

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS
Wednesday, 24 September 2014

11 a.m. Informal meeting Room XXVI
Sessional Committee I – Least developed countries (agenda item 5)

- Consideration of the outcome

1 p.m. Meeting of the Extended Bureau of the Trade and Development Board E.3057

2–3 p.m. Meeting of the Group of 77 and China Room XXV

3 p.m. Informal meeting Room XXVI
Sessional Committee II – Africa (agenda item 6)

- Consideration of the outcome

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Thursday, 25 September 2014

10 a.m. Informals Room XXVI
Sessional Committee I or II

- Consideration of the outcome

3 p.m. Informals Room XXVI
Sessional Committee I or II

- Consideration of the outcome

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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Plenary meeting

Item 11 (b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/61/3)

The Board began its consideration of the item with opening remarks by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD. Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD, introduced the report of the secretariat on this item (TD/B/61/3).

During the general debate, statements were made by the following delegations: the State of Palestine; the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group; the Philippines, on behalf of the Asian Group; Uganda, on behalf of the African Group; the European Union, on behalf of the its member States; Benin, on behalf of the least developed countries; South Africa; Oman; Iraq; Indonesia; Egypt; Thailand; Algeria; China; Jordan; the Islamic Republic of Iran; Morocco; Cuba and Sudan.

The Board took note of document TD/B/61/3 entitled “Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people: Developments in the economy of the Occupied Palestinian Territory” and the statements made by delegations. In accordance with General Assembly decision 47/445, the Board decided that the report of the Board on its sixty-first session to the General Assembly would include an account of the deliberations under this item.

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Plenary meeting

Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(a) Report by the Chair 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 2013–2014 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2015

On behalf of the Chair of the Advisory Body, H.E. Mr. Triyono Wibowo, the representative of Indonesia gave a report on the work of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action.

The representatives of Oman, Serbia, Morocco and Algeria delivered statements and expressed appreciation for the work of the secretariat.

The Board took note of the report of the Chair of the Advisory Body.

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

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, presented the Progress report on the implementation of the workplan for enhancing the management and administration of UNCTAD (TD/B/60/5) and Building a stronger UNCTAD (TD/B/61/9).

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Statements were made by the following delegations: Chad, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Mexico, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group; the European Union, on behalf of its member States; the United States of America, on behalf of JUSSCANZ; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Morocco; Benin and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Draganov, responded to queries and concerns made by delegations.

The Board decided that the deliberations would be reflected in the Chair's summary.

(b) Report of the UNCTAD Public Symposium

Ms. Sanya Reid Smyth, representing the Third World Network, presented the report on the fifth UNCTAD Public Symposium: A better world economic order for equality and sustainable development post-2015 (TD/B/61/6).

The Board took note of the report by the secretariat as contained in TD/B/61/6 and concluded consideration of the agenda item.

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Week 2 (22–26 September)		
Wednesday 24 September	a.m.	Informals: Sessional Committee I (item 5) – Least developed countries
	p.m.	Informals: Sessional Committee II (item 6) – Africa
Thursday 25 September	a.m.	Informals
	p.m.	Informals
Friday 26 September	a.m.	Informals
	p.m.	Closing plenary, reports of Sessional Committees I and II, items 15 (b to g), 16, 17, 18 and 19

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