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1. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced above.

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Item 2. 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

2. The principal purpose of the session is to allow member States to discuss the two sub-items from the perspective of UNCTAD's areas of competence – namely trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development – and to relay the views expressed to those engaged in the

preparatory process for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals.

3. The outcome of the executive session will be a President's summary on each sub-item, which will be made available to member States and to those involved in the preparations for the two events concerned. It will include concrete steps that UNCTAD might take through its programmes and research to assist the LDCs and developing countries in general in their development efforts. It will also suggest possible fields for inter-agency cooperation with a view to maximizing the benefits of UNCTAD's most effective tools and accumulated knowledge in the trade and development area.

(a) **Follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and preparations for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: Key development challenges facing the LDCs**

4. The first day of the session will be devoted to the sub-item relating to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries. Under this sub-item, an attempt will be made to assess the performance of the LDCs since the adoption of the Brussels Programme of Action in 2001 in terms of success in achieving structural transformation. On the basis of that assessment, an effort will be made to determine the key development challenges facing the LDCs in the coming period.

(b) **Follow-up to the Millennium Summit and preparations for the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals: New development paths**

5. The second day of the session will be devoted to the sub-item relating to the Millennium Development Goals. Under this sub-item, an attempt will be made to evaluate progress made towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals in areas relevant to UNCTAD's mandate and, in the light of the recurrent crises experienced in the last two years, to identify elements of new development paths that could help accelerate progress towards attainment of the Goals.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(49)/2	Follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and preparations for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: Key development challenges facing the LDCs
TD/B/EX(49)/3	Follow-up to the Millennium Summit and preparations for the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals: New development paths

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