



SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 18 October 2002

936th (closing) plenary meeting

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

The Board adopted the report of its Bureau on the credentials of the representatives attending the forty-ninth session document (TD/B/49/13).

Item 1 (d) - Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Board

The Board agreed to recommend that the provisional agenda for the fiftieth session be prepared by the secretariat at a later stage and submitted to the President's Consultations.

Item 3 - Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Developing countries in world trade

Under this item, the President briefly summed up the main points made in the plenary and with panellists.

The Board decided to include the closing comments of the President under this item in its report to the General Assembly.

Report of Sessional Committee I

Item 4 - Progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010:

- (a) Implementation of UNCTAD-wide activities in favour of LDCs
- (b) The least developed country status: Effective benefits and the question of graduation

Under this item, the Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions as contained in document TD/B/49/SC.1/L.2, took note of the report of the Committee in documents TD/B/48/SC.1/L.1 and Add.1, and decided that the report of Sessional Committee I would form an integral part of the full report of the Board's proceedings.

Report of Sessional Committee II

Item 5 - UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: Structural adjustment and poverty reduction in Africa

Under this item, the Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions as contained in an informal paper dated 18 October 2002, took note of the report of the Committee in documents TD/B/49/SC.2/L.1 and Add.1 and 2, and decided that the report of Sessional Committee II would form an integral part of the full report of the Board's proceedings.

Item 6 - Review of development and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries

The President made a closing statement reflecting the discussions on this item. The Board took note of the report contained in document TD/B/49/12 and decided to reflect the comments of the President in the Board's report to the General Assembly under this item

Item 10 - Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters (b) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board was informed that there were no financial implications arising from the work of its current session.

Item 11 - Other business

The Board had no other business under this agenda item.

Item 12 - Adoption of the report

The Board adopted its report as contained in documents TD/B/49/L.2 and Addenda 1, 2, 3 and 4 and authorized the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to finalize the report of the Board to the General Assembly, taking into account the proceedings of this final plenary.

Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a concluding statement.

Closing statements

Closing statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the EU – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – as well as Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, also associated with the EU), Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Switzerland (on behalf of JUZCANS), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Uganda, Japan, China and Bangladesh.

Closure of the session

The President declared the forty-ninth session of the Board closed.