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Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-fourth session

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 18 to 20 November 2009

I. Chair's summary

A. Proceedings

1. The fifty-fourth session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 18 to 20 November 2009, to consider the draft proposed UNCTAD Biennial Programme Plan for the period 2012–2013.

B. Statements

2. The following speakers made opening statements: Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD; the representative of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the representative of Côte d'Ivoire on behalf of the African Group; the representative of Sri Lanka on behalf of the Asian Group; the representative of El Salvador on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC); and the representative of Sweden on behalf of the European Union.

3. The representatives of the African Group and GRULAC asked that the secretariat provide more information on the mandate for the creation of the Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries.

C. Informal meetings

4. The Working Party pursued its deliberations in an informal setting.

D. Action by the Working Party

(Agenda item 3)

5. The Working Party considered the document “Draft proposed UNCTAD Biennial Programme Plan for the period 2012–2013” (TD/B/WP(54)/CRP.1). It was not possible to reach agreement on the document.

II. Organizational matters

A. Election of officers

(Agenda item 1)

6. At the opening plenary meeting, on 18 November 2009, the Working Party elected Mr. Hamid Baeidi Nejad (Islamic Republic of Iran) as its Chair and Mr. Andrei Savinykh (Belarus) as its Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(Agenda item 2)

7. At the same meeting, the Working Party adopted its provisional agenda (TD/B/WP/216). The agenda was thus as follows:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Review of the proposed UNCTAD Biennial Programme Plan for the period 2012–2013
4. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party
5. Other business
6. Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

C. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party

(Agenda item 4)

8. At its closing plenary meeting, on 20 November 2009, the Working Party adopted the provisional agenda for its fifty-fifth session (see annex I).

D. Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

(Agenda item 6)

9. At the same meeting, the Working Party authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report on its fifty-fourth session.

Annex I

Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Review of the implementation of the publications policy and the communications strategy
4. Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Working Party
5. Other business
6. Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

Annex II

Attendance¹

1. Representatives of the following States members of the Working Party attended the session:

Albania	Mexico
China	Morocco
El Salvador	Peru
Finland	Russian Federation
Indonesia	Sweden
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	United States of America
Japan	

2. Representatives of the following States members of UNCTAD but not members of the Working Party attended the session:

Algeria	Malaysia
Angola	Nepal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Paraguay
Bulgaria	Poland
Côte d'Ivoire	Qatar
Cyprus	Saudi Arabia
Czech Republic	South Africa
Dominican Republic	Spain
Egypt	Sri Lanka
Germany	Syrian Arab Republic
India	Thailand
Israel	Turkey
Kenya	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

3. The following observer was represented at the session:

Palestine

4. The following intergovernmental organization was represented at the session:

European Community

¹ For the list of participants, see TD/B/WP(54)/Inf.1.