

of the Trade and Development Board Fifty-third session, 27 September - 2 October & 10 October 2006

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS Thursday, 28 September 2006

10.00 a.m. PLENARY (986th meeting)

- Address by H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain
- <u>Item 2</u> Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Global partnership and national policies for development (UNCTAD/TDR/2006 & Overview)
 - Introductory remarks by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
 - Introduction by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck Officer-in-Charge, DGDS
 - Debate

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3.00 p.m. **PLENARY (987th meeting)**

- Item 3 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (TD/B/53/3 & TD/B/53/CRP.1)
 - (a) The Least Developed Countries Report 2006: Developing Productive Capacities
 - (b) UNCTAD-wide implementation of activities in favour of LDCs
 - Introduction by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes
 - Debate

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Panellists on Item 3(a)

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Mr. Mansour Cama Président de la Confédération Nationale des Employeurs du Sénégal

Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma

Advisor to the Management Development Centre, Management Association of Nepal

Mr. Jacques Loup

Economic Advisor, Agence Française de Développement (France)

Prof. Colin Kirkpatrick

University of Manchester (United Kingdom)

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS Friday, 29 September 2006

10.00 a.m. PLENARY (988th meeting)

<u>Item 7(b)</u> Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/53/2)

- Introduction by the UNCTAD secretariat
- Debate

Followed by

<u>Item 4</u> Economic Development in Africa: Doubling Aid - Making the "Big Push" Work (TD/B/53/4 & UNCTAD/GDS/AFRICA/2006/1)

- Introduction by the UNCTAD secretariat
- Debate

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2.00 p.m. Extended Bureau meeting

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3.00 p.m. PLENARY (989th meeting)

<u>Item 4</u> Economic Development in Africa: Doubling Aid - Making the "Big Push" Work (TD/B/53/4 & UNCTAD/GDS/AFRICA/2006/1)

Followed by

<u>Item 7</u> Technical cooperation activities (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (Report of the Working Party on its fortyseventh session) (TD/B/WP/188 & Corr.1; TD/B/WP/188/Add.1; TD/B/WP/188/Add.2; TD/B/WP/191; TD/B/WP/L.121; TD/B/WP/L.122)

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Arrangements for regional group meetings

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS Thursday, 28 September 2006

986th Plenary Meetings

H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, addressed the Board.

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Globalization and Development Strategies, made a detailed introductory statement with reference to the *Trade and Development Report*, 2006.

The debate was opened. The following representatives made statements: Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Angola (on behalf of the African Group); Afghanistan (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Russian Federation; Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Belarus, India, United States of America; Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Japan; Islamic Republic of Iran; Australia; Sri Lanka; Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Iraq; Senegal; South Africa; China; Egypt; Bangladesh; Norway; and Djibouti.

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987th Plenary Meeting

Item 3 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, made a detailed introductory statement on item 3 and on the Progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the LDCs.

Panel

The Board had a panel discussion on agenda item 3(a) "The Least Developed Countries Report 2006: Developing Productive Capacities" with the participation of the following panellists: Mr. Mansour Cama, Président de la Confédération Nationale des Employeurs du Sénégal; Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Advisor to the Management Development Centre, Management Association of Nepal; Mr. Jacques Loup, Economic Advisor, Agence Française de Développement (France); Prof. Colin Kirkpatrick, University of Manchester (United Kingdom). The panel discussion was followed by an interactive debate.

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<u>Item 2</u> - <u>Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective:</u> <u>Global partnership and national policies for development</u>

The following representatives made interventions: Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Norway; Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Republic of Korea; Rwanda; China; Cuba; Mexico; Senegal; Brazil; Djibouti; Bangladesh; Zambia; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Afghanistan; Nepal; OCAPROCE International; Mr. Mansour Cama; Mr. Jacques Loup; Prof. Colin Kirkpatrick; Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma; UNCTAD secretariat; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Afghanistan.

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