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

The Chair of Sessional Committee I, Mr. Wolfgang Rechenhofer of Germany, presented his report to the Board.

The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I as contained in document TD/B/58/SC.1/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/58/SC.1/L.1.

Item 15 (a) Report by the President 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 2010–2011 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2012

The Board took note of the report of the Advisory Body as contained in TD/B/58/CRP.4.

The Board approved the membership of the Advisory Body for 2012 as follows: H.E. Mr. Maung Wai (Myanmar), H.E. Mr. Dinesh Bhattarai (Nepal), H.E. Mr. Yahya Al-Wahaibi (Oman), H.E. Mr. Idriss Jazairy (Algeria), H.E. Mr. Shree Baboo Chekitan Servansing (Mauritius), H.E. Mr. Murad Najafbayli (Azerbaijan), H.E. Mr. Aziz Pölozhani (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), H.E. Mr. Mario Matus (Chile) and H.E. Mr. Roberto Flores Bermudez (Honduras).

(b) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purpose of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

There were no new applications before the Board. A list of the 114 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD was before the board I document TD/B/IGO/LIST/8.

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

There were no new applications before the Board. A list of the 201 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD was before the Board in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/12.

(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2011 and the indicative calendar for 2012 contained in document TD/B/58/CRP.1.

(e) Membership of the Working Party for 2012

The Board approved the membership of the Working Party for 2011 as follows: Albania, Belarus, Chile, China, Ethiopia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Niger, Peru, Russian Federation and Viet Nam. It is noted that nominations still had to be received from Group B.

(f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)

The Board welcomed South Sudan as a member of UNCTAD. The updated membership list was before the Board in TD/B/INF.222.

(g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board was informed that there were no financial implications arising from the work of its current session.

Item 16 Adoption of the report on Credentials

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives participating in the fifty-sixth session of the Board, as contained in TD/B/58/L.2.

Item 17 Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Board.

The Board decided to refer consideration of this item to consultations of the President. The provisional agenda will be drawn up and submitted for approval at an appropriate time

The representatives of the European Union and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) took the floor.

Item 18 Other business

The Board took note of the report of the Third UNCTAD Public Symposium: Making trade and finance work for people and the planet, as contained in document TD/B/58/8.

The representatives of the European Union and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) took the floor.

The Board decided to hold a resumed session to discuss the outstanding agenda items as follows: Item 6: Economic development in Africa: Fostering industrial development in Africa in the new global environment; Item 11(b): Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people; and Item 18: the draft provisional agenda for the 54th executive session of the Trade and Development Board.

The President made a closing statement.