



PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 October 2005

10.00 a.m. **Sessional Committee I – First plenary 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

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3.00 p.m. **Sessional Committee I – Informal meeting** Room XXVI

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- (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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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Thursday, 6 October 2005

10.00 a.m. **PLENARY (970th meeting)** Room XX

Item 6 Review of developments and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries (TD/B/52/8)

- Introduction by the UNCTAD secretariat
- General debate

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3.00 p.m. **PLENARY (971th meeting)** Room XX

Item 6 Review of developments and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries (TD/B/52/8)

- General debate (continued)

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Registration

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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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Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Special Programme for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries, made a detailed introductory statement on item 4 and the Fourth progress report on UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs.

The general debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Nepal (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Djibouti (on behalf of the least developed countries); Bangladesh (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); Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Japan; Ethiopia; China; Norway; Cuba; United States of America; Sudan; South Africa; Madagascar; Afghanistan; Nepal.

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SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

Informal meeting

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

- (b) Erosion of preferences for the least developed countries: Assessment of effects and mitigating options (TD/B/52/4)

Panel

The Board met in an informal panel discussion on agenda item 4 with the participation of the following panellists: Mr. 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. The panel discussion was followed by an interactive debate.

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