



PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 October 2005

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| 10.00 a.m. | PLENARY (969th meeting) | Room XX |
| | <p><u>Item 3</u> Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: New features of global interdependence
(UNCTAD/TDR/2005 and Overview)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction by the UNCTAD secretariat ▪ General debate <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> | |
| 2.30 p.m. | Extended Bureau meeting | Room XXVI |
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| 3.00 p.m. | INFORMAL MEETING | Room XX |
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Panellists

Prof. Humberto Campodónico Sanchez,
Professor of the Economics Faculty of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima

Mr. HE Fan
Assistant Director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Prof. Arturo O'Connell
Member of the Board of the Central Bank of Argentina, Professor of International Finance at the Buenos Aires campus of the University of Bologna, Italy

Mr. Irfan Ul-Haque
Member of New Rules for Global Finance Coalition, Independent Consultant

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Wednesday, 5 October 2005

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

10.00 a.m. **Sessional Committee I – First meeting** Room XX

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
(TD/B/52/3)

- (a) UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs: Fourth progress report
- (b) Erosion of preferences for the least developed countries: Assessment of effects and mitigating options

- Introduction of the item
- General debate

Followed by INFORMALS

Item 4(a) UNCTAD-wide activities in favour of LDCs: Fourth progress report

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3.00 p.m. **Sessional Committee I – INFORMALS** Room XXVI

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(TD/B/52/3)

- (b) Erosion of preferences for the least developed countries: Assessment of effects and mitigating options

Panellists

M. Leonnel

Director of International Relations in the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Development of Madagascar

Professor Mohammad Taslim

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Ms. Sheila Page

Overseas Development Institute, UK

Mr. Bernard Hoekman

World Bank

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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in Salle XX. It would be appreciated if delegations and observers would complete the forms before leaving the meeting.

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Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (telephone extensions 75599/75497, Room E.3061).

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 October 2005

969th plenary meeting

Item 3 - Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: New features of global interdependence

Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Globalization and Development Strategies, made a detailed introductory statement with reference to the *Trade and Development Report, 2005*.

The general debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Afghanistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); El Salvador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania); Russian Federation; Indonesia; Peru; Belarus; Pakistan; China; South Africa; United States of America; and Japan.

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Informal meeting

Item 3 - Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: New features of global interdependence

Panel

The Board met in an informal panel discussion on agenda item 3(a) "Erosion of preferences for the least development countries: Assessment of effects and mitigating options" with the participation of the following panellists: Prof. Arturo O'Connell, Member of the Board of the Central Bank of Argentina - Professor of International Finance at the Buenos Aires campus of the University of Bologna, Italy; Mr. HE Fan, Assistant Director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Prof. Humberto Campodónico Sanchez, Professor of the Economics Faculty of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima; Mr. Irfan Ul-Haque, Member of New Rules for Global Finance Coalition, independent consultant. The panel discussion was followed by an interactive debate.

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Bureau meeting

The President of the Board held an extended Bureau meeting with the Vice-Presidents and regional coordinators. The Bureau decided that the Board would hold a resumed High-level Segment on the afternoon of Wednesday, 12 October 2005, to hear the views of member States that had been unable to take the floor at the high-level segment due to lack of time.

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