SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
Friday, 28 September 2012

Sessional Committee II – Fourth informal session

Item 6   Economic development in Africa: Structural Transformation and Sustainable Development in Africa

Sessional Committee II continued its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions.

Sessional Committee I – Third informal session

Item 5   UNCTAD’s contribution to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs: First progress report

Sessional Committee I concluded its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions.

Sessional Committee II – Fifth informal session

Item 6   Economic development in Africa: Structural Transformation and Sustainable Development in Africa

Sessional Committee II concluded its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions.

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Item 5   UNCTAD’s contribution to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs: First progress report

The Chair of Sessional Committee I, H.E. Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi (Kazakhstan), presented his report to the Board.

The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I as contained in document TD/B/59/SC.I/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions in the non-paper dated 28 September 2012, 4.00 p.m.

Item 6   Economic development in Africa: Structural Transformation and Sustainable Development in Africa

The Chair of Sessional Committee II, H.E. Mr. Umunna Humphrey Orjiako (Nigeria), presented his report to the Board.
The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II as contained in document TD/B/59/L.1/Add.3 and endorsed the agreed conclusions in the non-paper dated 28 September 2012, 10 p.m.

Item 12  Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the thirteenth session of the Conference

Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board on 6 July 2012

The Board adopted the decision concerning the Work plan for enhancing the management and administration of UNCTAD, as contained in the non-paper circulated in the room.

Item 15  (a) Report by the President of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2011–2012 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2013

The Board approved the membership of the Advisory Body for 2013 as follows:

H.E. Mr. Boudjema Delmi (Algeria)
H.E. Mr. Mario Matus (Chile)
H.E. Mr. Shree Baboo Chekitan Servansing (Mauritius)
H.E. Mr. Ulises Canchola Gutiérrez (Mexico)
H.E. Mr. Abdulla Nasser Musallam Al-Rahbi (Oman)
H.E. Mr. Alfredo Suescum (Panama)
H.E. Mr. Maung Wai (Republic of the Union of Myanmar)
H.E. Mr. Abdul Samad Minty (South Africa)
H.E. Mr. Ravinatha P. Aryasinha (Sri Lanka)
Ms. Gabriele Boner (Germany)

(b) Designation of intergovernmental organizations for the purpose of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

There were no new applications before the Board. The Board took note of the list of the 113 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD, which was before the Board in document TD/B/IGO/LIST/9.

(c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board considered two new applications for observer status received from:

- Coordination Sud (Solidarité Urgence Développement) in the general category; background information as contained in document TD/B/59/R.1
- Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coordination (OFADEC) in the general category; background information as contained in document TD/B/59/R.2

The Board approved these applications.
(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2012 and the indicative calendar for 2013 contained in document TD/B/59/CRP.1/Rev.2.

(e) Membership of the Working Party for 2013

The Board approved the membership of the Working Party for 2013 as follows: Albania, Algeria, Belarus, China, Côte d’Ivoire, El Salvador, Germany, Islamic Republic of Iran, Lesotho, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Russian Federation, Switzerland, United States of America and Viet Nam.

It was noted that three nominations still had to be received from Group B.

(f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)

The Board took note of the list of States as contained in document TD/B/Inf.222.

(g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy-Secretary General of UNCTAD, informed the Board that there were no financial implications arising from the work of its current session.

Item 16 Adoption of the report on credentials

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives participating in the fifty-ninth session of the Board, as contained in TD/B/59/L.2.

Item 17 Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Board

The Board decided to refer consideration of this item to consultations of the President. The provisional agenda will be drawn up and submitted for approval at an appropriate time.

The Board approved the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-sixth executive session, scheduled to take place from 3 to 4 December 2012, as contained in the non-paper dated 20 September 2012.

Item 19 Adoption of the report

The Rapporteur, Mr. Kazem Asayesh (Islamic Republic of Iran), introduced the draft report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-ninth session, as contained in TD/B/59/L.1 and Add.1 to Add. 9, TD/B/59/SC.I/L.1, and the agreed conclusions on item 5 as contained in the non-papers dated 28 September 2012, 4.00 p.m. and on item 6 as contained in the non-paper dated 28 September 2012, 10 p.m.

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy-Secretary General of UNCTAD, made closing remarks.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Jüri Seilenthal (Estonia), President of the Board, closing the fifty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board.