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Introduction

1. In its resolution 63/204 of 19 December 2008, the General Assembly welcomed the generous offer of the Government of Qatar to host the thirteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The Conference will be held from 21 to 26 April 2012 at the Qatar National Convention Centre, Doha, Qatar.
2. The twenty-fifth special session of the Board is convened in order to advance the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

3. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced above.

Documentation

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Item 2. Organization of the work of the thirteenth session of the Conference:

(a) Selection, by drawing by lot, of the country that will head the seating pattern at the thirteenth session of the Conference

4. As is customary for the organization of the Conference, the Board will select the country that will be first in alphabetical order in Doha. The name of the country will be drawn by lot.

(b) Outstanding organizational matters

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

Item 3. Substantive preparations for the thirteenth session of the Conference

- Report of the Preparatory Committee

6. At its fifty-eighth session, the Board established an open-ended preparatory committee for the thirteenth session of the Conference, under the chairmanship of the President of the Board.
7. 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.

Item 4. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(a) Preparations for the review, by the thirteenth 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 time of writing stands at 194.

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

9. Any application received will be transmitted to the Board. A list of intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in 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

10. A list of non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/12.

(d) Provisional calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2012 and draft schedule of meetings for 2013

11. The Board will have before it a draft calendar for the remainder of 2012 and part of 2013, which will be adjusted as necessary after the Conference.

Item 5. Other business

Item 6. Adoption of the report of the Trade and Development Board

12. The Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to finalize the report on its twenty-fifth special session, under the authority of the President.
