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Note by the Executive Secretary

This item includes five documents on the following selected issues: (a) facilitation of international transport of goods in the ESCWA region; (b) strengthening expertise and networking in the field of foreign direct investment in ESCWA member countries; (c) sustainable development: the role of trade and environment; (d) information technology and development; and (e) social policy for sustainable development. These documents are as follows: E/ESCWA/21/8/Add.1; E/ESCWA/21/8/Add.2; E/ESCWA/21/8/Add.3; E/ESCWA/21/8/Add.4; and E/ESCWA/21/8/Add.5.

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