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#### **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS** Wednesday, 5 October 2005

10.00 a.m. Sessional Committee I – First plenary meeting

- Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (TD/B/52/3)
  - (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
  - Introduction of the item
  - General debate

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#### Sessional Committee I – Informal meeting 3.00 p.m.

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 - (TD/B/52/3)

> (b) Erosion of preferences for the least developed countries: Assessment of effects and mitigating options

#### **Panellists**

#### **M.** Leonnel

Director of International Relations in the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Development of Madagascar

#### **Professor Mohammad Taslim**

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Ms. Sheila Page **Overseas Development Institute, UK** 

Mr. Bernard Hoekman World Bank

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#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS Thursday, 6 October 20005

# 10.00 a.m. **PLENARY (970<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

<u>Item 6</u> Review of developments and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries (TD/B/52/8

- Introduction by the UNCTAD secretariat
- General debate

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# 3.00 p.m. **PLENARY (971<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

- <u>Item 6</u> Review of developments and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries (TD/B/52/8)
  - General debate (continued)

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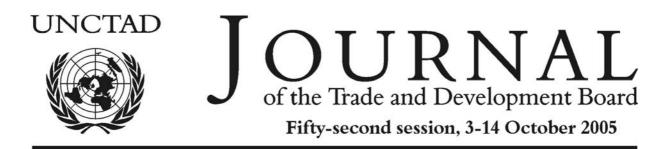
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#### SUMMARY OF MEETINGS Wednesday, 5 October 2005

#### SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

#### **First Plenary Meeting**

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (TD/B/52/3)

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Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Special Programme for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries, made a detailed introductory statement on item 4 and the Fourth progress report on UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs.

The general debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Nepal (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Djibouti (on behalf of the least developed countries); Bangladesh (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania); Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Japan; Ethiopia; China; Norway; Cuba; United States of America; Sudan; South Africa; Madagascar; Afghanistan; Nepal.

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## SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

#### Informal meeting

- Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
  - (b) Erosion of preferences for the least developed countries: Assessment of effects and mitigating options (TD/B/52/4)

#### Panel

The Board met in an informal panel discussion on agenda item 4 with the participation of the following panellists: Mr. Leonnel, Director of International Relations in the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Development of Madagascar; Professor Mohammad Taslim, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Ms. Sheila Page, Overseas Development Institute, UK; Mr. Bernard Hoekman, World Bank. The panel discussion was followed by an interactive debate.

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