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### Item 1

#### Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session

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

#### Documentation

TD/B/EX(58)/1                      Provisional agenda and annotations

### Item 2

#### The Least Developed Countries Report 2013: Growth with employment for inclusive and sustainable development

2. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2013: Growth with employment for inclusive and sustainable development* will be presented to the Board. This year, the report will review the recent economic performance of the least developed countries (LDCs) and examine the employment challenge in these countries. Approximately 130 million people in LDCs will be entering the labour force until 2020, while the total until 2040 is expected to be around 450 million. Thus, creating sufficient and decent employment opportunities for all is a real challenge. Unfortunately, recent experience shows that the link between growth and employment in LDCs is not automatic. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2013* aims at raising awareness and galvanizing the attention of policymakers with regard to the magnitude of the problem. The report also reviews and analyses recent labour market performance of LDCs, compares it with future needs in relation to job creation and elaborates concrete policy recommendations for growth with employment.

#### Documentation

UNCTAD/LDC/2013 and *The Least Developed Countries Report 2013: Growth with  
Overview                      employment for inclusive and sustainable development*

### Item 3

#### Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its sixty-sixth session (2–4 December 2013)

3. The report of the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget will be before the Board for its consideration.

#### Documentation

TD/B/WP/257                      Report of the Working Party at its sixty-sixth session

### Item 4

#### Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

4. At present, there are 211 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD, 124 in the general category and 87 in the special category. A list of these organizations is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/15.

5. The Board will be invited to consider five applications for inclusion in the general category: one from the Coopérative d'Épargne et de Crédit pour des Chrétiens Unis, one from the Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center, one from the Fédération internationale des experts comptables et commissaires aux comptes francophones, one from

the Al-Jawf Women Organization for Development and one from the “Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists” Association.

*Documentation*

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| TD/B/EX(58)/R.1 | Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board:<br>Application from the Coopérative d’Epargne et de Crédit pour des Chrétiens Unis                                |
| TD/B/EX(58)/R.2 | Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board:<br>Application from the Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center   |
| TD/B/EX(58)/R.3 | Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board:<br>Application from the Fédération internationale des experts comptables et commissaires aux comptes francophones |
| TD/B/EX(58)/R.4 | Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board:<br>Application from the Al-Jawf Women Organization for Development  |
| TD/B/EX(58)/R.5 | Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board:<br>Application from the “Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists” Association  |

**Item 5**

**Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth executive session of the Board**

6. During the session, the UNCTAD secretariat will submit for consideration a draft provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth executive session of the Trade and Development Board.

**Item 6**

**Other business**

**Item 7**

**Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-eighth executive session**