitschas, World Trade Institute, Geneva
- 11.00** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.20** **Finalising the Annual Reports**
Proposal on next steps to finalise annual reports and agreement on
deadline for submission; detailed discussion on areas requiring significant
improvements
Discussion/Led by Dr Per Wijkman
- 13.00** **LUNCH**



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- 14.30 Update on Progress Made in Other NTB Programmes in SEE**
TTFSE (Paul Guttink, WB Task Manager (tbc))
CLDP Customs Working Group, Zlatko Veterovski (tbc)
Chamber of Commerce of Macedonia (tbc)
UNECE Conventions (circulation of matrix on conventions to which SEE countries are parties to)
- 15.30 Appropriate Structures and Procedures for Dealing with NTBs under CEFTA 2006**
Discussion of a possible mandate of the Special Committee established under Article 13, of the need for a definition of NTBs, for the continuation of annual NTB reports and of the role of the CEFTA Secretariat in the work on NTBs
- 16.00 COFFEE BREAK**
- 16.20 Appropriate Structures and Procedures for Dealing with NTBs under CEFTA 2006**
Round Table Discussion Continued
- 17.00 Summary of Meeting and Adoption of Conclusions**
Chair