



## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 11 October 2002

### SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

First and second meeting

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

The Chairman, Mr Stefano Lazarrotto (Switzerland), opened the Sessional Committee and elected Ms. Woinshet Tadesse (Ethiopia) as its Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States, and Mr. Mats Karlsson, Vice-President, World Bank addressed the Committee.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Special Coordinator for the LDCs, Landlocked and Small Island Developing States introduced the item.

The following representatives made statements: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries); Ethiopia (on behalf of the African Group); and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union).

Following the first meeting, the Sessional Committee met in an informal setting.

At its second meeting, the Sessional Committee continued its general debate under this agenda item with statements from the following representatives: Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China).

It then pursued its deliberations in an informal interactive debate on agenda item 4(b) with the following panellists: Mr. Patrick GUILLAUMONT, Professor of Economics, President, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Développement International, Université d'Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand (France), Member, Committee for Development Policy (ECOSOC), Mr. Constantine MICHALOPOULOS, Former Senior Adviser to the World Bank and the World Trade Organization, Author of *Developing Countries in the WTO* (2001); Mr. Madhukar RANA, Former Executive Director of the Centre for Economic Development and Administration of Nepal, Former Senior Adviser to the Government of Nepal; Mr. Adão da Silva ROCHA, Former Minister of Industry and Energy of Cape Verde, International Consultant.

