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## Trade and Development Board

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\* This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date as a result of processing delays.

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## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **Introduction**

- 1. In its resolution 60/184, of 22 December 2005, the General Assembly welcomed the generous offer made by the Government of Ghana to host the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The Conference will be held from 20 to 25 April 2008 in the premises of the International Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana.
- 2. The twenty-fourth special session of the Board is convened in order to advance the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference.

### **Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

- 3. The provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth special session was prepared by the secretariat and approved at the Consultations of the President on 7 December 2007.

#### *Documentation*

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### **Item 2. Organization of the work of the twelfth session of the Conference:**

#### **(a) Selection by drawing of lot of the country that will head the seating pattern at the twelfth session of the Conference**

- 4. As is customary for the organization of the Conference, the Board has to select the country that will be first in alphabetical order in Accra. The name of the country will be drawn by lot.

#### **(b) Outstanding organizational matters**

- 5. The attention of the Board will be drawn to any outstanding organizational matters.

### **Item 3. Substantive preparations for the twelfth session of the Conference**

#### **– Report of the Preparatory Committee**

- 6. At its fifty-fourth session, the Board established an open-ended preparatory committee for the twelfth session of the Conference, under the chairmanship of the President of the Board.
- 7. It is expected that the Trade and Development Board will hear the report of the Chair of the Preparatory Committee and transmit the pre-conference negotiating text to the Conference.

**Item 4. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies:**

**(a) Report of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, twelfth session**

8. The Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities held its twelfth session from 7 to 8 February 2008 in Geneva. The report of the session will be before the Board in document TD/B/COM.1/92.

**(b) Report of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, twelfth session**

9. The Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues held its twelfth session from 12 to 13 February 2008 in Geneva. The report of the session will be before the Board in document TD/B/COM.2/82.

**(c) Report of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, twelfth session**

10. The Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development held its twelfth session from 4 to 5 February 2008 in Geneva. The report of the session will be before the Board in document TD/B/COM.3/86.

**Item 5. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:**

**(a) Preparations for the review by the twelfth session of the Conference of the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)**

11. The Board will be informed of any changes in the membership of UNCTAD, which at time of writing stands at 193.

**(b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

12. Any application received will be transmitted to the Board. An updated list of intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in TD/B/IGO/LIST/7.

**(c) Designation of and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

13. An updated list of non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in TD/B/NGO/LIST/9.

**(d) Provisional calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2008 and draft schedule of meetings for 2009**

14. The Board will have before it a draft calendar for the remainder of 2008 and part of 2009, which will be adjusted as necessary after the Conference.

**Item 6. Other business**

**Item 7. Adoption of the report of the Trade and Development Board**

15. The Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to finalize the report on its twenty-fourth special session under the authority of the President.