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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 29 October 1999

## TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

### 907th Plenary Meeting

#### **Item 6 (a)    Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD**

The Chairman of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget at its thirty-fourth session, Mrs. Angelina M. Sta Catalina of the Philippines, made a statement. This was followed by statements by the representatives of Egypt; Finland (on behalf of the European Union); Colombia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Russian Federation; Malaysia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); China; Norway; Japan and Switzerland.

The Board took note of the secretariat's overview of technical cooperation activities (TD/B/46/3 and Add.1-2), of the oral report of the Chairperson of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, and of the fact that technical cooperation issues not resolved by the Working Party should be taken up by the Committee of the Whole.

#### **Item 6(b)    Consideration of other relevant reports: Report of UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people**

An introductory statement was made by the Acting Coordinator of the Unit for Assistance to Palestinian people in the UNCTAD secretariat. This was followed by statements by the representatives of Palestine; Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); Israel; Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Switzerland and the League of Arab States.

The Board took note of the report contained in document TD/B/46/5.

**Item 7 (a) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries**

The Plenary began its consideration with an introductory statement by the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries. A statement was then made by H.E. Mr. Alounkes Kittikhoun (Laos), Chairman of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries in New York and Vice-Chairman of the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts from Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions, which was held in New York under the auspices of UNCTAD from 24 to 26 August 1999.

The Plenary resumed its consideration of item 7(a) in the afternoon with a statement by the representative of Zambia (on behalf of the African Group). This was followed by statements by the representatives of Paraguay; Nepal; Japan; Pakistan; Bolivia and Viet Nam.

The Board took note of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts from Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions (TD/B/46/6/6-TD/B/LDC/AC.1/15), endorsed the conclusions and recommendations in Part II of the report, and agreed to submit the conclusions and recommendations together with the "Progress report by the UNCTAD secretariat" (TD/B/46/7) to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

**Item 7(b) Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirty-second annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

The Board took note of the report of UNCITRAL on the work of its thirty-second session contained in document A/54/17 under cover of a note by the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/46/8).

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**Item 1(c) Adoption of the report on credentials**

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the forty-sixth session of the Board (TD/B/46/13).

**Item 1(d) - Provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Board**

The President proposed that a draft provisional agenda be drawn up by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in the light of the outcome of UNCTAD X. This draft would be presented to the Bureau at appropriate monthly consultations of the President.

**Item 2**      **Preparatory process for the tenth session of the Conference:**  
**- Establishment of the Committee of the Whole**

The Board noted that the Preparatory Committee had set itself a timetable and would report to the twenty-third executive session of the Board on 17 December 1999.

**Item 3**      **Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: trade, growth and external financing in developing countries**

The Board took note of the Chairman's summary of the debate on this item in document TD/B/46/L.2.

**Report of Sessional Committee I**

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Ambassador Walter Lewalter (Germany).

Under item 4 (on the LDCs) the Board adopted the agreed conclusions in TD/B/46/SC.1/L.2 and took note of the Chairman's Summary in document TD/B/46/SC.1/L.3

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee I in documents TD/B/45/SC.1/L.1 and Add.1 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-sixth session.

**Report of Sessional Committee II**

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Vice-Chairman, Ms. Ingrid Mollestad (Norway).

Under item 5 on the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa, the Board adopted the agreed conclusions in TD/B/46/SC.2/L.2.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee II in documents TD/B/46/SC.2/L.1 and Add.1 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-sixth session.

**Item 8 - Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:**

**Item 8(a) - Review of the calendar of meetings**

A calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1999 and up to UNCTAD X and an indicative calendar for the remainder of 2000 (TD/B/46/CRP.1) was approved by the Board subject to modifications in the light of developments and as may be deemed necessary at the monthly consultations of the President.

**Item 8(b) - 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 biennium programme budget.

**Item 9 Other business**

The Board approved and endorsed the report of H.E. Ambassador Nathan Urumba (Uganda) on the outcome of his consultations on the functioning of the IGEs in the UNCTAD machinery.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.

**Item 10 Adoption of the report of the Board on its forty-sixth session**

The Rapporteur, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa) introduced the draft report to the Board. The Board adopted the report in TD/B/46/L.1 and Add.1 and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report, as appropriate.

The Board authorized the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to prepare the report of the Board to the General Assembly.

**Closing statements**

Closing statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union); Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); Egypt ; Colombia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Belarus; Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) and the United States of America.