

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 2015

9.30 a.m. Meeting of the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board E. 8116

10 a.m. Plenary (1140th meeting) Room XXVI

Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:
(a) Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2014–2015 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2016

Item 8 Preparatory process for the fourteenth session of the Conference:
(a) Establishment of the Preparatory Committee
(b) Approval of the provisional agenda of the Conference

Followed by

Informal meeting

Sessional Committee I – First informal meeting (item 4, LDCs)

Sessional Committee II – First informal meeting (item 5, Africa)

- Consideration of the outcomes
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3 p.m. Informal meeting Room XXVI

Sessional Committee I – Second informal meeting (item 4, LDCs)

Sessional Committee II – Second informal meeting (item 5, Africa)

- Consideration of the outcomes
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 2015

10 a.m. Informal meeting E.8116

Sessional Committee I – Third informal meeting (item 4, LDCs)

Sessional Committee II – Third informal meeting (item 5, Africa)

- Consideration of the outcomes
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3 p.m. Plenary (1141st meeting) Room XXVI

Reports of Sessional Committees I and II

Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

- (b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board
- (c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board
- (d) Review of the calendar of meetings
- (e) Membership of the Working Party for 2016
- (f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) (TD/B/INF.228)
- (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

Item 1 Procedural matters:

- (c) Adoption of the report on credentials
- (d) Provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Board

Item 16 Other business

Item 17 Adoption of the report

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 September 2015

1138th plenary meeting

Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective

The Board continued consideration of the agenda item and examined ways of connecting trade and trade policy with sustainable development goals.

Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities gave a short introduction.

A panel consisting of representatives from the five United Nations regional commissions shared their experiences: Ms. Susan F. Stone, Director, Trade and Investment Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Europe; Mr. Nanno Mulder, Chief, International Trade Unit,

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, Economic Commission for Africa; and Mr. Mehmet Eris, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Development and Integration Division, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

The following delegations took the floor during the ensuing debate: Ecuador; the Islamic Republic of Iran; Morocco; Kenya; China; and Trinidad and Tobago.

The panellists replied to questions from delegations, and Mr. Valles made concluding remarks.

The Board thus concluded deliberations on this item.

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1139th plenary meeting

Item 12 Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board

Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD presented the report of the secretariat entitled “UNCTAD: On track for delivering on sustainable development” (TD/B/62/6).

Statements were made by the following delegations: Mexico, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the United States of America, on behalf of JUSSCANNZ; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Japan.

Mr. Reiter responded to queries and comments made by delegations.

The Board concluded deliberations on this agenda item.

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Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective:

- The role of smallholder farmers in sustainable commodities production and trade

Mr. Samuel Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities of UNCTAD, introduced the background note prepared by the secretariat (TD/B/62/9). The document, which summarized key messages from the forthcoming UNCTAD *Commodities and Development Report 2015*, stated that smallholders were key actors in the quest for a more inclusive and socially and environmentally sustainable agricultural development model. Building on UNCTAD’s integrated approach to trade, finance, investment and technology, it highlighted the Report’s proposed policy framework and plan of action for smallholders.

The Board continued with a panel composed of three panellists: Mr. Edouard Nizeyimana, Senior Programme Adviser, Purchase for Progress, World Food Programme, Rome; Mr. Olivier Eugène, Chief Executive Officer, Geneven, Paris; and Mr. Philippe Egger, Adviser, Development Innovations and Networks, Brussels.

During the ensuing debate, the following representatives asked questions: the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Uzbekistan; China; Guatemala; Ethiopia; and Côte d’Ivoire.

The panellists replied to questions, and Mr. Gayi made concluding remarks.

The Board thus concluded consideration of the agenda item.

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