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Subject: Setting up of a Working Group on “Export Prospects and Trade Related Issues” for Formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17).

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In order to induct alternative perspectives and new ideas and to obtain valuable inputs into the process of Formulation of the Twelfth Five-Year Plan (2012-17), the Planning Commission has decided to constitute a Working Group on “Export Prospects and Trade Related Issues” under the Chairmanship of Shri Saumitra Choudhuri, Member, Planning Commission.

2. The Composition of the Working Group would be as follows:

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3. Terms of Reference of the Working Group would be:-

I. to identify the challenges and opportunities for Indian exports of merchandise and services.

II. to take a view on the existing schemes for facilitating export promotion particularly to address what is needed from the government side to enable the private sector to achieve the targeted increase in exports.

III. to take a view on India’s comparative advantages of trade with specific reference to manufacturing goods and farm products and whether these have moved over the past 5 to 10 years.

IV. to take a view on the FTA/CECA and other bilateral arrangements and how these fit into the framework of multilateral arrangements.

V. to take a view on the projects for trade and investment integration with the rest of Asia and Africa (Indian Ocean and East Pacific regions)

VI. to take a view on the experience of SEZs and other special trade facilitating measures adopted by government.

VII. to take a view on market access issue, including non-tariff trade barriers.

VIII. to take a view on our experience with the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) about investing in India; to identify policy measures to attract more FDI, especially, into manufacturing and infrastructure.
4. The Chairman of the Working Group may include additional term(s) of reference at any stage he feels necessary.

5. The Chairman of the Working Group may co-opt any other expert as Member of the Working Group. The Ministries/Departments concerned with the subject of the Working Group and/or any other professional bodies/experts related to the subject may be invited by the Group to make presentations before the Group on issues in their areas of concern requiring immediate attention of the Government and also on the alternative possibilities that may exist for improving the effectiveness of related policies and programmes.

6. The Tenure and time line for submission of report of the Working Group shall be determined in accordance with time schedule of preparation of chapter on External Sector of the Document for Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17).

7. The expenditure on TA/ DA for attending meetings etc. of the Working Group in respect of the official members will be borne by their respective Ministry/Department as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. However, in the case of non-official members, the expenditure towards their TA/DA will be met by the Planning Commission as admissible to Class I officers of Government of India.

8. Mrs. Sutapa Majumdar, Director (IE), Room No. 549, Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel: 23096717) will act as Convener and Nodal Officer. Any further communication in this regard may be made with the Nodal Officer.

9. The Working Group will be serviced by International Economics Division of the Planning Commission.

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To

Chairman and all the Members (including convenor) of the Working Group.

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4. Director (PC), Planning Commission.
5. Administration (General-I) and (General-II), Planning Commission
7. PS to Joint Secretary, Planning Commission.
8. Information Officer, Planning Commission.

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