



SUMMARY OF MEETINGS Friday, 10 October 2003

Item 7 – Preparatory process for the eleventh session of the Conference:

- (a) Establishment of the Preparatory Committee
- (b) Approval of the provisional agenda of the Conference

The Board established an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the eleventh session of the Conference, under the Chairmanship of the President of the Board, and approved the provisional agenda for the Conference contained in document TD/B/50/L.1.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD made a statement.

The following representatives made statements: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Benin (on behalf of the LDCs); and Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries).

Item 6 (a) – Technical cooperation activities: Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

In the absence of the Chairman of the Working Party, the representative of Cuba made an introductory statement on this item.

The Board adopted the draft decision contained in document TD/B/50/L.4 and Add.1, containing the Technical Cooperation Strategy of UNCTAD.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party at its forty-first session, as contained in document TD/B/50/12-TD/B/WP/169, and endorsed the agreed conclusions that the Working Party had adopted on “In-depth evaluation of the technical assistance programme on trade, environment and development” and on the “Progress report on the implementation of the second phase of UNCTAD’s website”.

The following representatives made statements: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Oman (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Asian Group); Benin (on behalf of the 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); Ecuador; Russian Federation; Iran, Islamic Republic of; China; Venezuela; Nepal; Colombia; Indonesia; Switzerland and Norway.

The Plenary thus concluded its consideration of item 6 (a).

Item 6 (b) - Consideration of other relevant reports: Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people

The Coordinator of the Unit for Assistance to the Palestinian People introduced the secretariat's report on this item.

The representative of Palestine made a statement.

The Plenary will continue its deliberations on this item on the morning of Tuesday, 14 October 2003.

