

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 26 September 2014

Closing plenary meeting

Report of Sessional Committee I (TD/B/61/SC.I/L.1)

Item 5 Contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Development Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Third progress report

The President informed the Board that H.E. Mr. Thomas Fitschen of Germany presented the report of Sessional Committee I. The Board took note of the report of the Sessional Committee I as contained in document TD/B/61/SC.I/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions contained in the non-paper dated 26 September 2014.

Report of Sessional Committee II (TD/B/61/SC.II/L.1)

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Catalysing investment for transformative growth in Africa

The President informed the Board that H.E. Ms. Yvette Stevens of Sierra Leone and Mr. Raphael Hermoso of the Philippines, Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, presented the report of Sessional Committee II. The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II as contained in document TD/B/61/SC.II/L.1. Delegations regretted that no agreed conclusions were reached under this agenda item.

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

(a) 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

Under this item the President will prepare a summary of the deliberations.

Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2015

The Board elected the following representatives:

H.E. Mr. Abdulla Nasser Al Rahbi	(Oman)
H.E. Ms. Cecilia B. Rebong	(Philippines)
H.E. Mr. Faisal Bin Abdulla Al-Henzab	(Qatar)
H.E. Ms. Marion Williams	(Barbados)
H.E. Mr. Wayne McCook	(Jamaica)
H.E. Mr. Alfredo Suescum	(Panama)
H.E. Mr. Raimods Jansons	(Latvia)
H.E. Mr. Murad Najafbayli	(Azerbaijan)
H.E. Mr. Modest Jonathan Mero	(United Republic of Tanzania)
H.E. Mr. Israhyananda Dhalladoo	(Mauritius)
H.E. Ms. Encyla Tina Chishiba Sinjela	(Zambia)

In accordance with past practice the President of the Board, H.E. Ms. Ana María Menéndez Pérez (Spain), will chair the Advisory Body

The remaining members of the Advisory Body will be appointed at the next executive session of the Board in December 2014.

(b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board took note that at present, there are 114 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD as contained in document TD/B/IGO/LIST/10.

The Board was invited to consider one new application requesting inclusion in the list provided for in rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board from the Indian Ocean Rim Association as contained in TD/B/61/R.3. The Board welcomed the new Organization amongst those already associated with the work of UNCTAD. The list of the approved organizations will be updated accordingly.

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

At present there are 216 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD, 127 in the general category and 89 in the special category. A list of these organizations is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/16. The Board was invited to consider two new applications for observer status with UNCTAD: one from the International Federation of Multimedia Associations and one from the Réseau Intercontinental de Promotion de l'Economie Sociale Solidaire. Background information on these organizations is contained in documents TD/B/61/R.1 and TD/B/61/R.2.

The Board approved the designation of these two non-governmental organizations under rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board and that they will be classified in the general category so that they may participate in the activities of UNCTAD. The list of the approved organizations will be updated.

(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

The secretariat has circulated a tentative provisional calendar for the remainder of 2014 and 2015 as contained in document TD/B/61/CRP.1. The Bureau of the Board reviewed this tentative provisional calendar during its meetings on 17 and 24 September. The Board approved the calendar of meetings. The official calendar will be issued as document TD/B/INF.231.

(e) Membership of the Working Party for 2014

The Board approved the following nominations by regional groups for the membership of the Working Party in 2015: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Finland, Germany, Italy, Panama, Russian Federation, Switzerland and the United States of America. There are still nominations from the Asian Group, the African Group and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The Board expects these nominations to be made in time for the sixtieth executive session that will take place in December 2014.

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

The list of States is contained in document TD/B/INF.228. There is no action to take under this item.

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

The Board was informed that there were no additional financial implications stemming from the actions of the session for the current programme budget.

Item 16 Adoption of the report on credentials

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the sixty-first session of the Board as contained in document TD/B/61/L.2.

Item 17 Provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Board

With regard to the provisional agenda for the sixty-second session and in accordance with past practice, the Board decided to refer consideration of this item to Consultations of the President. The provisional agenda therefore will be drawn up and submitted for approval by an executive session at an appropriate time.

Item 18 Other business

The Board approved the draft provisional agenda of the sixtieth executive session of the Board which is scheduled to take place from 10 to 12 December 2014 as contained in document TD/B/61/L.3.

Item 19 Adoption of the report

The Rapporteur of the Board, Ms. Wafa Ameuri (Algeria) introduced the draft report of the sixty-first session to the Board as contained in documents TD/B/61/L.1 and TD/B/61/L.1/Add.1 to Add.9.

The Board adopted the report in TD/B/61/L.1 and TD/B/61/L.1/Add.1 to Add.9, the report of Sessional Committee I and the agreed conclusions under agenda item 5 and the report of Sessional Committee II. The President suggested that there will be a President's summary on agenda item 6.

Statements were made by the following representatives: United States of America, the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its member States) and the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) with regard to the President's summary on agenda item 6.

The Board authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report for transmission to the General Assembly, as appropriate.

Concluding statements were made by the following representatives: the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its member States), United States of America (on behalf of the JUSSCANZ group), Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries), Kenya, Egypt and Uruguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).

The President made concluding remarks.

Closure of the session

The President declared the sixty-first session of the Board closed.