10 a.m. **Plenary (1021\textsuperscript{st} meeting)**

**Item 6** Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective (TD/B/55/4)

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Panel discussion

**Keynote speakers**

- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of WTO
- H.E. Mr. Shree Baboo Chekitan Servansing, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Mauritius
- H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping (LDC coordinator), Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Lesotho
- H.E. Mr. Eckart Guth, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, European Commission
- Mr. Rahul Khullar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
- H.E. Mr. Bruce Gosper, Ambassador, Australia
- Mr. Paulo Estivallet de Mesquita, Minister Counsellor, Brazil
- Mr. David Shark, Deputy Permanent Representative, United States of America
- Mr. Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network

Followed by

- Interactive debate
2–3 p.m. Briefing on the CEB Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity, with the participation of UNCTAD, UNDP, ITC, ESCAP, FAO and UNIDO

Room XXVI

3 p.m. Plenary (1022nd meeting)

Room XVIII

3–3.45 p.m. General statements by regional groups and delegations

Followed by

3.45 p.m. Item 3 Interdependence: Mobilizing resources for development – commodity prices, productive capacity, supply and distribution (UNCTAD/TDR/2008 and Overview)

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Introduction by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies (Overview and chapters 1, 2 and 3)
- Interventions by delegations

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Wednesday, 17 September 2008

10 a.m. Plenary (1023rd meeting)

Room XVIII

Item 3 Interdependence: Mobilizing resources for development – commodity prices, productive capacity, supply and distribution (continued)

- Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat
- Presentation by Professor Robert Frenkel, Principal Associate Researcher at the Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad (CEDES), Professor of Economics, School of Economics, University of Buenos Aires

Followed by

- Interactive discussion
3 p.m  Item 11. Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference and arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies
– Hearing with civil society

Opening remarks by one of the vice-presidents of the Trade and Development Board

Welcoming remarks by the Acting Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Theme 1: The global food crisis: addressing a systemic failure in development strategy

Lead discussants:

• Ms. Iara Pietricovsky, Instituto de Estudos Socioeconómicos (INESC), Brazil
• Ms. Jacqueline Coté, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Geneva Office

Followed by

• Interactive discussion

Theme 2: The global financial crisis and its impact on sustainable development

Lead discussants:

• Mr. Sam Kuloba Watasa, Uganda Consumers’ Protection, Uganda
• Mr. Mamadou Ndiaye, Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coopération (OFADEC), Senegal

Followed by

• Interactive discussion
• Closing remarks
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Statements

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
Tuesday, 16 September 2008

1021st and 1022nd plenary meetings

Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an introductory statement on agenda item 6.

This was followed by presentations from keynote speakers: Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of World Trade Organization (WTO); H.E. Mr. Shree Baboo Chekian Srvansing, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Mauritius; H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping (LDC coordinator at WTO), Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Eckart Guth, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, European Commission; H.E. Mr. Bruce Gosper, Ambassador, Australia; Mr. Paulo Estivallet de Mesquita, Minister Counsellor, Brazil; Mr. David Shark, Deputy Permanent Representative, United States of America; Mr. Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network.

During the interactive debate, representatives of the following member States took the floor: Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Islamic Republic of Iran, United Republic of Tanzania; Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); Guatemala (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Russian Federation, Cuba, Syrian Arab Republic; Belarus; and Argentina.

General statements

Representatives of the following member States made statements: Barbados (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); Chad (on behalf of the African Group); Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); Paraguay (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries); China; Switzerland; Egypt; and United Stated of America.
Item 3  Interdependence: Mobilizing resources for development – commodity prices, productive capacity, supply and distribution

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, introduced the Trade and Development Report, 2008.

In the debate that followed, representatives of the following member States made statements: Russian Federation; Cuba; Angola; Venezuela; Belarus; Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Islamic Republic of Iran; France (on behalf of the European Union); China; Japan; and Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).