

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 2009

8.30 a.m. **Sessional Committee I – Informal meeting** **Room XXVI**

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (*continued*)

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

10 a.m. **Plenary (1038th meeting)** **Room XXVI**

Item 12 Other matters in the field of trade and development:

(b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its forty-second session

- Presentation of the report by H.E. Mrs. Emina Keco-Isakovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Chair of the forty-second session of the ITC Joint Advisory Group Meeting

Followed by

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Followed by

Informals on:

Item 11 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference:

(b) UNCTAD's communication strategy and publications policy

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

Item 13 Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-second, fifty-second (resumed) and fifty-third sessions

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

3 p.m. Closing plenary (1039th meeting)

Room XVII

- Item 4** Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (TD/B/56/SC.I/L.1 and TD/B/56/SC.I/L.2)
- Item 5** Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development (TD/B/56/SC.II/L.1 and TD/B/56/SC.II/L.2)
- Item 9** UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (TD/B/56/8)
- Item 10** Technical cooperation activities:
- (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-third session) TD/B/WP/212; Add.1 and Add.2; TD/B/WP/215)
 - (b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/56/3)
- Item 11** Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference:
- (a) Hearing with civil society (TD/B/56/5)
 - (b) UNCTAD's communication strategy and publications policy (TD/B/56/9; TD/B/56/10)
- Item 12** Other matters in the field of trade and development:
- (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-second annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/64/17)
- Item 13** Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-second, fifty-second (resumed) and fifty-third sessions (TD/B/WP/209; TD/B/WP/210; TD/B/WP/215)
- Item 14** Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:
- (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 2008–2009 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2010
 - (b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/56/R.1 and TD/B/56/R.2)

- 3 p.m.** **Item 14** **Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:** *(continued)* **Room XVII**
- (c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/56/R.3 and TD/B/56/R.4)
 - (d) Review of the calendar of meetings (TD/B/56/CRP.3)
 - (e) Membership of the Working Party for 2010
 - (f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) (TD/B/INF.215)
 - (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board
- Item 15** **Adoption of the report on credentials** (TD/B/56/L.2)
- Item 16** **Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Board**
- Item 17** **Other business**
- Item 18** **Adoption of the report**
(TD/B/56/L.1 and Add.1-3)
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Information for participants

Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XXVI. 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. 75599/75497, office E.3061).

Statements

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements for posting on the web to editorialsection@unctad.org. The statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 2009

Sessional Committee I – Informal meeting

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Konrad Scharinger (Germany), Chair of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee I concluded its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions on item 4.

Closing plenary meeting

Sessional Committee I formally adopted the draft agreed conclusions.

Plenary (1038th meeting)

Item 12 Other matters in the field of trade and development:

(b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its forty-second session

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Konrad Scharinger (Germany), Vice-President of the Board.

H.E. Mrs. Emina Keco-Isakovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Chair of the forty-second session of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC) Joint Advisory Group, presented the report.

The representatives of the following member States took the floor: Belarus; Canada; Guatemala; Peru; Brazil; Jamaica, United States of America; Russian Federation; Zimbabwe; Zambia; and Islamic Republic of Iran.

H.E. Mrs. Emina Keco-Isakovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Chair of the forty-second session of the ITC Joint Advisory Group, and Mrs. Patricia Francis, Executive Director of ITC, responded to questions and comments.

The UNCTAD secretariat responded to questions and comments.

The Board took note of the forty-second report of the Joint Advisory Group, contained in document ITC/AG(XLII)/225.

Board - Informal meeting

Item 11(b) UNCTAD's communication strategy and publications policy

Item 13 Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget - Proposal to enhance the functioning of the Working Party

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Konrad Scharinger (Germany), Vice-President of the Board.

The Board informally approved draft agreed conclusions on the proposal to enhance the functioning of the Working Party as contained in a non-paper. It informally decided to postpone consideration of the communications strategy and publications policy.

Closing plenary (1039th meeting)

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg), President of the Trade and Development Board.

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010

The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II as contained in document TD/B/56/SC.I/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/56/SC.I/L.2.

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development

The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II as contained in document TD/B/56/SC.II/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/56/SC.II/L.2.

Item 9 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields

The Board took note of the secretariat's report contained in document TD/B/56/8.

Item 10 Technical cooperation activities:

- (a) **Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-third session)**

The Board adopted the draft decision contained in document TD/B/WP/215.

(b) **Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people**

The Board took note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat in document TD/B/56/3 and the statements made by delegations and decided, in accordance with General Assembly decision 47/445, that the report of the Board on its fifty-sixth session to the General Assembly should include an account of the deliberations under this item.

Item 11 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference:

- (a) **Hearing with civil society**

Mrs. Sanya Reid Smith, of Third World Network, presented the report on the hearing.

The Board took note of the report as contained in document TD/B/56/L.1/Add.4.

- (b) **UNCTAD's communication strategy and publications policy**

The Board decided to resume consideration of this item at its resumed fifty-sixth session on the basis of its draft agreed conclusions, as amended by delegations.

Item 12 Other matters in the field of trade and development:

- (a) **Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-second annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

The Board took note of the forty-second annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, as contained in document A/64/17.

Item 13 Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme

The Board approved the reports of the Working Party on its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions (TD/B/WP/209 and TD/B/WP/215). It deferred discussion of the report on the fifty-second (resumed) session (TD/B/WP210) to its resumed fifty-sixth session.

The Board adopted its agreed conclusions entitled "Proposal to enhance the functioning of the Working Party" as contained in a non-paper dated 25 September 2008.

Item 14 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(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 2008–2009 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2010

Mr. Joannes Ekaprasetya Tandjung (Indonesia), speaking on behalf of H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani (Indonesia), President of the Advisory Body, reported on the work of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action.

The Board took note of the report.

The Board approved the membership of the Advisory Body for 2010 as follows: H.E. Ambassador Jean Feyder (President of the Board, Luxembourg); H.E. Mr. Dinesh Bhattarai (Nepal); H.E. Mr. Yahya S. Al-Wahaibi (Oman); H.E. Mr. Zamir Akram, (Pakistan); H.E. Mr. Mario Matus (Chile); H.E. Mr. Mauricio Montalvo (Ecuador); Ms. Judith Arrieta (Mexico); Mr. Anthony Nyame-Baafi (Ghana); H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale (Morocco); H.E. Mr. Maurice Peter K. Kiwanuka (Uganda); H.E. Mr. George Avramche (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia); H.E. Mr. Elchin Amirbayov (Azerbaijan); France and Turkey (two more representatives of Group B to be announced).

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

The Board was invited to consider two new applications for observer status received from:

- The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS); and
- Eurasian Development Bank

The background information on these organizations is contained in document TD/B/56/R.1 and TD/B/56/R.2.

The Board decided to approve these applications so that they might participate in the activities of UNCTAD.

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

The Board was invited to consider two new applications for observer status received from:

- The Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA) for the special category: the background information on this organization is contained in document TD/B/55/R.3;
- D'IQsensato in the general category. The background information on this organization is contained in document TD/B/55/R.4.

The Board decided to approve these applications and classify these NGOs in the special category and general category respectively so that they might participate in the activities of UNCTAD.

Item 14 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2009 and the indicative calendar for 2010 and the first half of 2011 contained in document TD/B/56/CRP.3, as orally amended by the Secretariat.

(e) Membership of the Working Party for 2010

The Board approved the membership of the Working Party for 2010 as follows: Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Thailand; China; Brazil; El Salvador; Peru; Algeria; Benin; Côte d'Ivoire; Albania; Belarus; Russian Federation; Japan and Switzerland (4 countries from Group B to be announced).

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

Nothing was reported under this item.

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

The Board was informed that the actions of the Board at its current session had no programme budget implications.

Item 15 Adoption of the report on credentials

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives participating in the fifty-sixth session of the Board, as contained in TD/B/56/L.2.

Item 16 Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh 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.

Item 18 Adoption of the report

The Rapporteur, Mrs. Tshihumbudzo Ravhandalala (South Africa), introduced the draft report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-sixth session, as contained in TD/B/56/L.1 and Add.1-6, TD/B/56/SC.1/L.1, TD/B/56/SC.1/L.2, TD/B/56/SC.2/L.1 and TD/B/56/SC.2/L.2. The Board decided to defer approval of the report until its resumed fifty-sixth session, to be held as soon as possible in October.
