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**Second Meeting of the International Task Force
on Harmonization and Equivalence in Organic Agriculture**

Room XXVI, 1st floor, *Palais des Nations*, Geneva, Switzerland, 20-21 October, 2003

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday 20 October 2003

OPENING SESSION

9.45-11.30 ***Opening of the meeting***, Mrs. Lakshmi Puri, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD

Introductory remarks, ITF Steering Committee representatives

Introduction of Participants, Tour de table

Progress report on ITF work, Nadia Scialabba, FAO

PAPER REVIEWS

11.30-12.00 ***Overview and Update on Government and Private Organic Guarantee Systems***, Ken Commins, IOAS

12.00-13.00 ***Current Mechanisms that Enable International Trade in Organic Products*** Diane Bowen, IFOAM

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-17.00 ***Existing and Potential Models and Mechanisms for Equivalency and Mutual Recognition***, David Crucefix, IOAS and Sasha Courville, Regulatory Institutions Network

17.00-18.00 ***Organic Guarantee Systems and WTO***, Christer Arvius, National Board of Trade, Sweden

Tuesday 21 October

9.45-11.00 ***Impact of Organic Guarantee Systems on Production and Trade of Organic Products***, Els Wynen, UNCTAD

CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

11.00-13.00 ***Discussion of Models and Mechanisms of Equivalence and Harmonization, continued***

13.00-14.45 Lunch

14.45-17.00 ***Follow-up***

- *Future work plan*
- *Next meeting date*
- *Other matters*

17.00 ***End of meeting***