REPORT OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO THE CONFERENCE

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) provides that, when the Conference is not in session, the Board shall carry out the functions that fall within the competence of the Conference. Paragraph 22 provides that the Board shall report to the Conference and that it shall also report annually on its activities to the General Assembly.

2. The Board last reported to the Conference at its tenth session. Since that time, the Board has held four regular sessions, eleven executive sessions and three special sessions, as indicated below:

**Regular sessions**

- Forty-seventh session  9 – 20 October 2000
- Forty-eighth session  1 – 12 October 2001
- Forty-ninth session  7 – 18 October 2002
- Fiftieth session  6 – 17 October 2003
Executive sessions

Convened to discuss specific topics

Twenty-fourth executive session
- Follow-up to the outcome of the tenth session of the Conference
24 March and 12 May 2000

Twenty-fifth executive session
- UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: activities undertaken by UNCTAD in favour of Africa
- Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board
22 September 2000

Twenty-sixth executive session
- Reports of the Commissions
- Review of the experience in the implementation of the recommendations on improving the functioning and the structure of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD
- Progress report on the preparatory process for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
10–11 April 2001

Twenty-seventh executive session
- Africa
- Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its thirty-seventh session
- Other matters in the field of trade and development:
  - Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its thirty-fourth session
19 July 2001

Twenty-eighth executive session
- Reports of the Commissions
- Follow-up to paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action
12 March 2002

Twenty-ninth executive session
- Africa
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