

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 September 2012

10 a.m.	Informals Sessional Committee II – Africa (item 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussion on draft agreed conclusions	Room XXVI
3 p.m.	Informals Sessional Committee I – LDCs (item 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussion on draft agreed conclusions	Room XXVI
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Meeting of the Group of 77 and China	Room XXV Room XVIII

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 27 September 2012

9 a.m.	Meeting of the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board	E.8121
10 a.m.	Informals Sessional Committee I or II <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussion on draft agreed conclusions	Room XXVI
3 p.m.	Informals Sessional Committee I or II <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussion on draft agreed conclusions	Room XXVI
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

1092nd plenary meeting

Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective

Key issues arising from the international trading system and the impact on inclusive development

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made opening remarks.

This was followed by a keynote address by Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization.

This was followed by an interactive debate moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD.

Statements and interventions were made by representatives of the following member States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries); the Philippines; Honduras; Algeria; Cuba and Bangladesh. In addition, interventions were made by representatives from the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) and Third World Network (TWN).

The following discussants contributed to the debate: Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, World Bank; Mr. Abdallah al-Dardari, Director, Economic Development and Globalization Division, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut; Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok; Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva; Mr. Andrei Tochinn, Director, Trade and Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission.

1093rd plenary meeting

Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (*cont'd*)

The discussion from the morning session – Key issues arising from the international trading system and the impact on inclusive development – continued. Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD, moderated.

The following discussants contributed to the debate: Mr. Sebastian Herreros, Expert, Division of International Trade and Integration, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago; and Mr. Magdhi Farahat, Principal Adviser on Trade, Interregional Advisory Services, Economic Commission for Africa.

The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Paraguay made interventions.

Rio+20: How can trade best support sustainable development? Opportunities and costs

H.E. Ambassador Roberto Azevedo, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD gave a keynote address.

The following guest speakers made presentations: Mr. Aaron Cosbey, Senior Adviser, International Institute for Sustainable Development; and Mr. Claude Fromageot, Director of Sustainable Development for the Yves Rocher Group and Director of the Yves Rocher Foundation, Paris.

This was followed by an interactive discussion moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD. Representatives of the following member States made interventions: China; Argentina; the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Mexico and Indonesia.

In addition, interventions were made by representatives of the NGOs Centre for Economic and Policy Research/Our World Is Not for Sale (CEPR/OWINFS) and SEATINI.

Mr. Christopher Wunderlich, Coordinator, United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards, and members of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD, also contributed to the discussion.

The President made closing remarks.

Information for participants

Registration/attendance forms

Registration/attendance forms will be placed on the desks in the meeting room. It would be appreciated if delegations and observers would complete the forms before leaving the meeting.

Distribution of documents

The documents distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of the E building (door 40). Participants should bring with them pre-session documents, i.e. documents circulated prior to the opening of the session. Additional copies of pre-session documents may be available, stock permitting, at the distribution counter in the conference room.

Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (ext. 75497, office E.3061).

Statements

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to be posted on the UNCTAD website to tdb@unctad.org. Statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Interactive debate

For the interactive debates, the time allotted for interventions by regional groups, individual countries, and organizations is three minutes each.