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## Trade and Development Board

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session**

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## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### Introduction

1. The thirty-sixth special session of the Board is convened in order to advance the organizational and substantive preparations for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The Trade and Development Board approved the provisional agenda on 5 February 2025, at the closing plenary meeting of its seventy-seventh executive session.

### Item 1

#### **Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session**

2. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced in chapter I above.

##### *Documentation*

TD/B(S-XXXVI)/1                      Provisional agenda and annotations

### Item 2

#### **Organization of the work of the sixteenth session of the Conference**

(a) **Selection, by drawing lots, of the country that will head the seating pattern at the sixteenth session of the Conference**

3. As is customary for the organization of the Conference, the Board will select the country that will be first in the alphabetical ordering of seating at the session. The name of the country will be determined by drawing lots.

(b) **Outstanding organizational matters**

4. The attention of the Board will be drawn to any outstanding organizational matters.

### Item 3

#### **Substantive preparations for the sixteenth session of the Conference**

- **Report of the Preparatory Committee**

5. At its seventy-first session, the Board established an open-ended preparatory committee for the sixteenth session of the Conference, to be chaired by the President of the Board.

6. It is expected that the Trade and Development Board will hear the report of the Chair of the Preparatory Committee and transmit the pre-Conference negotiating text to the Conference.

##### *Documentation*

TD(XVI)/PC/1/Rev.1                      Pre-Conference negotiating text. Revised version<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> To be made available in English only at the thirty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board and, following the conclusion of the session, submitted for translation into all United Nations languages.

**Item 4****Provisional agenda of the seventy-second session of the Trade and Development Board.**

7. The Trade and Development Board will be invited to consider and approve the draft provisional agenda of its seventy-second session.

*In-session documentation*

**Item 5****Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters**

(a) **Preparations for the review, by the sixteenth session of the Conference, of the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)**

8. The Board will be informed of any changes in the membership of UNCTAD, which at the time of writing stands at 195.

(b) **Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

9. The UNCTAD secretariat has received no applications requesting inclusion in the list provided for in rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board. A list of intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in document TD/B/IGO/LIST/14.

(c) **Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

10. The UNCTAD secretariat has received three applications from non-governmental organizations requesting inclusion in the list provided for in rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board. A list of non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/31.

*Documentation*

TD/B(S-XXXVI)/R.1	Application from the Datasphere Initiative Foundation
TD/B(S-XXXVI)/R.2	Application from the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development
TD/B(S-XXXVI)/R.3	Application from the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development

**Item 6****Other business****Item 7****Adoption of the report of the Trade and Development Board**

11. The Board may wish to authorize the President of the Board to finalize the report on its thirty-sixth special session.