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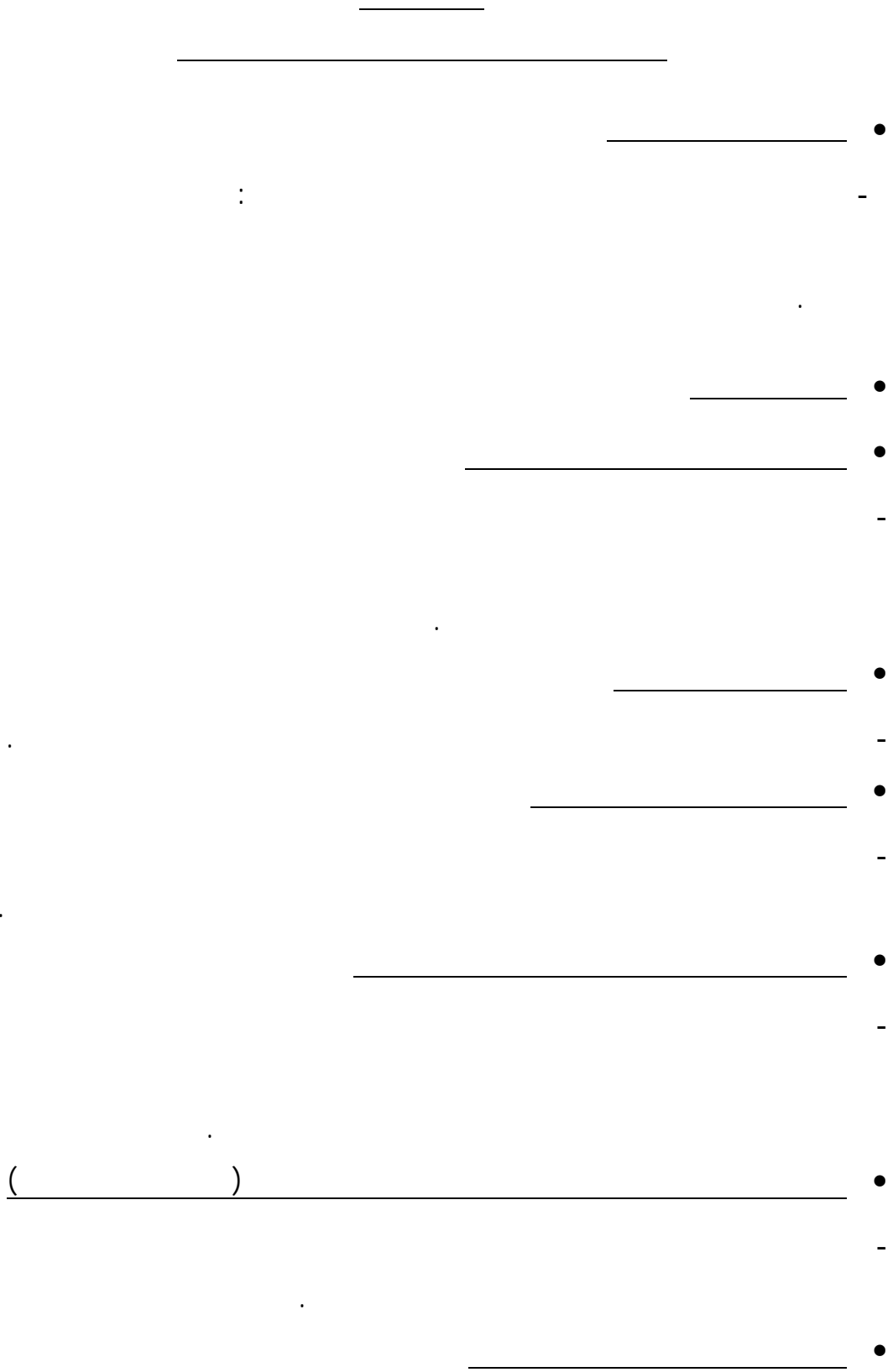
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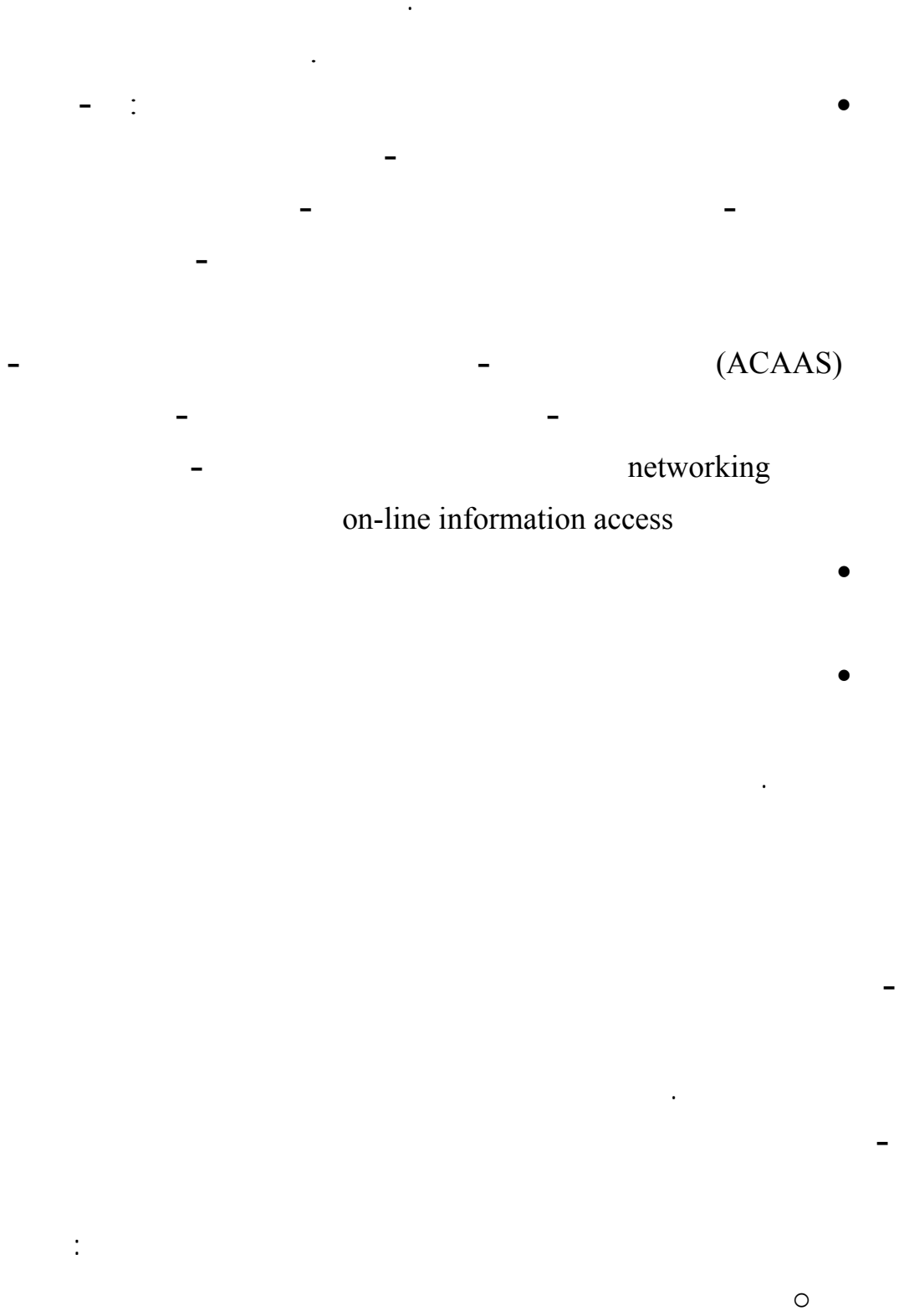
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Meetings of the Committee for Trade Agreements (CTA)	
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DATE	SUBJECT
Tuesday, January 16, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation of EU financing programmes that are now available to MEDA countries in order to identify projects or actions from which the private sector can benefit, such as Taiex, Galileo, Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme (CIP), Innovation Relay Centres (IRCs), etc. (Attached brief summary of these new programmes) • A summary of the Regional meeting on Free Trade Agreements that was held on Dec. 9-11, 2006 in Cairo. (A CD ROM containing the documentation shall be remitted to you during the meeting). • News about Doha Round and Lebanon's accession to WTO.
Thursday, January 25, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about new EU programmes available to MEDA countries, mainly Competitiveness & Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), Galileo, TAIEX and Innovation Relay Centers (IRC). (Attached a document that includes a brief summary of several of the new EU programmes proposed under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)).
Thursday, March 8, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An informal meeting with M. Borel, the Swiss Expert commissioned by the WTO to support Lebanon's accession to the Organization. Mr. Borel will present the latest developments related to Lebanon's accession to WTO.
Tuesday, March 13, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know better about US foreign assistance programmes and how to benefit from them. The CTA was pleased to receive Mr. Raouf Youssef, USAID Director in Lebanon

<p>Wednesday, May 16, 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on Lebanon's accession to WTO in light of the 5th Working Party Meeting that was held in Geneva on May 1-5, 2007 as relayed by the representatives from the public and private sector who have attended the Geneva meeting. • A feedback on the workshop jointly organized with Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) on socio-economic impact of trade liberalization on Lebanon, held on April 20th, 2007. In this regard, please find attached ANND position papers regarding Lebanon WTO accession file.
<p>Friday, June 22nd, 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss Romania and Bulgaria's accession to the EU and Lebanon's possible requests regarding the terms of the Association Agreement in this light. • Latest questions from Lebanon's Working Party (WP) further to the last WP meeting held in Geneva during last May 2007 presented by Messrs. Mouzannar and Hafez who have attended this meeting in presence of representatives from the MOET. • Issues ensuing from the last meeting of the (Majles Al Wihda Al Iktissadi) of the Arab League presented by Mr. Atef Idriss
<p>Thursday, July 5, 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues ensuing from the last meeting of the (Majles Al Wihda Al Iktissadi) of the Arab League (June 2007) • Discussion of the main documentation distributed during the Conference on the European Charter for Small Enterprises (June 2007) • FP7: opportunities for SMEs and Business Support Organizations presented by Atef Idriss and his team.
<p>Monday, October 1st, 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation of the European Neighborhood Partnership Instrument Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes 2007-2013 (ENPI CBC Programmes 2007-2013) by Ms. Rafif Berro, Adviser to the Minister of Economy & Trade, where Ms. Berro shall inform the private sector representatives on how they can benefit and get involved in this programme. • In fact, within this programme, the European Union will provide over 1 billion Euro to support cross-border cooperation and partnership in the regions around the EU borders (of which 176.607 million Euro shall be provided for the ME region including Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria).

<p>Friday, November 9th, 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In light of the last negotiations regarding the bilateral trade agreement between Lebanon and Egypt (signed in 1999) and held between official parties from both countries respectively in Beirut and Cairo between October 30-31, 2007 and Nov. 6-8, 2007. • During this meeting, Mr. Atef Idriss in charge of Lebanon's trade agreements with Arab countries within the CTA (GAFTA, Lebanon-Egypt bilateral agreement, etc.), shall update us on the latest progress in this regard. • In addition, Mr. Mouzannar shall present an overview concerning the latest developments of the Working Party of the Euro-Mediterranean Industrial Cooperation (Oct. 23rd, 2007).
<p>Monday, December 10th, 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this meeting, Mr. Georges Nasraoui, President of the Syndicate of Lebanese Food Industrialists shall suggest a list of agro products to be submitted to the Egyptian concerned ministry in order to facilitate their access to the Egyptian market. • On the other hand, Messrs. Fouad Fleifel and Malek Assi jointly with Atef Idriss will enlighten us about the latest development of this agreement.