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Summary of meetings Thursday, 22 September 2011

Sessional Committee I – Informal meeting

Item 5 Implementation of the outcome from LDC-IV: UNCTAD's contribution

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Leulseged Tadesse Abebe (Ethiopia), Vice-Chair of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee I concluded its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions on item 5.

1080th plenary meeting

Item 12 Preparatory process for the thirteenth session of the Conference

(a) Establishment of the Preparatory Committee

The Board established an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the thirteenth session of the Conference under the chairmanship of the President of the Board.

(b) Approval of the provisional agenda for the Conference

The Board approved the draft provisional agenda for the Conference as contained in document TD/B/58/CRP.3.

Mr. Saoud Al-Jufairi, Director-General of the Economic Affairs Department, and Deputy Chair of the Qatar National Organizing Committee, made a statement. This was followed by a video presentation on the conference centre in Qatar.

Mr. Kobsak Chutikul, Interregional Advisor to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a presentation on the preparations for UNCTAD XIII.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Thailand (on behalf of the Asian Group), El Salvador (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Ghana (on behalf of the African Group), Nepal (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Paraguay (on behalf of the Landlocked Developing Countries), China, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, Switzerland and Japan.

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Sessional Committee II – Informal meeting

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Fostering industrial development in Africa in the new global environment

The meeting, which was chaired by Ms. Rina Soemarno (Indonesia), Vice-Chair of Sessional Committee II, continued its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions on item 6.