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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) provides that, when the Conference is not in session, the Board shall carry out the functions that fall within the competence of the Conference. Paragraph 22 provides that the Board shall report to the Conference and that it shall also report annually on its activities to the General Assembly.

2. The Board last reported to the Conference at its eleventh session. Since that time, the Board has held four regular sessions, eight executive sessions and three special sessions (one of which was held in three parts), as indicated below:

Regular sessions

Fifty-first session	4–15 October 2004
Fifty-second session	3–14 October 2005
Fifty-third session	27 September–10 October 2006
Fifty-fourth session	1–11 October 2007

Executive sessions

Convened to discuss specific topics

Thirty-fifth executive session – Africa – Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, on its forty-second session	21 September 2004
Thirty-sixth executive session – Reports of the commissions – Possible UNCTAD contribution to the Millennium +5 Summit	3 May 2005

Thirty-seventh executive session – Africa	26 July 2005
Thirty-eighth executive session – Reports of the commissions – Preparatory process for the 2006 Mid-term Review of UNCTAD XI	18–20 April 2006
Thirty-ninth executive session – Africa	26 June 2006
Fortieth executive session – Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons	14 December 2006
Forty-first executive session – Reports of the commissions – Report on the in-depth examination of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons – Theme and preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	18–20 April 2007
Forty-second executive session – Africa – Preparations for UNCTAD XII	27 June 2007

Special sessions

Twenty-first special session – Preparations for the twelfth session of the Conference (UNCTAD XII)	10–11 May 2004
Twenty-second special session – Contribution of the Trade and Development Board to the follow-up to the relevant United Nations development conferences, including the Millennium Summit	18 July 2005
Twenty-third special session (1st part) – Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the São Paulo Consensus – Strengthening the three pillars of UNCTAD	8–11 May 2006
Twenty-third special session (2nd part) – Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the São Paulo Consensus – Strengthening the three pillars of UNCTAD	12–16 June 2006
Twenty-third special session (3rd part) – Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the São Paulo Consensus – Strengthening the three pillars of UNCTAD	3–10 October 2006