



## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 17 October 2003

951<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting

Item 11      Other business

Report of Eminent Persons on Commodities  
(General Assembly resolution 57/236)

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

Statements were made by the following representatives: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group); Benin (on behalf of LDCs); Italy (on behalf of the European Union - the acceding countries, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as the associated countries, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, aligned themselves with this statement); Colombia; United States of America; Ethiopia; Japan; Nigeria; Mexico; Angola; Cuba; Uganda; Canada; South Africa; and Barbados.

The Board took note of the report of Eminent Persons on Commodities contained in document TD/B/50/11, to be transmitted to the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly for its consideration, and decided that a summary of the statements made on this item would be annexed to the Board's report.

Item 10      Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(a)      Report by the President of the Advisory Body

H.E. Ambassador Dimiter Tzantchev (Bulgaria), President of the Advisory Body, gave a detailed report on the work of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action.

The following representatives made statements: Oman (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Mauritius; and Egypt

The Board approved the membership of the Advisory Body for 2004 as follows: China; the Russian Federation; Belarus; Egypt; Mauritius; South Africa; Colombia; Uruguay; Panama; Oman; Pakistan; Netherlands; Norway; France; and Finland.

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##### Item 1(c) Adoption of the report on credentials

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the fiftieth session of the Board (TD/B/50/13).

##### Item 1(d) Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Board

The Board requested the secretariat to prepare the provisional agenda for its fifty-first session for consideration at a President's Consultations following UNCTAD XI.

##### Item 2 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective; capital accumulation, economic growth and structural change

The Board took note of the Chairperson's summary of the debate on this item contained in document TD/B/50/L.6.

#### **Report of Sessional Committee I**

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Marc Giacomini (France).

Under item 3 on the review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, the Board adopted the agreed conclusions in TD/B/50/SC.1/L.2, as orally amended.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee I in documents TD/B/50/SC.1/L.1.

#### **Report of Sessional Committee II**

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed LEMINE (Mauritania).

Under item 4 on economic development in Africa: Issues in Africa's Trade Performance, the Board adopted the agreed conclusions contained in TD/B/50/SC.II/L.2.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee II in document TD/B/50/SC.II/L.1 and Add.1.

Item 5            Review of developments and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries

The Board took note of the Chairperson's summary contained in document TD/B/50/L.7.

Item 9            Follow-up to decisions taken by the Board

The President informed the Board that consultations would be held in the near future on the issue of financing of experts, which had not been completed at the thirty-third executive session on 23 September 2003.

Item 10          Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(b)            Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board took note of the list of 110 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD contained in TD/B/IGO/LIST/4.

(c)            Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board took note of the list of 190 organizations in status with UNCTAD as contained in TD/B/NGO/LIST/6 and Corr.1.

Inclusion of National NGOs in the Register in conformity with Board decision 43 (VII)

The Board was informed that, in conformity with the provisions of Board decision 43 (VII), sections III and IV, and after consultations with China, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD had decided to enter in the Register of national non-governmental organizations the China Society for Promotion of Guangcai Programme (CSPGP). The background information on this organization was before the Board in document TD/B/50/L.3.

(d)            Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the draft calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2003 and the first half of 2004 up to UNCTAD IX, along with the indicative calendar for the remainder of 2004 (TD/B/50/L.2).

(e)            Membership of the Working Party

The Board approved the membership of the Working Party for 2004 as follows: Belarus; Benin; China; Cuba; India; Italy; Japan; Mexico; Oman; Pakistan; Poland; Russian Federation; Senegal; Spain; Switzerland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Venezuela, and Zambia.

(f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board was informed that there were no additional financial implications stemming from the actions of the session for the current programme budget.

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Item 12        Adoption of the report

The Rapporteur, Mr. François Leger (France), introduced the draft report to the Board. The Board adopted the report in TD/B/50/L.5 and Add.1-6 and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report for transmission to the General Assembly, as appropriate.

Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a concluding statement.

Concluding statements were also made by the representatives of; Oman (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Japan; Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Barbados (GRULAC); Italy (on behalf of the European Union; Norway (on behalf of JUZCANS); and Zambia (on behalf of the African Group).