



PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Friday, 29 September 2006

10.00 a.m. **PLENARY (988th meeting)** Room XXVI

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

- Introduction by Mr. Raja Khalidi, Coordinator, Assistance to the Palestinian People
- Debate

Followed by

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

- Introduction by Mr. Kamran Kousari, Special Coordinator for Africa
- Debate

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2.00 p.m. **Extended Bureau meeting** E.8121

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3.00 p.m. **PLENARY (989th meeting)** Room XXVI

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

Followed by

Item 7 Technical cooperation activities
(a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (Report of the Working Party on its forty-seventh 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)

Item 7(c) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its forty-sixth session

- Oral report by the Chairperson of the Working Party

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 2 October 2006

10.00 a.m. **PLENARY (990th meeting)**

Room XXVI

Item 6 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields:

- UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to the implementation of, and to the review of progress made in the implementation of, the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, under its relevant agenda items
(TD/B/53/6)

- Introduction by the UNCTAD secretariat
- Debate

Followed by informals

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

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3.00 p.m. **Informal meeting**

Room XXVI

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions (continued)

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**BUREAU OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION
OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (telephone extensions 75599/75497, Room E.3061).

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 29 September 2006

988th and 989th Plenary Meetings

Item 7(b) Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people

Mr. Raja Khalidi, Coordinator of the Unit for Assistance to the Palestinian People, introduced the secretariat's report, on this item (TD/B/53/2).

The debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Israel; Palestine; Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Afghanistan (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Indonesia; Cuba; Islamic Republic of Iran; China; United States of America; Brazil; Norway; and Egypt. The Coordinator of the Unit for Assistance to the Palestinian People responded to questions and made further comments.

The Board took note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat in document TD/B/53/2 and the statements made by delegations and decided, in accordance with General Assembly decision 47/445, that the report of the Board on its fifty-third session to the General Assembly will include an account of the deliberations under this item.

Item 4 Economic Development in Africa: Doubling Aid - Making the "Big Push" Work

Mr. Kamran Kousari, Special Coordinator for Africa, made an introductory statement with reference to the report *Economic Development in Africa*.

The debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Angola (on behalf of the African Group); Republic of Korea; Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Brazil; Senegal; Japan; Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Rwanda; Cuba; Russian Federation; South Africa; Norway; Zimbabwe; China; Djibouti; India; Egypt; Chad; and OCAPROCE International. The Special Coordinator for Africa responded to questions and made further comments.

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Item 8 Technical cooperation activities

- (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD
(Report of the Working Party on its forty-seventh session)

Mr. Naïm Akibou of Benin, Chairman of the Working Party at its forty-seventh session, reported to the Board on this item.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its forty-seventh session, adopted draft decision TD/B/WP/L.121, and endorsed the agreed conclusions contained in TD/B/WP/L.122.
