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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) provides that, when the Conference is not in session, the Board shall carry out the functions that fall within the competence of the Conference. Paragraph 22 provides that the Board shall report to the Conference and that it shall also report annually on its activities to the General Assembly.
2. The Board last reported to the Conference at its twelfth session. Since that time, the Board has held four regular sessions, eleven executive sessions and one special session, as indicated below:

Regular sessions

Fifty-eighth session	12–23 September 2011
Fifty-eighth session (resumed)	28 September 2011
Fifty-seventh session	15–28 September 2010
Fifty-sixth session	14–25 September 2009
Fifty-sixth session (resumed)	12 October 2009
Fifty-fifth session	15–26 September 2008

* This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date in order to take into account the twenty-fifth special session of the Trade and Development Board which concluded on 26 March 2012.

Executive sessions*Convened to discuss specific topics***Fifty-fourth executive session** 28–29 November 2011

The Least Developed Countries Report 2011: The Potential Role of South–South Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable Development
Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget, sixtieth session (21–23 November 2011)

Fifty-third executive session 27–28 June 2011

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

Fifty-third executive session (resumed) 11 July 2011**Fifty-second executive session** 11–12 April 2011

Theme, sub-themes and preparatory process for UNCTAD XIII

Fifty-first executive session (Least Developed Countries) 29–30 November 2010

Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010

Fiftieth executive session (Africa) 8 July 2010

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

Forty-ninth executive session 8–9 June 2010

UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields

(a) Follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and preparations for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: Key development challenges facing the LDCs

(b) Follow-up to the Millennium Summit and preparations for the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals: New development paths

Forty-eighth executive session 25 November 2009

Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-fourth session (18–20 November 2009)

Progress report on enhancing the functioning of the Working Party

Forty-seventh executive session 30 June 2009

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

Forty-sixth executive session 27 March 2009

Election of officers: Election of a new President of the fifty-fifth session of the Board, as well as a new Vice-president from list A (Asia)

Forty-fifth executive session (Financing for development) 13 November 2008

Financing for development: Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

Forty-fourth executive session 10 July 2008

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

Special sessions**Twenty-fifth special session (UNCTAD XIII)** 19–26 March 2012

Organization of the work of the thirteenth session of the Conference

Substantive preparations for the thirteenth session of the Conference
