

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

- 10 a.m. **1027th plenary meeting** **Room XXVI**
- Item 12 Other matters in the field of trade and development**
- (a) **Progressive development of the law of international trade: forty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (New York, 16 June-3 July 2008)**
(A/63/17)
- Presentation of the report
- (b) **Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its forty-first session (Geneva, 4-5 December 2007)**
- Oral presentation of the report
- Item 9 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 fields**
(TD/B/55/7 and Corr.1)
- Presentation by the secretariat
- Followed by
- *Interactive debate*
- Item 13 Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies**
- **Reports of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget**
(TD/B/WP/200; TD/B/WP/206)
- Presentation of the report

Item 10 (a) **Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (report of the Working Party on its fifth-first session)** (TD/B/WP/202 and Add.1 and Corr.1; TD/WP/202/Add.2; TD/B/WP/206)

- Presentation of the report

Item 14 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(a) **Report of 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 2007-2008 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of the members of the Advisory Body for 2009**

- Report by the President of the Advisory Body
- Appointment of the members of the Advisory Body for 2009

2 p.m.

Bureau meeting

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3 p.m.

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Item 10 (b) Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/55/2)

- Presentation by the secretariat

Followed by

- *Interactive debate*
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Wednesday, 24 September 2008

10 a.m. **Sessional Committee I - Third plenary meeting**

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

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions
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3 p.m. **1029th plenary meeting**

Room XXVI

Item 8. Investment for development: transnational corporations, infrastructure and development (TD/B/55/5)

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Introduction by Ms. Anne Miroux, Head, Investment Analysis Branch
- Panel discussion and interactive debate on investment in infrastructure

Panellists:

- Mr. Paul Baloyi, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank of Southern Africa
 - An expert from Latin America (to be confirmed)
 - An expert from Malaysia (to be confirmed)
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Bureau of the fifty-fifth session of the Trade and Development Board

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

1027th plenary meeting

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh), President of the Trade and Development Board.

Item 12 Other matters in the field of trade and development

(a) **Progressive development of the law of international trade: forty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (New York, 16 June-3 July 2008)**

The Board took note of the forty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, as contained in document A/63/17, and thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item 12(a).

(b) **Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its forty-first session (Geneva, 4-5 December 2007)**

H.E. Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas (Chad), Chair of the Joint Advisory Group, presented the report.

The representatives of the following member States took the floor: Belarus; Russian Federation; and Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries).

H.E. Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas, Chair of the Joint Advisory Group, and Mr. Stephen Brown, Deputy Executive Director of the International Trade Centre, responded to questions and comments.

The Board took note of the forty-first report of the Joint Advisory Group, contained in document ITC/AG(XLI)/216, and thus concluded its consideration of item 12(b) of the agenda.

Item 9 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 fields

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Acting Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD presented the secretariat's report on agenda item 9 (TD/B/55/7 and Corr.1).

Representatives of the following member States took the floor: Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); France (on behalf of the European Union); Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); Russian Federation; Chad (on behalf of the African Group); and Angola.

The Board took note of the secretariat's report.

Item 13 Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies

Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its fiftieth session

Mr. Dmitri Gudunov (Russian Federation), Chair of the Working Party at its fiftieth session, presented the report (TD/B/WP/200).

The representative Chad (speaking on behalf of the African Group) made a statement.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its fiftieth session and endorsed the agreed conclusions contained therein.

Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its fifty-first session

Ms. Carmen Castillo-Gallandat (El Salvador), Chair of the Working Party at its fifty-first session, presented the report (TD/B/WP/206).

The representatives of Norway made a statement.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its fifty-first session and endorsed the agreed conclusions contained therein.

Item 10 Review of the technical cooperation activities

(a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

Ms. Carmen Castillo-Gallandat (El Salvador), Chair of the Working Party at its fifty-first session, introduced the item.

The representative of Chad (speaking on behalf of the African Group) made a statement.

The Board adopted the draft decision on "Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing" contained in TD/B/WP/206.

Item 14 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(a) Report of 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 2007-2008 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of the members of the Advisory Body for 2009

H.E. Mr. Petro Draganov (Bulgaria), Chairperson of the Advisory Body, reported on the work of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action.

Representatives of the following member States took the floor: Colombia; Peru; Belarus; Russian Federation; Chad (on behalf of the African Group)

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

The Board approved the membership of the Advisory Body for 2009 as follows: H.E. Ambassador Debapriya BHATTACHARYA (President of the Board, Bangladesh); H.E. Mr. Sergei ALEINIK (Belarus); H.E. Mr. Georgi AVRAMCHEV (the Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia); H.E. Jean-Baptiste MATTEI (France); H.E. Mr. Dinesh BHATTARAI (Nepal); H.E. Mr. Yahya S. H. AL-WAHAIBI (Oman); H.E. Mr. Mario MATUS (Chile); H.E. Mr. Byron LARIOS (El Salvador); H.E. Mr. Alejandro ARTUCIO RODRIGUEZ (Uruguay); H.E. Mr. Pierre BARUSASIEKO (Burundi); H.E. Mr. Malloum BAMANGA ABBAS (Tchad); H.E. Mr. Guy RAJEMISON RAKOTOMAHARO (Madagascar); Mr. Darius Kurek (Switzerland); Mr. Otto VAN MAERSSSEN (USA); Group B (to be announced).

1028th plenary meeting

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh), President of the Trade and Development Board.

Item 10 (b) Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people

Mr. Mahmoud A.T. Elkhafif, Officer-in-Charge, Assistance to the Palestinian people, introduced the secretariat's report on this item (TD/B/55/2).

Representatives of the following took the floor: Palestine; Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); France (on behalf of the European Union); China; Morocco; Algeria; Islamic Republic of Iran; League of Arab States; Japan; Cuba; Chad; Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); Syrian Arab Republic; Jordan; and Israel.

The Board took note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat in document TD/B/55/2 and the statements made by delegations and decided, in accordance with General Assembly decision 47/445, that the report of the Board on its fifty-fifth session to the General Assembly should include an account of the deliberation under this item.
