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REPORT OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO THE CONFERENCE

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) provides that, when the Conference is not in session, the Board shall carry out the functions that fall within the competence of the Conference. Paragraph 22 provides that the Board shall report to the Conference and that it shall also report annually on its activities to the General Assembly.
2. The Board last reported to the Conference at its tenth session. Since that time, the Board has held four regular sessions, eleven executive sessions and three special sessions, as indicated below:

Regular sessions

Forty-seventh session	9 – 20 October 2000
Forty-eighth session	1 – 12 October 2001
Forty-ninth session	7 – 18 October 2002
Fiftieth session	6 – 17 October 2003

Executive sessions

Convened to discuss specific topics

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| Twenty-fourth executive session | 24 March and 12 May 2000 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Follow-up to the outcome of the tenth session of the Conference | |
| Twenty-fifth executive session | 22 September 2000 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: activities undertaken by UNCTAD in favour of Africa- Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board | |
| Twenty-sixth executive session | 10–11 April 2001 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reports of the Commissions- Review of the experience in the implementation of the recommendations on improving the functioning and the structure of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD- Progress report on the preparatory process for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries | |
| Twenty-seventh executive session | 19 July 2001 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Africa- Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its thirty-seventh session- Other matters in the field of trade and development:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its thirty-fourth session | |
| Twenty-eighth executive session | 12 March 2002 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reports of the Commissions- Follow-up to paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action | |
| Twenty-ninth executive session | 13 September 2002 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Africa- Follow-up to paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action- Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its thirty-fifth session | |

Thirtieth executive session - Financing the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in UNCTAD's Expert Meetings	2–4 December 2002
Thirty-first executive session - Preparations for the eleventh session of the Conference (UNCTAD XI) - Reports of the Commissions	10 March 2003
Thirty-second executive session - Africa - Preparations for the eleventh session of the Conference (UNCTAD XI)	28 July 2003
Thirty-third executive session - Financing the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in UNCTAD expert meetings	23 September 2003
Thirty-fourth executive session - Preparations for the eleventh session of the Conference (UNCTAD XI) - Reports of the Commissions	10-12 March 2004

Special sessions

Nineteenth special session (Mid-term Review)	29 April-2 May 2002
Twentieth special session - Financing the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in UNCTAD's Expert Meetings	27 January 2003
Twenty-first special session - Preparations for the eleventh session of the Conference (UNCTAD XI)	14 May 2004
