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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 eleventh session. Since that time, the Board has held four regular sessions, eight executive sessions and three special sessions (one of which was held in three parts), as indicated below:

Regular sessions

- Fifty-first session 4–15 October 2004
- Fifty-second session 3–14 October 2005
- Fifty-third session 27 September–10 October 2006
- Fifty-fourth session 1–11 October 2007

Executive sessions

Convened to discuss specific topics

- Thirty-fifth executive session 21 September 2004
  – Africa
  – Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, on its forty-second session

- Thirty-sixth executive session 3 May 2005
  – Reports of the commissions
  – Possible UNCTAD contribution to the Millennium +5 Summit
Thirty-seventh executive session  
– Africa

Thirty-eighth executive session  
– Reports of the commissions  
– Preparatory process for the 2006 Mid-term Review of UNCTAD XI

Thirty-ninth executive session  
– Africa

Fortieth executive session  
– Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons

Forty-first executive session  
– Reports of the commissions  
– Report on the in-depth examination of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons  
– Theme and preparatory process for UNCTAD XII

Forty-second executive session  
– Africa  
– Preparations for UNCTAD XII

**Special sessions**

Twenty-first special session  
– Preparations for the twelfth session of the Conference (UNCTAD XII)

Twenty-second special session  
– Contribution of the Trade and Development Board to the follow-up to the relevant United Nations development conferences, including the Millennium Summit

Twenty-third special session (1st part)  
– Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the São Paulo Consensus  
– Strengthening the three pillars of UNCTAD

Twenty-third special session (2nd part)  
– Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the São Paulo Consensus  
– Strengthening the three pillars of UNCTAD

Twenty-third special session (3rd part)  
– Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the São Paulo Consensus  
– Strengthening the three pillars of UNCTAD