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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 14 October 2005

### Plenary (976<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Item 7 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social field

Under this agenda item, Mr. Dan Deac, Chief, Programme Planning and Assessment Unit, made an introductory statement presenting the document by the secretariat.

Statements were made by the following representatives: Democratic Republic of Congo (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Ecuador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Mexico; Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Honduras; Pakistan; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania); and Indonesia.

The Board took note of the report by the secretariat in document TD/B/52/6 and thus concluded its consideration on this item.

Item 9(c) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its forty-fifth session

Mr. Dmitri Godunov of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Working Party at its forty-fifth session, reported to the Board on this item.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its forty-fifth session, as contained in document TD/B/WP/184, and endorsed the agreed conclusions on the "Evaluation of technical cooperation activities: In-depth evaluation of the training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda".

Statements were made by the following representatives: Norway; Peru (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Russian Federation; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania); China; and Switzerland. The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9(c).

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## Plenary (977th closing meeting)

### Item 11(a) Report by the President of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2004-2005 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of the members of the Advisory Body for 2006

H.E. Ambassador Mary Whelan of Ireland, President of the Advisory Body, give a detailed report on the work of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action

The Board approved the membership of the Advisory Body for 2005 as follows: H. E. Mr. Ransford Smith (President of the Board, Jamaica); Mr. Iouri Afanassiev (Russian Federation); H.E. Mr. Sergei Aleinik (Belarus); H.E. Mr. Sameh Shoukry (Egypt); H.E. Mr. Kwame Bawuah-Edusei (Ghana); H.E. Mr. Charles Mutalemwa (United Republic of Tanzania); H.E. Mrs. Clemencia Forero Ucros (Colombia); H.E. Mr. Guillermo Valles Galmes (Uruguay); H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia); H.E. Mr. Mohammad Reza Alborzi (Islamic Republic of Iran); H.E. Mr. Masood Khan (Pakistan); Mrs. Barbara Rietbroek (Netherlands); Mr. Emmanuel Farcot (France); Mr. Fredrik Arthur (Norway); and Mr. Kiminori Iwama (Japan).

The Board took note of the report and thus concluded its consideration on this item.

### Item 11(b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purpose of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board took note of the list of 111 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD as contained in document TD/B/IGO/LIST/5.

### Item 11(c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purpose of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board took note of the list of 192 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD: 107 in the General Category and 85 in the Special Category, as contained in documents TD/B/IGO/LIST/7, Corr.1 and TD/B/IGO/LIST/7/Add.1.

### Item 11(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the calendar of meeting for the remainder of 2005 and the indicative calendar of meetings for 2006 (TD/B/INF.203). It was understood that changes to the dates and venues of meetings would have to be on the basis of consensus.

### Item 11(e) Membership of the Working Party for 2006

The Board approved the membership of the Working Party for 2006 as follows: Belarus; Benin; Bulgaria; China; Cuba; Finland; India; Islamic Republic of Iran; Italy; Japan; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Pakistan; Peru; Russian Federation; Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Venezuela and Zambia.

Item 1(c) Adoption of the report on credentials

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the Credentials of representatives attending the fifty-second session of the Board and thereby accepted the credentials.

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

The Board decided to refer consideration of this item to Consultations of the President with the Bureau and Coordinators. The provisional agenda will therefore be drawn up and submitted for approval by an executive session at an appropriate time.

Item 2 High-level segment: Economic growth and poverty reduction in the 1990s - Lessons from a decade of economic reform for development strategies and global partnerships in the new millennium

The Board took note of the President's summary of the debate on this item as contained in document TD/B/52/L.5 and decided to include it in the report of the Board.

Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: New features of global interdependence (TD/B/52/L.4)

The Board took note of the President's summary of the debate on this item as contained in document TD/B/52/L.4 and decided to include it in the report of the Board.

Item 4 Adoption of the report of Sessional Committee I

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

The Board adopted the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/52/SC.1/L.2. It also took note of the report of the Committee in document (TD/B/52/SC.1/L.1) and decided that it would form an integral part of the report of the Board on its fifty-second session.

Item 5 Adoption of the report of Sessional Committee II

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by H.E. Mr. Ransford Smith on behalf of the Chairperson of Sessional Committee II.

The Board took note of the report of the Committee in document (TD/B/52/SC.2/L.1 and Add.1) and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its fifty-second session.

After a procedural discussion, the Board decided to hold a resumed session to finalize its agreed conclusions on agenda item 5, the indicative date for the session being 3 November 2005.

Item 6      Review of developments and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries

The Board took note of the President's summary of the debate on this item as contained in document TD/B/52/L.3

The Board also had before it a draft message (TD/B/52/L.3). Statements were made by the following representatives: Peru; Colombia; Chile; Paraguay; Mauritius; Ecuador; El Salvador; Honduras; Cuba; Switzerland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Egypt. The President announced that the draft message had not met the approval of the plenary. The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Item 9(d)   Financing the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in UNCTAD expert meetings.

The Board requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to use his good offices to conduct on an urgent basis further consultations with member States on the financing of experts and the modalities for selecting experts and to report back to the Board in an executive or special session.

Item 11      Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

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

The Board was informed that there were no financial implication stemming from the work of its session.

Item 12      Other business

Item 13      Adoption of the report

The Rapporteur, Mr. Levan Lomidze of Georgia, introduced the draft report to the Board. The Board adopted the report in TD/B/52/L.2 and Add.1–Add.6 and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report for transmission to the General Assembly.

A concluding statement was made by the representative of Switzerland.

Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a closing statement.

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