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**Report of the Trade and Development Board on
its twenty-ninth special session**

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Introduction

The twenty-ninth special session of the Trade and Development Board was held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 26 November 2015. In the course of the session, the Board held one plenary meeting.

I. Action by the Trade and Development Board on substantive items on its agenda

A. Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016

Decision 527 (S-XXIX)

The Trade and Development Board warmly welcomes the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XIV) in 2016.

26 November 2015

B. Other action taken by the Board

Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016

1. The Trade and Development Board approved a draft decision on the venue for UNCTAD XIV, as contained in the non-paper shared with member States, for the consideration of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its seventieth session (see annex II).
2. The UNCTAD secretariat informed the Board that 17–22 July 2016 were the proposed dates for holding UNCTAD XIV.

II. President's summary

Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016

(Agenda item 2)

3. At the plenary meeting, the President of the Trade and Development Board recalled that at the consultations of the President held on 17 November 2015, member States endorsed the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host UNCTAD XIV in July 2016. He also clarified the need to submit a draft decision to the General Assembly on the issue of a venue for the Conference.
4. The President thanked the Government of Kenya, and recalled that there was much work to be done ahead of the Conference. The representative of Kenya thanked member States for endorsing his country as the host of UNCTAD XIV.
5. Many delegations expressed appreciation for the offer of the Government of Kenya to host the Conference and looked forward to a successful UNCTAD XIV. Several delegations noted that Kenya would be hosting the Conference in Nairobi not long before

and after other important international conferences, such as the forthcoming tenth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization and the next Tokyo International Conference on African Development. One delegation noted that the Conference would be one of the first United Nations meetings to take place after the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015. The conclusions of UNCTAD XIV would be a starting point for translating the ambitions of the international development community into plans of actions and should feed into the work of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

6. The UNCTAD secretariat informed the Board on various aspects of ongoing arrangements for UNCTAD XIV, including the proposed dates for the Conference of 17-22 July 2016. The secretariat would share the revised road map with the new dates for the Conference and meetings with member States.

Other matters

7. The President of the Board informed the meeting that, following many requests from member States, the sixty-second executive session of the Board, originally scheduled for 9-11 December 2015, would be postponed until late January 2016. A notification would be sent out with the precise dates.

III. Procedural and related matters

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 1)

8. The Board adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document TD/B(S-XXIX)/1 (see annex I).

B. Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-ninth special session

(Agenda item 3)

9. The President would finalize the report on its twenty-ninth special session after the conclusion of the meeting.

Annex I

Agenda for the twenty-ninth special session of the Trade and Development Board

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016
3. Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-ninth special session

Annex II

Draft decision for the consideration of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its seventieth session

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The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-ninth special session, which was held in Geneva on 26 November 2015, and its decision contained therein, and welcomes the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016.

Annex III

Attendance

1. Representatives of the following States members of the Trade and Development Board attended the session:

Argentina	Pakistan
Bahamas	Poland
Bangladesh	Sudan
Côte d'Ivoire	Togo
Ecuador	Trinidad and Tobago
Ethiopia	Tunisia
Finland	Turkey
Japan	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Malaysia	Zimbabwe
Mexico	

2. The following non-governmental organization was represented at the session:

General category

International Network for Standardization of Higher Education Degrees
