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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 3 October 2005

10.00 a.m.                    **PLENARY (968<sup>th</sup> meeting)**                    Room XX

Opening of the session

Item 1                    Procedural matters

Item 1(a)                Election of officers

Item 1(b)                Adoption of the agenda and organization  
of the work of the session  
(TD/B/52/1)

Establishment of Sessional Committee I  
and Sessional Committee II

Statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Statements by Coordinators of Regional Groups

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3.00 p.m.                    **HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**                    Room XX

**Item 2 - Economic growth and poverty reduction in the 1990s - Lessons from a decade of economic reform for development strategies and global partnerships in the new millennium (TD/B/52/7)**

Opening remarks by

**Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi**  
*Secretary-General of UNCTAD*

**Followed by Panellists**

**H.E. Mr. Alan Kyerematen**  
*Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana*

**H.E. Mr. Leiv Lunde**  
*Vice-Minister for International Development of Norway*

**Mr. Arturo O'Connell**  
*Member of the Board of the Central Bank of Argentina*

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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 October 2005

10.00 a.m.

### PLENARY (970<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Room XX

Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: New features of global interdependence  
(UNCTAD/TDR/2005 and Overview)

- Introduction by the UNCTAD secretariat
- General debate

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3.00 p.m.

### PLENARY (971<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Room XX

Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: New features of global interdependence  
(UNCTAD/TDR/2005 and Overview)

#### Panellists

**Prof. Humberto Campodónico Sanchez,**  
*Professor of the Economics Faculty of the  
Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima*

**Mr. HE Fan**  
*Assistant Director of the Institute of World  
Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social  
Sciences*

**Prof. Arturo O'Connell**  
*Member of the Board of the Central Bank of  
Argentina, Professor of International Finance at the  
Buenos Aires campus of the University of Bologna,  
Italy*

**Mr. Irfan Ul-Haque**  
*Member of New Rules for Global Finance  
Coalition, Independent Consultant*

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## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in Room XX. 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 new building ("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 (telephone extensions 75599/75497, Room E.3061).

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 3 October 2005

### 968<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting

#### Opening of the session

The fifty-second session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mrs. Mary WHELAN (Ireland), President of the fifty-first session of the Board.

Item 1 - Procedural matters:

Item 1(a) - Election of officers

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Ransford A. SMITH (Jamaica) as the President of the Board.

The Board elected the following 10 Vice-Presidents:

H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio MARCH	(Spain)
H.E. Mr. Wegger Christian STRØMMEN	(Norway)
H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio FERNÁNDEZ PALACIOS	(Cuba)
Mrs. Brigitta Maria SIEFKER-EBERLE	(Germany)
Mr. Iouri AFANASSIEV	(Russian Federation)
Ms. Melissa KEHOE	(United States of America)
H.E. Mr. Sameh SHOUKRY	(Egypt)
H.E. Mr. Kwame BAWUAH-EDUSEI	(Ghana)
H.E. Mr. Gyan Chandra ACHARYA	(Nepal)
H.E. Mr. Musa BURAYZAT	(Jordan)

The Board elected Mr. Levan LOMIDZE (Georgia) as its Rapporteur.

Following established practice, the Board agreed that the Regional Coordinators and China, and the Chairmen of the Sessional Committees, would be fully associated with the work of the Bureau of the Board.

Item 1 (b) - Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document TD/B/52/1.

Organization of work

The Board approved the proposals for the organization of the work of the session as contained in a revised timetable and agreed that, in the course of the session and in the light of developments, changes to the timetable would be reflected in the Daily Journal of the Board.

The Board established two Sessional Committees:

Sessional Committee I to consider and report on item 4 – Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010:

- (a) UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs: Fourth progress report
- (b) Erosion of preferences for the least developed countries: Assessment of effects and mitigating options

H.E. Mr. Marc GIACOMINI (France) was elected as Chairperson of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee II to consider and report on Item 5 – Economic development in Africa: The role of foreign direct investment in growth and development

H.E. Mr. Love Mtesa (Zambia) was elected as Chairperson of Sessional Committee II.

All the other items will be taken up in Plenary.

General Statements

Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

The following representatives made statements: Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); H.E. Mr. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana; Afghanistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania); El Salvador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Philippines (on behalf of the Asian Group); Czech Republic (on behalf of Group D); Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); United States of America; Switzerland; Russian Federation; Colombia; Thailand; Cuba; China; Brazil; Djibouti; Japan; and Indonesia.

## **HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**

Item 2 - Economic growth and poverty reduction in the 1990s - Lessons from a decade of economic reform for development strategies and global partnerships in the new millennium

The High-level Segment began its consideration of item 2 with a statement by Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD. This was followed by presentations from prominent panellists: H.E. Mr. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Leiv Lunde, Vice-Minister for International Development of Norway; and Mr. Arturo O'Connell, Member of the Board of the Central Bank of Argentina.

The presentations were followed by an interactive debate.

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