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1A	Report of the Board: Proceedings)	
2	Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its thirteenth session	TD/B/1147
3	Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its fourteenth session	TD/B/1157
4	Report of the Committee on Shipping on its thirteenth session	TD/B/1158
5	Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its fifteenth session	TD/B/1159

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PREFATORY NOTE

The twenty-fourth annual report of the Trade and Development Board 1/ is submitted to the General Assembly in conformity with Assembly resolution 1995 (XXIX) of 30 December 1964. The report 2/ covers the period from 22 October 1987 to 5 October 1988 and consists of the reports on the second part of the thirty-fourth regular session, held from 25 April to 6 May and on 10 May 1988, and the first part of the thirty-fifth regular session, held from 19 to 30 September and on 5 October 1988.

In the period preceding the second part of the thirty-fourth regular session of the Board, the subsidiary bodies of the Board indicated below met. Particulars of their sessions are given below:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Report in document</u>
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	Thirteenth session	8 May and 14-24 September 1987	TD/B/1147
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	Fourteenth session	2-9 February 1988	TD/B/1157
Committee on Shipping	Thirteenth session	14-22 March 1988	TD/B/1158
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	Fifteenth session	23-29 March 1988	TD/B/1159

Notes

1/ The 23 previous annual reports of the Trade and Development Board are contained in Supplements to the Official Records of the General Assembly, as follows:

<u>Annual report</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General Assembly session</u>	<u>Supplement No.</u>	<u>Document No.</u>
1st	1 January 1965-29 October 1965	20	15	A/6023/Rev.1
2nd	31 October 1965-24 September 1966	21	15	A/6315/Rev.1 and Corr.1
3rd	25 September 1966-9 September 1967	22	14	A/6714
4th	10 September 1967-23 September 1968	23	14	A/7214
5th	24 September 1968-23 September 1969	24	16	A/7616 and Corr.2
6th	24 September 1969-13 October 1970	25	15	A/8015/Rev.1 and Corr.1

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<u>Annual report</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General Assembly session</u>	<u>Supplement No.</u>	<u>Document No.</u>
7th	14 October 1970-21 September 1971	26	15	A/8415/Rev.1
8th	22 September 1971-25 October 1972	27	15	A/8715/Rev.1 and Corr.1
9th	26 October 1972-11 September 1973	28	15	A/9015/Rev.1
10th	12 September 1973-13 September 1974	29	15	A/9615/Rev.1
11th	14 September 1974-2 October 1975	30	15	A/10015/Rev.1
12th	3 October 1975-23 October 1976	31	15	A/31/15, vol. I and Corr.1 and vol. II
13th	24 October 1976-10 September 1977	32	15	A/32/15, vol. I and Corr.1 and vol. II
14th	11 September 1977-17 September 1978	33	15	A/33/15, vol. I and vol. II
15th	18 September 1978-23 November 1979	34	15	A/34/15, vol. I and vol. II
16th	24 November 1979-27 September 1980	35	15	A/35/15, vol. I and vol. II
17th	28 September 1980-6 November 1981	36	15	A/36/15 and Corr.1
18th	7 November 1981-28 October 1982	37	15	A/37/15, vol. I and vol. II
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20th	3 November 1983-27 September 1984	39	15	A/39/15, vol. I and vol. II
21st	28 September 1984-27 September 1985	40	15	A/40/15, vol. I and vol. II
22nd	28 September 1985-3 October 1986	41	15	A/41/15, vol. I and vol. II
23rd	4 October 1986-21 October 1987	42	15	A/42/15, vol. I and vol. II

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2/ For technical reasons, the report is issued in two volumes: volume I, containing the report of the Board on the second part of its thirty-fourth session, and volume II, containing the report of the Board on the first part of its thirty-fifth session.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report to the General Assembly has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Trade and Development Board in the annex to its decision 302 (XXIX) of 21 September 1984. 1/ Pursuant to paragraph 1 of those guidelines, the full report will be issued in Supplements No. 1 and 1A to the Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session.

2. The second part of the thirty-fourth session of the Trade and Development Board was held from 25 April to 6 May and on 10 May 1988 (722nd to 730th meetings) and was opened on 25 April 1988 by the President of the Board, Mr. Georg Massion (Federal Republic of Germany).

A. Agenda

3. The agenda of the session is reproduced in annex I.

B. Bureau

4. The Bureau of the Board at the second part of the thirty-fourth session was as follows:

President: Mr. Georg Massion (Federal Republic of Germany)

(from 29 April 1988): Mr. Fredo Dannenbring (Federal Republic of Germany)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Gustavc Albin Santos (Mexico)
Mr. José María Araneo (Uruguay)
Mr. Tobgye S. Dorji (Bhutan)
Mr. Oto Hlavacek (Czechoslovakia)
Mr. Mogens Isaksen (Denmark)
Mr. Farouk Kasrawi (Jordan)
Mr. Joseph C. Petrone (United States of America)
Mr. Samuel Ernest Quarm (Ghana)
Mr. Christoph Querner (Austria)
Mr. Vladimir Tchekline (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Rapporteur: Mr. Mohammed Saïd Benryane (Morocco)

5. The officers of the two sessional bodies were as follows:

Sessional Committee I

Chairman: Mr. Maamoun Fattah (Egypt)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. David Coates (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Sessional Committee II

Chairman: Mr. Serguei Safronov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Stéphane Gomperts (France)

C. Membership and attendance 2/

6. The following States members of UNCTAD, members of the Board, were represented at the session:

Afghanistan	German Democratic Republic	Philippines
Algeria	Germany, Federal Republic of	Poland
Argentina	Ghana	Portugal
Australia	Greece	Qatar
Austria	Guatemala	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	Honduras	Romania
Bangladesh	Hungary	Saudi Arabia
Belgium	India	Senegal
Benin	Indonesia	Singapore
Bhutan	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Somalia
Bolivia	Iraq	Spain
Brazil	Ireland	Sri Lanka
Bulgaria	Israel	Sudan
Burma	Italy	Sweden
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Jamaica	Switzerland
Cameroon	Japan	Syrian Arab Republic
Canada	Jordan	Thailand
Chile	Kenya	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Kuwait	Tunisia
Colombia	Lebanon	Turkey
Côte d'Ivoire	Liberia	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Cuba	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Cyprus	Madagascar	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Czechoslovakia	Malaysia	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Malta	United States of America
Democratic Yemen	Mexico	Uruguay
Denmark	Mongolia	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Viet Nam
Ecuador	Netherlands	Yemen
Egypt	New Zealand	Zaire
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Ethiopia	Nigeria	
Finland	Norway	
France	Oman	
Gabon	Pakistan	
	Panama	
	Peru	

7. The following specialized agencies were represented at the session:
International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; World Intellectual

Property Organization; and United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was also represented.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session: African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States; Commonwealth Secretariat; Council for Mutual Economic Assistance; European Economic Community; Inter-American Development Bank; Intergovernmental Committee for Migration; International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries; International Textiles and Clothing Bureau; League of Arab States; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization of African Unity; and Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration.

9. The following non-governmental organizations were represented at the session:

(a) General Category: International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries; International Bar Association; International Chamber of Commerce; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; International Council of Women; International Enterprise Foundation of Geneva; International Foundation for Development Alternatives; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises; and World Federation of Trade Unions;

(b) Special Category: International Air Transport Association and International Association of Islamic Banks.

D. Decisions requiring the attention of, or action by, the General Assembly

10. The attention of the General Assembly is drawn to the following decisions, the texts of which are contained in section II below.*

Decisions

- 353 (XXXIV). Reverse transfer of technology
- 354 (XXXIV). The continued updating of the UNCTAD data base on trade measures
- 355 (XXXIV). Technical assistance activities provided in connection with the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations
- 356 (XXXIV). Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom
- 357 (XXXIV). Review of the calendar of meetings

* All decisions in section II were adopted without a vote.

II. DECISIONS ADOPTED AND OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY THE TRADE
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THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

A. Decisions

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A. Decisions

353 (XXXIV). Reverse transfer of technology

The Trade and Development Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology 3/ together with the agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting annexed thereto 4/ and decides to transmit them to the General Assembly at its forty-third session;

2. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly the following draft resolution for adoption:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, 35/56 of 5 December 1980 and 40/191 of 17 December 1985,

"Conscious that the development process of the developing countries is crucially dependent on the availability of highly trained personnel and that skill formation and its efficient utilization are a critical component of the social, economic and technological transformation of those countries,

"Convinced that the continuing outflow of skilled personnel from developing countries seriously hampers their development and has implications of global concern,

"Recognizing the urgent need to formulate appropriate policies to avoid the 'brain drain' and to obviate its adverse effects,

"1. Takes note of the outcome of the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology, held at Geneva from 14 to 18 March 1988;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make the necessary arrangements so that future work on the reverse transfer of technology can be considered by the Committee on Transfer of Technology in the context of the elaboration of its work programme, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts and of the work accomplished by previous meetings of governmental experts on the subject;

"3. Invites other relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations to take into consideration in their work, as appropriate, individually and in the context of the work of the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology, the economic, social and developmental aspects of the reverse transfer of technology and the international initiatives on policies in this area at the multilateral level."

728th meeting
3 May 1988

354 (XXXIV). The continued updating of the UNCTAD data base on trade measures

The Trade and Development Board,

Recognizing that the UNCTAD computerized data base on trade measures is a valuable source of information on general and product specific trade measures and that it has been developed by the UNCTAD secretariat to meet its particular needs,

1. Decides that the UNCTAD secretariat should provide, on request and subject to any authorisation that might be required from other international organizations, the information contained in its data base;

2. Notes that the dissemination of the information will be on the responsibility of the secretariat;

3. Invites member States to provide comments at any time on the accuracy of the information;

4. Requests the UNCTAD secretariat, in implementing the present decision, to take appropriate action on the recommendations that the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Definitions and Methodology Employed in the UNCTAD Data Base on Trade Measures, in conformity with its mandate, might wish to make at its second session;

5. Decides that the Intergovernmental Group of Experts should, inter alia:

(a) Undertake to provide a means for comments from member States, to be reflected in the data base when accessed;

(b) Examine the methodology employed in the data base with a view to improving its utility for analytical purposes;

6. Decides that in conjunction with its next annual review of the question of protectionism and structural adjustments, the Trade and Development Board will review the implementation of the present decision and of the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts.

730th meeting
10 May 1988

355 (XXXIV). Technical assistance activities provided in connection with the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling paragraph 105 (9) of the Final Act of the seventh session of UNCTAD, 5/ in which the Secretary-General was requested to provide technical assistance to developing countries on request in connection with the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations so as to facilitate their effective participation in these negotiations,

Noting that in the Final Act the United Nations Development Programme was invited to consider favourably the requests for the provision of adequate financial resources to UNCTAD,

Having taken note of the project proposals on the Uruguay Round pending before the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Requests the secretariats of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme to finalize consultations on the projects expeditiously;

2. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to consider favourably and expedite its decision on projects of technical assistance submitted by the UNCTAD secretariat;

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to:

(a) Take the appropriate steps to make fully operational the programmes of technical assistance for developing countries, in the context of the Uruguay Round;

(b) Keep interested member States informed on the programmes under implementation, in order to promote transparency;

(c) Continue to consult with other relevant organizations in order to enhance co-ordination and complementarity of technical assistance activities.

730th meeting
10 May 1988

356 (XXXIV). Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom

The Trade and Development Board

Decides to adopt the following agreed conclusions:

A

1. The Trade and Development Board considered in depth trends and policies in trade and economic co-operation among countries having different economic and social systems, with reference to all the relevant provisions of the Final Act of the seventh session of the Conference, 5/ including paragraphs 30 (c) and 105 (25, 26, 27, 28 and 29), and bearing in mind, inter alia, Board decision 350 (XXXIV), the Board stressed the importance of the implementation of all the provisions of the Final Act relevant to agenda item 3;

2. Having considered the task assigned to it in paragraph 105 (26) of the Final Act, the Board agreed on the feasibility of elaborating a programme for the further promotion of trade and economic co-operation among countries having different systems, in particular East-South trade, referred to

therein. After considering the different proposals on the modalities of the elaboration of the programme, an agreement emerged that the additional inputs on the programme (see annexes I and II) should be transmitted to the Board at the second part of its thirty-fifth session as a preliminary starting point for the new stage of work, to be supplemented by a report from the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on his consultations referred to in paragraph 3 below;

3. With regard to the consultations referred to in paragraph 105 (27) of the Final Act of the Conference, the Board welcomed the statement of the Secretary-General to the Board on 25 April 1988 and requested him in those consultations to take fully into account the present agreed conclusions, also taking into consideration the annexes thereto;

4. The Board agreed that, within existing budgetary resources, an intergovernmental group of experts, with a detailed and specific mandate covering selected issues, might contribute to the elaboration of the programme referred to in paragraph 2. The Board requested the Secretary-General to include this matter in his consultations with Governments with a view to advising the Board, at the second part of its thirty-fifth session, on the composition and terms of reference of such a group;

5. In pursuance of paragraph 105 (25) of the Final Act of the Conference, the Board agreed that it was necessary, on the basis of better statistical material and an improved data base, to further improve the analytical work of the secretariat. The Board therefore recognized the need to adjust the work programme of the secretariat in order, inter alia, to enable its work to contribute to the elaboration of the programme referred to in paragraph 2. In this context, the Board took note of the suggestions made at the present session, including the annexes to the present text, and requested the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to better focus on the work programme. As a first step the Board agreed to request the Secretary-General to highlight the following topics in his annual report on this item to the Board at its thirty-fifth session:

(a) Influences and policy implications of the principal factors in inter-systems trade, in particular in East-South trade, including the impact of structural adjustment and economic reform processes;

(b) Financing of inter-systems trade and economic co-operation, in particular in East-South relations, including the relative role of different payment arrangements;

(c) GSP schemes of the socialist countries of Eastern Europe;

B

6. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD is requested to continue and further develop, in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme, technical assistance to developing countries, with particular reference to the needs of the least developed ones, in their trade and economic co-operation with the socialist countries of Eastern Europe, and in this context to continue implementation of the programmes of technical assistance co-operation for developing countries and to improve the content of technical assistance

co-operation by the Programme. The Programme is invited to expedite the decision on the projects on technical assistance submitted by the UNCTAD secretariat, taking into account the agreed conclusions adopted by the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget at its fourteenth session; 6/

7. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD is further invited to prepare a study on trade, technical and economic co-operation between the socialist countries of Eastern Europe and the least developed countries, as an input to the forthcoming Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be considered, as appropriate, in its preparatory process.

730th meeting
10 May 1988

ANNEX I

A. Outline of a programme for further promotion of trade and economic co-operation among countries having different economic and social systems

1. Chapeau

1.1 Principles

1.2 Objectives

1.3 Scope of co-operation

1.4 Mechanisms of co-operation

2. East-West-South co-operation (targeted at the problem cluster concerning the fulfilment of UNCTAD's mandate in inter-systems trade relations)

2.1 Chapeau

2.2 Objectives (e.g. management of interdependence trade flows)

2.3 Areas of co-operation

2.4 Instruments of co-operation (e.g. tripartite forms of co-operation)

2.5 Action by Governments

2.6 UNCTAD secretariat activities in support of the above

3. Deepening and further enrichment of existing East-South relations (targeted at the problem cluster concerning the balancing of existing trade flows and their enlargement, particularly manufactured and semi-manufactured goods)

3.1 Assessment of the present situation, including an identification of present constraints and future possibilities

3.2 Intergovernmental actions

3.2.1 Enrichment of existing mechanisms

3.2.2 Expansion of trade

3.2.2.1 Enlargement of market access

3.2.2.2 Product coverage

3.2.2.3 Preferential treatment

3.2.2.4 Payments

3.3 New forms of co-operation

3.4 Secretariat activities in support of the above intergovernmental interactions

4. Possible form of a multilateral framework which will make possible further relations between one or several countries of Eastern Europe and one or several developing countries (Conference decision 145 (VI)) (targeted at the problem cluster concerning the expansion in the geographical coverage of East-South economic relations)

- UNCTAD can contribute to the development of this concept but its final form would be shaped by the interested parties. Also, it is quite possible for this initiative to mature outside UNCTAD work.

4.1 Objectives and principles

- General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)
- Final Act of the first session of UNCTAD, including the adopted principles
- Conference resolution 15 (II)
- Conference resolution 53 (III)
- Conference resolution 94 (IV)
- Annex to Conference decision 145 (VI)
- Final Act of the seventh session of UNCTAD
- Relevant resolutions of the General Assembly
- TD/B/1104/Rev.1

4.2 Areas of co-operation

4.3 Areas of co-operation

4.3.1 Trade preferences

4.3.2 Financial and technical co-operation

5. Least developed countries and other special categories

6. Technical co-operation

6.1 Scope of programme

6.2 Resource requirements

6.3 Financing plan

6.4 Programme evaluation

B. Actions in support of the concretization of the programme

1.1 Expert group meetings

1.1.1 Several expert group meetings would be required to address specific problems. Their reports should be formulated in such a manner that the Trade and Development Board could utilize them as building blocks for the programme.

1.2 Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

1.2.1 These should go ahead, as envisaged by the Secretary-General in his statement to the thirty-fourth session of the Trade and Development Board on 25 April 1988. However, as far as the programme is concerned, these consultations could be regarded as a forerunner to the subsequent personal involvement of the Secretary-General, which would be necessitated by the exigencies of programme building.

1.3 Coherence of the programme

1.3.1 The coherence of the programme, whose formulation is spread over time, would be achieved through:

(a) A focused drafting of future Trade and Development Board agendas on this matter. Such a procedure would enable the Board to consider reports focused on specific modules or submodules of the various problem clusters;

(b) A detailed timetable that would synchronize the secretariat/expert group outputs with relevant programme aspects that would be before the Board;

(c) A Trade and Development Board session mid-way between sessions of the Conference, which would conduct a review of the progress made so as to ensure balanced progress in the programme formulation. Furthermore, such a review might identify problem pockets for intensified political focus, as well as those which may be submitted to the next UNCTAD session for action.

ANNEX II

1. Extension of UNCTAD data base to include data on East-South trade of a quality and level of detail comparable to existing data base. To be accompanied by improved data collection on trade and monetary flows.
2. On the basis of more detailed and improved statistical material, provision of disaggregated statistical analyses with the aim of identifying the geographical scope and the commodity composition of East-South trade.
3. Examination of trade policy measures, in particular trade-related aspects of the economic reform in the socialist countries and the possible impact on trade with developing countries.
4. Examination of the financing and payments arrangements for East-South trade and technical co-operation. To include identification of the role of convertible currencies, credit financing, countertrade and the impact of present trade balances.
5. Investigation of the role played by the development assistance provided by socialist countries in financing trade and in carrying out technical co-operation programmes. Analysis to be based on internationally agreed definitions.
6. Study of GSP schemes of socialist countries and other special and differential treatment accorded to developing countries.
7. Trade and technical co-operation of socialist countries with least developed countries.
8. Identification of possible sectors for trade expansion through examination of comparative advantages, supply capabilities and other analytical techniques.

357 (XXXIV). Review of the calendar of meetings

The Trade and Development Board

1. Approves the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1988, annexed to the present decision;

2. Takes note of the draft calendar for 1989 and the tentative calendars for 1990 and 1991 1/ as indicative for planning purposes and subject to review at the first part of the thirty-fifth session of the Board.

730th meeting
10 May 1988

ANNEX

Calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1988 8/

	<u>Date</u>
United Nations Conference on Copper, 1988 (Trade and Development Board decision 357 (XXXIV))	13-24 June
Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on Market Development for Copper <u>2/</u>	13-14 June
Trade and Development Board, thirty-fifth session, first part	19-30 September
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, seventh session	3-7 October
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, sixteenth session	10-14 October
Committee on Transfer of Technology, seventh session	18-26 October
Review Conference on the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences (Article 52 of the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences (TD CODE/13/Add.1))	
Preparatory Meeting of High Officials	27-28 October
Review Conference	31 October- 18 November
Committee on Tungsten, twentieth session	To be determined <u>10/</u>
United Nations Tin Conference, 1988 (Trade and Development Board decision 357 (XXXIV))	21 November- 2 December
Committee on Commodities, thirteenth session	5-13 December
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects, fifth session <u>11/</u> (resolution 6 (XI) of the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation)	12-20 December

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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings

As required
(up to 34 weeks)

Working parties, study groups and expert groups

As required
(up to 14 weeks)

B. Other action taken by the Board

1. Procedural matters

(Agenda item 1)

Adoption of the report on credentials (item 1 (b))

1. At its 730th meeting, on 10 May 1988, the Board took note of the report of the Bureau on credentials of representatives attending the session. 12/, 13/

Provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-fifth session of the Board and organisation of work of the session (item 1 (c))

2. At the same meeting, the Board approved the provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-fifth session (see annex II) and authorized the President, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, to adjust it in the light of developments.

3. The Board also requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult delegations regarding the organisation of work of the session and to circulate his suggestions thereon.

Designation of the President of the thirty-fifth session of the Board (item 1 (d))

4. At its 728th meeting, on 3 May 1988, pursuant to Board decision 338 (XXXIII) and in accordance with rule 19 of its rules of procedure, the Board designated Mr. Tobgye Dorji (Bhutan) as President of the Board at its thirty-fifth session.

2. Protectionism and structural adjustment

(Agenda item 2)

5. At its 730th meeting, on 10 May 1988, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I on this item. 14/

6. The President informed the Board that the following consensus had emerged after intensive consultations on this item:

"The importance that the members of the Board attach to the Uruguay Round was noted. They recalled item 3 of the draft provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-fifth session of the Trade and Development Board on interdependence, and recognized that in its consideration of that item in its entirety the Board will have the opportunity to follow closely developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular concern to developing countries.

"In connection with agenda item 3 it is understood that the Board will have before it the Trade and Development Report 1988 15/ and an introductory statement by the Secretary-General."

3. Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom

(Agenda item 3)

7. Also at its 730th meeting, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II on this item and adopted a draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Sessional Committee (for the text, see section II, decision 356 (XXXIV)).

4. Review of the implementation of the guidelines contained in Board resolution (XXI)

(Agenda item 4)

8. At the same meeting, the Board noted that this item would be taken up again at the first part of its thirty-fifth session.

5. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies

(Agenda item 5)

Restrictive business practices (item 5 (a))

9. At its 725th meeting, on 27 April 1988, the Board took note of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its sixth session 16/ and endorsed the agreed conclusions and decisions therein.

Copper (item 5 (b))

10. At the same meeting, the Board took note of the report of the Preparatory Meeting on Copper. 17/

Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget (item 5 (c))

11. At its 724th meeting, on 26 April 1988, the Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its fourteenth session 18/ and endorsed the agreed conclusions in annex I to that report.

12. At its 729th meeting, on 5 May 1988, the Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its fifteenth session. 19/

13. At the same meeting, it also took note of the proposed revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations medium-term plan for 1984-1989, 20/ as well as the amendments thereto, 21/ bearing in mind the statement by the Chairman of the Working Party, 22/ and decided to transmit the above material to the appropriate United Nations bodies for their consideration.

Reverse transfer of technology (item 5 (d))

14. At its 726th meeting, on 28 April 1988, the Board took note of the report of the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology 23/ and of the agreed conclusions and recommendations annexed thereto.

15. The Board adopted a draft decision on reverse transfer of technology submitted by the President (for the text, see section II, decision 353 (XXXIV)).

Shipping (item 5 (e))

16. At its 727th meeting, on 29 April 1988, the Board took note of the report of the Committee on Shipping on its thirteenth session 24/ and of the resolutions and decision therein, and approved the draft provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Committee, as contained in paragraph 178 of the report.

6. Selected matters including those arising from the Final Act of the Conference at its seventh session, requiring attention by the Board in accordance with its decision 350 (XXXIV), including a progress report on work undertaken by the secretariat in the following areas

(Agenda item 6)

The continued updating of the UNCTAD data base on trade measures (item 6 (a))

17. At its 730th meeting, on 10 May 1988, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I on this item and adopted a draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Sessional Committee I (for the text, see section II, decision 354 (XXXIV)).

Technical assistance activities provided in connection with the Uruguay Round (item 6 (b))

18. Also at its 730th meeting, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I on this item and adopted a draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Sessional Committee I (for the text, see section II, decision 355 (XXXIV)).

Services within the mandate of UNCTAD as defined in the Final Act (item 6 (c))

19. At the same meeting, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I on this item. 25/

7. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(Agenda item 7)

Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections (item 7 (a))

20. At its 722nd meeting, on 25 April 1988, the Board noted that the membership of UNCTAD remained unchanged at 168.

Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees (item 7 (b))

21. At the same meeting, the Board noted that the total membership of the Board remained unchanged at 131.

22. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Conference resolution 80 (III), the Board elected the Congo to membership of the Committee on Shipping. Taking this into account, the membership of the main Committees was confirmed as follows: Committee on Commodities, 107 members; Committee on Manufactures, 101 members; Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, 102 members; Committee on Shipping, 103 members; Committee on Transfer of Technology, 99 members; and Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, 110 members.

Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Board (item 7 (c))

23. At its 724th meeting, on 26 April 1988, the Board approved the applications of the following two intergovernmental organisations 26/ for designation under rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Board for the purposes of that rule:

Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping (ISCOS)
Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC)

Designation and classification of non-governmental organisations for the purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure (item 7 (d))

24. At the same meeting, the Board approved the applications of the following two non-governmental organisations 27/ for designation under rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board for the purposes of that rule and decided, in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, 28/ that they should be classified, under the terms of subparagraphs 1^o (a) and (b) of Board decision 43 (VII), as follows:

General category:

International Data Exchange Association (IDEA)

Special category for UNCTAD organ indicated (other than the Board):

International Agency for Rural
Industrialization (INARI)

Committee on Commodities
Committee on Manufactures

25. The Board noted the change in name of two non-governmental organizations: the "Primary Tungsten Association", granted special category status at the first part of the seventeenth session of the Board, to the "International Tungsten Industry Association"; and the "European Centre for the Promotion of Technological Innovations", a non-governmental organisation granted special category status at the first part of the thirty-fourth session, to the "European Advisory Council for Technology Trade".

Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board (item 7 (f))

26. No specific financial implications were before the Board.

8. Other business

(Agenda item 8)

27. No matters were raised under this item.

III. STATEMENTS MADE AT THE 730TH MEETING, ON 10 MAY 1988,
IN CONNECTION WITH DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

A. Adoption of the report on credentials

1. The representative of Pakistan said that his delegation wished to record its reservations with regard to the credentials of the delegation of Afghanistan for the reasons stated by Pakistan at the forty-second session of the General Assembly.
2. The representative of China said that with regard to the credentials of the representative of Afghanistan the position of the Chinese delegation as stated during the forty-second session of the General Assembly remained unchanged.

B. Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan
and the Programme Budget on its fifteenth session

3. The report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its fifteenth session 19/ was introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Martti Isoaro (Finland), who said that discussions at the session had been useful and that considerable progress had been made in identifying the issues and narrowing the differences on different aspects of the revisions to the medium-term plan. However, it had not been possible for the Working Party to complete consideration of the item during the session. Regional co-ordinators and China had thus agreed to hold informal consultations after the closure of the session. These had been successful and agreement had been reached.
4. He drew the Board's attention to the outcome of these informal consultations, 21/ in relation to which he had been asked to report that:
 - (a) It was felt that on this occasion no agreed conclusions as such were necessary;
 - (b) The consensus reached had taken the form of agreed amendments to the revisions to the medium-term plan presented by the secretariat;
 - (c) A number of additional considerations referring to specific sections of the medium-term plan of UNCTAD should be noted:
 - (i) The revisions to the medium-term plan proposed by the secretariat had to be finalized before the General Assembly had concluded its forty-second session. It was therefore not possible for the secretariat to include references to appropriate actions taken by the Assembly at that session. References to the relevant resolutions had been introduced in the document TD/B/L.836. In the case of the relevant Assembly decisions it was noted that they involved - at least for the time being - measures to be taken during the current biennium. He had thus suggested that, without prejudice to the relevance of the subject-matters covered by these decisions for the UNCTAD work programme, consideration of the need or otherwise to refer to them in the UNCTAD sections of the medium-term plan would be given in the light of follow-up action to be taken on these subjects by the Assembly at its forty-third session;

- (ii) In the legislative authority of the programme on ECDC, reference had been introduced to paragraph 30 (d) of the Final Act, which was part of a broad understanding covering all groups of countries. It was understood that the provisions of paragraph 30 (d) were pertinent to the extent they fell within the mandate of the Committee on ECDC;
- (iii) As to the work in the area of trade among countries having different economic and social systems, it was the understanding that this also had to be seen in the overall context of developments in international trade and that this interrelationship should continue to be taken into account in the future activities in UNCTAD;
- (iv) Although some of the important areas of the UNCTAD work programme, such as transfer of technology, were not specifically covered by the agenda of the seventh session of UNCTAD, the Working Party recognized the relevance of the Final Act for these areas. While specific references to the Final Act in the legislative mandate for these areas were kept to a minimum, it was stressed that relevant provisions of the Final Act should be fully taken into account in future programme development in those areas;
- (v) The Working Party accepted to keep at this stage the revisions to the programme on shipping to the minimum necessary concentrating on reflecting decisions and new emphases emanating from the recent intergovernmental decisions, including the thirteenth session of the Committee on Shipping. It also agreed to await the time of the preparation of a new medium-term plan to undertake a more detailed review of the work in this area, including the question of activities completed by the secretariat on which there had been no request for further work.

5. He expressed his belief that the agreement reached on the revisions to the UNCTAD section of the medium-term plan, which was in line with the open discussions and the consensus practice that had prevailed in recent years in the Working Party, would be of great assistance and would facilitate the deliberations of other United Nations bodies.

Notes

- 1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/15), vol. II, sect. II.
- 2/ For the list of participants, see TD/B/INF.168.
- 3/ TD/B/1169-TD/B/AC.35/18.
- 4/ See annex III to the present document.
- 5/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.D.1), part one, sect. A.1.
- 6/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (TD/B/1157), annex I.

Notes (continued)

1/ See TD/B (XXIV)/CRP.4.

8/ Meetings marked with an asterisk are deductible from the provision for "Working parties, study groups and expert groups". Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held in Geneva. All meetings listed are subject to a written notification, which is normally dispatched six weeks before the opening date.

9/ Using the services allocated to the United Nations Conference on Copper.

10/ The dates of 14-18 November 1988 were discussed in the Calendar Group for this meeting. The exact timing of the meeting will be discussed at the consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

11/ The fifth session of the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts is to be held at and serviced by UNCTAD at Geneva, using the facilities earmarked for the Working Group on Shipping Legislation.

12/ TD/B/1173.

13/ For statements made in this connection by the representatives of Pakistan and China, see sect. III, paras. 1 and 2.

14/ See Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session (Second part), Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/1174 (vol. II)), chap. I.

15/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.D.8.

16/ TD/B/1156-TD/B/RBP/43.

17/ TD/B/1165-TD/B/C.1/PM/COPPER/5.

18/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (TD/B/1157).

19/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5 (TD/B/1159).

20/ TD/B/WP/55 and Corr.1.

21/ TD/B/L.836.

22/ For the statement of the Chairman of the Working Party, see sect. III, paras. 3-5.

23/ TD/B/1169-TD/B/AC.35/18.

24/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (TD/B/1158).

25/ See Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session (Second part), Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/1174 (vol. II)), chap. V.

Notes (continued)

- 26/ See TD/B/R.50 and 52, respectively.
- 27/ See TD/B/R.51/Add.1 and 2, respectively.
- 28/ TD/B/1172.

ANNEX I

Agenda of the Trade and Development Board at the second part of its thirty-fourth session a/

1. Procedural matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;
 - (b) Adoption of the report on credentials;
 - (c) Provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-fifth session of the Board and organization of the work of the session;
 - (d) Designation of the President of the thirty-fifth session of the Board (Board decision 338 (XXXIII)).
2. Protectionism and structural adjustment.
3. Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom.
4. Review of the implementation of the guidelines contained in Board resolution 222 (XXI).
5. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies:
 - (a) Restrictive business practices;
 - (b) Copper;
 - (c) Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget;
 - (d) Reverse transfer of technology;
 - (e) Shipping.
6. Selected matters including those arising from the Final Act b/ of the Conference at its seventh session, requiring attention by the Board in accordance with its decision 350 (XXXIV), including a progress report on work undertaken by the secretariat in the following areas:
 - (a) The continued updating of the UNCTAD data base on trade measures;
 - (b) Technical assistance activities provided in connection with the Uruguay Round;
 - (c) Services within the mandate of UNCTAD as defined in the Final Act.
7. Institutional, organisational, administrative and related matters:
 - (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections;

- (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees;
 - (c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
 - (d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
 - (e) Review of the calendar of meetings;
 - (f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report of the Board.

Notes

a/ Adopted by the Board at the 722nd meeting, on 25 April 1988.

b/ For statements made in connection with the adoption of the Final Act of the Conference at its seventh session, see Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.D.1), part one, sect. A.1.

ANNEX II

Provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-fifth session of the Board

1. Procedural matters:
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organisation of the work of the session;
 - (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;
 - (d) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-fifth session of the Board and organisation of the work of the session.
2. Follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of the Conference at its seventh session in accordance with Board decision 350 (XXIV): matters requiring attention by the Board at the first part of its thirty-fifth session.
3. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system
 - including discussion called for under paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 42/195 of 11 December 1987.
4. Debt and development problems of developing countries.
5. Review of the implementation of the guidelines contained in Board resolution 222 (XXI).
6. Other matters in the field of trade and development:
 - (a) Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-first session;
 - (b) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
 - (c) The drought and the external sector of the countries members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD) (Board decision 328 (XXXII) of 21 March 1986).
7. Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies.
8. UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990:
 - (a) Progress report on UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action (Board decision 345 (XXXIII) of 3 April 1987);

- (b) Report on the interaction between the external environment and the efforts of African countries in the implementation of the relevant provisions of the United Nations Programme of Action (Board decision 348 (XXXIV) of 16 October 1987).
9. Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) of 2 July 1983 and 169 (VII) of 3 August 1987).
 10. Programme evaluation in UNCTAD.
 11. Institutional, organisational, administrative and related matters:
 - (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections;
 - (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees;
 - (c) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1989;
 - (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
 - (e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
 - (f) Review of measures agreed upon by the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields in its report (TD/B/1154) and endorsed by Board decision 352 (XXXIV) of 20 November 1987 (including the report of the ad hoc working group on publications);
 - (g) Review of arrangements for the rationalization of the regular sessions of the Trade and Development Board (Board decision 338 (XXXIII) of 9 September 1986, para. 7);
 - (h) Review of the calendar of meetings;
 - (i) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.
 12. Other business.
 13. Adoption of the report of the Board.

ANNEX III

Agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/191 of 17 December 1985, and under the terms of reference defined therein, the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology was held at Geneva from 14 to 18 March 1988. It gave further consideration to the reverse transfer of technology, and examined the following studies submitted by the UNCTAD secretariat: "Trends and current situation in reverse transfer of technology" (TD/B/AC.35/16) and "A bibliography on the reverse transfer of technology" (TD/B/AC.35/17).

The Meeting of Governmental Experts,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 40/191 of 17 December 1985, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, and 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Taking note of the reports of previous UNCTAD meetings on reverse transfer of technology, in particular the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Feasibility of Measuring Human Resource Flows, and the First, Second and Third Meetings of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology,

Taking note also of the work done by the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology,

1. Concludes that:

(a) The reverse transfer of technology constitutes a transfer of productive resources from the developing country of emigration to the country of immigration, while the significance of such transfers may vary in accordance with the qualifications of the skilled migrants and the skill requirements of both groups of countries;

(b) The problem of reverse transfer of technology is a multifaceted one encompassing social, economic and development issues, as well as political, civil and human aspects, and has implications of global concern;

(c) Skill formation and its efficient utilization are a critical component of the social, economic and technological transformation of developing countries;

(d) As the continuing outflow of skilled personnel from developing countries seriously hampers their development, there is a need for appropriate policies to avoid the "brain drain" and to obviate its adverse effects;

(e) In order to mitigate the adverse effects of the reverse transfer of technology, policies and concrete measures have been adopted by many developing countries at the national and regional levels and through bilateral and multilateral programmes;

(f) The work accomplished by the Meetings of Governmental Experts has shown the close link between improvement of policy formulation and implementation at all levels and collection and dissemination of quantitative and qualitative information, on the one hand, and the establishment of a set of technical definitions and guidelines on reverse transfer of technology, on the other;

(g) It is necessary to improve the quantity, quality and coverage of information on international migration of skilled personnel from developing countries. Additional data requirements should concern both outflows and return flows of such personnel and of migrant populations, including their educational and occupational characteristics;

(h) There is a need for countries of origin and destination individually and collectively to undertake a periodic monitoring of these outflows and inflows in order to keep under review their magnitude, composition and impacts in relation to domestic skill requirements, as well as some of their changing causes and determinants;

(i) Systematic collection and dissemination of information and analyses on policies and experiences of individual countries in this area should be encouraged at the subregional, regional and international levels, particularly as regards the incentive measures adopted in developing countries to retain their skilled personnel at home and encourage the return of those working abroad;

(j) As a comprehensive solution to the problem of the reverse transfer of technology requires the concerted action of all parties involved, the developed countries concerned should consider favourably the adoption of policies that encourage greater participation by developing country emigrants in the development effort of their home countries. Developed countries, especially those receiving skilled migrants, should also as appropriate take fully into account in their aid and technical assistance programmes the need to strengthen developing country institutions so that skilled personnel can be encouraged to stay in their own countries;

(k) In work on skilled migration, special attention should be given to the promotion of joint research in both emigration and immigration countries and at a bilateral and multilateral level;

(l) Further research is also needed to examine the effect of new technology on skill requirements and its implications for the reverse transfer of technology;

(m) The work done by the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology is of major significance for a comprehensive and complementary response from the United Nations system and other interested organizations to the initiatives that Governments may take concerning the various aspects of the reverse transfer of technology;

2. Recommends that:

(a) In view of the usefulness of the documentation submitted by the UNCTAD secretariat to this Meeting, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD should circulate widely the above-mentioned documents together with the present report to all States members of UNCTAD and relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United

Nations system, as well as to other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations for examination and comments as appropriate;

(b) The Secretary-General of UNCTAD should make the necessary arrangements so that future work on reverse transfer of technology can be considered by the Committee on Transfer of Technology in the context of the elaboration of its work programme, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the present Meeting and of the work accomplished thus far by the governmental expert groups on the subject;

3. Invites other relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant international organisations to take into consideration in their work, as appropriate, individually and in the context of the work of the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology, the economic, social and developmental aspects of the reverse transfer of technology and the international initiatives on policies in this area at the multilateral level.

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