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**TECHNICAL WORKING SESSIONS ON wto accession**

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**WTO SECRETARIAT MISSION TO SOUTH SUDAN**

**Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs**

**12–14 February 2019**

**DRAFT MISSION AGENDA**

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| **Monday, 11 February 2019****Arrival of WTO Secretariat in Juba, South Sudan** |
| **Time** | **Flight** | **Hotel** | **Ministry Responsible** |
| **12:40** | **ET356** | **Pyramid Hotel in Juba**  | Ministry of Trade, Industry and EAC Affairs |

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| **Tuesday, 12 February 2019** |
| **Time** | **Meeting** | **Issues to be covered** | **Ministry(ies) Responsible**  |
| 9h00 9h30  | Meeting with Minister of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs and relevant officials | Discussion of Mission objectives and expected outcome | **Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs** |
| 9h30 10h30  | Meeting with Trade Team and National Steering Committee for the Accession Process @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs  | Presentation to be delivered by the WTO Secretariat  WTO Accession and South Sudan: Next Steps in the Accession Process Objectives:To prepare for participation in:(i) 1stWorking Party meeting on the Accession of South Sudan, scheduled on 21 March 2019; and (ii) the Trade Policy Review of the EAC countries, as an Observer, scheduled on 20 and 22 March 2019 | **WTO Secretariat** |
| 10h30 13h00  | Meeting with Trade Team and National Steering Committee for the Accession Process @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs  | Presentation to be delivered by South Sudan Government Officials and IMANIObjective:To present main highlights of:(i) South Sudan's MFTR circulated to Members on 21 December 2018; (ii) draft responses to Members' questions on the MFTR (identification of remaining gaps); and;(iii) the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP) (identification of remaining gaps). | **South Sudan to convene meeting of the WTO Accession Steering Committee** |
| 13h00 14h30  | Lunch |
| 14h30 15h30  | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Visits to the relevant government authorities to request substantive inputs to finalize responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **South Sudan to indicate name of Ministry(ies)** |
| 15h30 16h00  | Coffee Break |
| 16h00 17h30 | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Visits to the relevant government authorities to request substantive inputs to finalize responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **South Sudan to indicate name of Ministry(ies)** |
| Please note that the end of day timeline is only indicative. If necessary, the Technical Working Sessions will continue until the objectives of the day are fulfilled. |
| 18h30 | Dinner |

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| **Wednesday, 13 February 2019** |
| **Time** | **Meetings** | **Issues to be covered** | **Ministry(ies) Responsible** |
| 9h00 10h30  | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Visits to the relevant government authorities to request substantive inputs to finalize responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **South Sudan to indicate name of Ministry(ies)****responsible** |
| 10h30 13h00  | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Visits to the relevant government authorities to request substantive inputs to finalize responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **South Sudan to indicate name of Ministry(ies)****responsible** |
| 13h00 14h30  | *Lunch* |
| 14h00 15h30  | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Visits to the relevant government authorities to request substantive inputs to finalize responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs** |
| 15h3016h00 | *Coffee Break* |
| 16h0017h30 | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Visits to the relevant government authorities to request substantive inputs to finalize responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs** |
| Please note that the end of day timeline is only indicative. If necessary, the Technical Working Sessions will continue until the objectives of the day are fulfilled. |
| 18h30 | *Dinner* |

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| **Thursday, 14 February 2019** |
| **Time** | **Meetings** | **Issues to be covered** | **Ministry(ies) Responsible** |
| 9h00 10h30  | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Visits to the relevant government authorities to request substantive inputs to finalize responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and the work undertaken on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **South Sudan to indicate name of Ministry(ies)****responsible** |
| 10h30 13h00  | Technical inputs on replies to questions on MFTR and LAP @ Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Review and finalization of responses to Members' questions on the MFTR and Legislative Action Plan (LAP)  | **Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs** |
| 13h00 14h30  | *Lunch* |
| 14h00 15h00  | Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | Exit meeting with the relevant government officials from the Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs | **Ministry of Trade, Industry and East African Community (EAC) Affairs** |
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| **Thursday 14, February 2019** **Departure of WTO Secretariat from Juba, South Sudan** |
| **Time** | **Flight** | **Hotel** | **Ministry(ies) Responsible** |
| **17:20** | **ET355** | **Pyramid Hotel Juba** | Ministry of Trade, Industry and EAC Affairs |

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# ANNEX 1

Mission objectives and expected outcomes

### 1. Objectives

### To finalize South Sudan's replies to Member's questions on the MFTR circulated on 21 December 2018;

### To finalize the Legislative Action Plan (LAP);

### To prepare South Sudan's participation in:

### (i) 1st Working Party meeting on the Accession of South Sudan, scheduled on 21 March 2019; and

### (ii) the Trade Policy Review of the EAC countries, as an Observer, scheduled on 20 and 22 March 2019

### To convene the first meeting of the Steering Committee.

### 2. Expected Outcomes

### Finalization of South Sudan's responses to Members' questions on the MFTR for circulation to Members before 20 February 2019;

### Finalization of the Legislative Action Plan (LAP) for circulation to Members before 20 February 2019;

### South Sudan will be ready to participate in the 1stWorking Party meeting on the Accession of South Sudan, scheduled on 21 March 2019 as well as the Trade Policy Review of the EAC countries, as an Observer, scheduled on 20 and 22 March 2019; and,

### South Sudan will have officially convened the first meeting of the National WTO Accession Steering Committee.

### It is important for the Government of South Sudan to note that upon completion of this Mission, the responses to Members' questions on the MFTR as well as the Legislative Action Plan (LAP) will have to be ready for circulation to Members before 20 February 2019. This outcome is one of the prerequisites to convene the First Working Party Meeting scheduled on 21 March 2019.

Background Documents

WT/ACC/SSD/3 - ACCESSION OF SOUTH Sudan -MEMORANDUM ON THE FOREIGN TRAde REGIME

**WT-TPR-S-384 (EAC - Common Report) – Trade Policy Review\***

Annex 1: Burundi

Annex 2: Kenya

Annex 3: Rwanda

Annex 4: Tanzania

Annex 5: Uganda

**WT-TPR-G-384:** **One Government Report for all\***

WT/ACC/22/rev.1 - ACCESSION TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION - Procedures for Negotiations under Article XII - Note by the Secretariat[[1]](#footnote-1)

WT/ACC/22/Add.1 - ACCESSION TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION - PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATINGS UNDER ARTICLE XII -Information to be Provided on Domestic Support and Export Subsidies in Agriculture - Note by the SECRETARIAT

WT/ACC/22/Add.2 - ACCESSION TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION - PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATINGS UNDER ARTICLE XII - Templates for accession negotiatinG inputs in the areas of sps, tbt, ipRs and industrial policy, including subsidies- Note by the SECRETARIAT

a Handbook on Accession to the WTO

WT/L/508 - ACCESSION OF least developed countries - Decision of 10 December 2002

WT/L/508/Add.1 - ACCESSION OF least developed countries - Decision of 25 jULY 2002

WT/ACC/17/Rev.5 - LIST OF CURRENT ACCESSION WORKING PARTIEs

**WT/ACC/18/Rev.12** - LIST OF WTO ACCESSIONS WORKING PARTY CHAIRPERSONS

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1. This document revises WT/ACC/22 of 1 August 2014. It updates the *format* for a Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR) and the associated technical template for the Working Party Report of Accessions Working Parties. This update, specifically, adds a section on trade facilitation. The WT/ACC/22-document series updated and replaced document WT/ACC/1 of 24 March 1995. This series supplemented the original WT/ACC/1 with information taking account of the evolution of WTO rules and accession practices since 1995. Addenda 1 and 2 to this document revised, updated and replaced documents WT/ACC/4, WT/ACC/8 and WT/ACC/9.

\*The documents related to the TPR of EAC Members are scheduled for distribution to Members on 13 February 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)