



PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Friday, 5 October 2001

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

- 10 a.m. 1st meeting Room XX
- Item 3 The Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
- (a) Outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
(A/CONF.191/12 and A/CONF.191/11)
TD/B/48/16 and TD/B/WP/L.100)
- (b) Towards the Development Goals Defined in the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
(TD/B/48/14)
(Opening of item)
- 3 p.m. 2nd meeting Room XXVI
- Item 3 The Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
(Informals)

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 8 October 2001

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

10 a.m.

3rd meeting

Room XXVI

- Item 3(a) Outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
(A/CONF.191/12 and A/CONF.191/11)
TD/B/48/16 and TD/B/WP/L.100)
(Informals continued)

3 p.m.

4th meeting

Room XXVI

- Item 3(a) Outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
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(Informals continued)

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
Thursday, 4 October 2001

924th plenary meeting

Under Item 8 – Other business, the Board took up the “Follow-up to paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action”.

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD made an oral report on the implementation of paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action (TD/386).

The President of the forty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board, H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes of Colombia, in his capacity as Chairman of the Advisory Body, made a statement informing the Board of the activities of the Advisory Body.

Item 5 (a) - Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

The Chairman of the thirty-eighth session of the Working Party (17-20 September 2001), Mr. Arnaldo Abeti of Italy, reported on the outcome of its work.

The Board adopted draft decision TD/B/48/L.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of: Cuba (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); Belgium (on behalf of the European Union); Norway; Iran, Islamic Republic of (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Bhutan; Indonesia; China; Switzerland; and Oman.

The Head of UNCTAD's Resources Management Service made a statement.

The Board took note of the oral report of the Chairman and endorsed the outcome of the Working Party at its thirty-eighth session.

The Board also took note of the statements made, as well as the reports prepared by the secretariat under this item and thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Item 5 (b) – Consideration of other relevant reports: Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people

The Coordinator of the Unit on Assistance to the Palestinian People introduced the secretariat's report (TD/B/48/9).

The Board heard statements by the following representatives: Cuba (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); Belgium (on behalf of the European Union); Iran, Islamic Republic of (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Palestine (observer); Norway; Israel; United States of America; League of Arab States, and Algeria.

The Board took note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat and the statements made during its consideration.

Item 6 – Other matters in the field of trade and development:

- (a) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries: Report of the Fifth Meeting of Governmental Experts

The Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Special Coordinator for the Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries introduced the item.

Statements were made by the following representatives: Japan; Cuba (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group); United States of America; China; and Paraguay.

The Board took note of the progress report by the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/48/13), as well as the report of the Fifth Governmental Experts Meeting, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting (TD/B/48/10-TD/B/LDC/AC.1/18) and decided to recommend them to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/199. It thus concluded the consideration of this item.

Item 6 (b) - Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirty-fourth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The report of UNCITRAL on the work of its thirty-fourth session (A/56/17) was presented by the Senior Legal Officer of the UNCITRAL secretariat.

The representatives of the Dominican Republic and France made statements.

The Senior Legal Officer from the UNCITRAL secretariat responded to the statements.

The Board took note of the report of UNCITRAL on its thirty-fourth session. The Board also thanked the Senior Legal Officer from UNCITRAL for participating in the Board's deliberation under this item, and thus concluded its consideration of the item.

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