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PREFATORY NOTE

The twenty-second 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 28 September 1985 to 3 October 1986 and consists of the reports on the first and second parts of the thirty-second regular session, held from 10 to 26 March 1986 and on 16 and 17 June 1986, and the first part of the thirty-third regular session held from 1 to 10 September 1986 and on 3 October 1986.

In the period preceding the first part of the thirty-third 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>
Special Committee on Preferences	Fourteenth session	26-30 May and 4 June 1986	TD/B/1105
Committee on Manufactures	Eleventh session	2-11 and 20 June 1986	TD/B/1106

Notes

1/ The 21 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
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

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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
19th	29 October 1982-2 November 1983	38	15	A/38/15, vol. I and Corr.1 and vol. II and Corr.1
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

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

2. The first part of the thirty-third session of the Trade and Development Board was held from 1 to 10 September and on 3 October 1986 (691st to 702nd meetings). The session was opened on 1 September 1986 by the outgoing President of the Board, Mr. Witold Jurasz (Poland).

### A. Agenda

3. The agenda of the first part of the thirty-third session of the Board is reproduced in annex I.

### B. Election of officers

4. The Bureau of the Board, elected at the opening (691st) meeting, was as follows:

President: Mr. Saad Alfararqi (Egypt)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Ronald D. Flack (United States of America)  
Mr. Erich Hochleitner (Austria)  
Mr. Galo Leoro Franco (Ecuador)  
Mr. Alan Oxley (Australia)  
Mr. Mikhail Pankine (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)  
Mr. Gerald Philipp (German Democratic Republic)  
Mr. John A. Sarkey (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)  
Mr. Enrique Ter Horst (Venezuela)  
Mr. Benson O. Tonwe (Nigeria)  
Mr. Kazimir Vidas (Yugoslavia)

Rapporteur: Miss Lina Tukan (Jordan)

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

### Sessional Committee I

Chairman: Mr. Koyohiko Nanao (Japan)

Vice-Chairman-  
cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Miroslav Somol (Czechoslovakia)

Sessional Committee II

Chairman: Mr. Marian Paszynski (Poland)

Vice-Chairman-

cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Julio Muñoz Deacon (Peru)

C. Membership and attendance 2/

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

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

7. The following other States: members of UNCTAD, not members of the Board, were represented at the session: Democratic Kampuchea, Holy See and Lesotho.

8. The Palestine Liberation Organization participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974. The African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974. The South West Africa People's Organization participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 31/152 of 20 December 1976.

9. The United Nations Development Programme was represented at the session. The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT was also represented.

10. 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  
International Civil Aviation Organization  
World Bank  
International Monetary Fund  
World Intellectual Property Organization  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade were also represented at the session.

11. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session:

Association of Iron Ore Exporting Countries  
Commonwealth Secretariat  
Council for Mutual Economic Assistance  
European Economic Community  
European Free Trade Association  
League of Arab States  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
Organization of African Unity  
Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American  
Economic Integration

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

General category

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers)  
International Bar Association  
International Chamber of Commerce  
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
International Co-operative Alliance  
International Council of Women  
International Foundation for Development Alternatives  
World Federation of Trade Unions  
World Veterans Federation

Special category

International Air Transport Association  
International Association of Islamic Banks

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

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\* All texts were adopted by the Board without a vote.

II. DECISIONS ADOPTED AND OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT THE FIRST PART OF ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

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## A. Decisions

### 338 (XXXIII). Rationalization of the regular sessions of the Trade and Development Board

#### The Trade and Development Board,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended, and its subsequent resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, decision 38/429 of 19 December 1983 and resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, in which the Assembly requested, inter alia, that the Board should arrange its schedule so as to enable it to report to the General Assembly on a timely basis,

Bearing in mind also Economic and Social Council decisions 1982/189 of 10 November 1982, 1983/101 of 4 February 1983, 1983/184 of 29 July 1983, 1985/106 of 8 February 1985 and 1986/105 of 7 February 1986, regarding, inter alia, the possibility of scheduling the sessions of the Trade and Development Board so that its report can be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session,

Recalling its decision 314 (XXX) of 29 March 1985, by which the Board established an informal working group of nineteen members of the Board to consider all aspects of the scheduling of the regular sessions of the Board and the reports made by the Chairmen of the Informal Working Group on its findings to the Board at its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions, 4/

Recalling also its decision 334 (XXXII) of 21 March 1986, by which the Board mandated the Informal Working Group to continue its efforts, under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on the rationalization of the sessions of the Board and to report to the Board at its thirty-third session,

Bearing in mind the desirability of avoiding unnecessary duplication of the work,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Chairman of the Informal Working Group; 5/
2. Decides to change the pattern of its sessions effective as at its thirty-third session:

The Trade and Development Board shall normally hold one regular session a year for four weeks in two parts, the first part to be held in September and the second part in March/April of the following year, the length of each part of the session to be determined through consultations of the Secretary-General with regional group co-ordinators. Normally the second part of the session shall be of a somewhat longer duration than the first part;

3. Decides that:

(a) Pursuant to Conference resolution 95 (IV) of 31 May 1976 and Board decision 186 (XIX) of 17 October 1979, the agenda item relating to trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems would be allocated to a sessional committee at the second part of the session;

(b) Pursuant to Board resolution 226 (XXII) of 20 March 1981, the agenda item relating to protectionism and structural adjustment would be allocated to a sessional committee at the second part of the session;

(c) The allocation of all other items would be determined through consultations of the Secretary-General with regional group co-ordinators on the understanding that any major developments relating to these items could be taken up at either part of the session. Normally agenda items relating to interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system and debt and development problems of developing countries (agenda items 3 and 4) will be dealt with at the first part of the session;

4. Further decides that the term of office of the President would be for the duration of the regular session and the President would normally be designated at the end of the second part of a regular session;

5. Recommends that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council decide that resolutions and decisions of the Board requiring timely attention by the General Assembly can be transmitted directly to the Assembly;

6. Also decides to adopt the following amendments to certain of the rules of procedure of the Board:

(a) Rule 1 is amended to read:

"Rule 1

"The Trade and Development Board shall normally hold one regular session in two parts in a year."

(b) Rule 2 is amended to read:

"Rule 2

"Each regular session of the Board shall be held, subject to the provisions of rule 3, at a date fixed by the Board at a previous session, in order to enable the General Assembly to consider the report of the Board at the earliest opportunity."

(c) The following interpretative note is appended to rule 18:

The Trade and Development Board at its thirty-third session agreed that it would be desirable for the Board to identify, before the end of each regular session, the person to be elected as President at its next regular session, so as to enable the person concerned to participate in an advisory capacity in the preparatory work for the regular session in which he would serve as President. Should it prove impossible, however, to designate a President at that time, it could be done subsequently through consultations.

7. Further decides to review these arrangements, in the light of experience and developments, at its thirty-fifth session.

699th meeting  
9 September 1986

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

The Trade and Development Board

Decides to remit the informal text annexed to United Nations Conference on Trade and Development decision 145 (VI) of 2 July 1983 for further negotiations to the next session of the Board dealing, inter alia, with matters concerning trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems.

700th meeting  
10 September 1986

340 (XXXIII). Review of the question of the timely issuance of documentation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in all official languages and the rational use of conference resources

The Trade and Development Board,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 33/56 of 14 December 1978 and 36/117 A and B of 10 December 1981, and section II, paragraph 3, of Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985,

Recalling its resolution 282 (XXVIII) of 4 April 1984, by which it decided to review every year the timely issuance of documentation in all official languages,

Aware of the budgetary constraints that affect the preparation of meetings,

Taking note of the report prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 6/

1. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue the efforts being made to control the preparation of Conference documentation and to take all necessary steps to ensure that all documents, particularly the Trade and Development Report, are effectively distributed in time in all official languages;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to examine the relevant arrangements with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva with a view to ensuring the availability of interpretation services during all meetings.

700th meeting  
10 September 1986



341 (XXXIII). Seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: provisional agenda, place, date and duration 7/

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling section II, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 and Assembly resolution 40/189 of 17 December 1985 and further recalling Board decisions 336 (XXXII) and 337 (XXXII) of 17 June 1986, relating to preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. Adopts the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, contained in annex I to the present decision, together with the understandings contained in annex II;
2. Recommends to the General Assembly that the seventh session of the Conference be held at its headquarters in Geneva for a duration of about three weeks between 6 and 31 July 1987, including a final phase of one week at which the work of the session would be concluded by Ministers;
3. Takes note of the desire of the Latin American Group to hold the eighth session of the Conference in one of the countries in Latin America on the understanding that the final decision on the venue in Latin America will be taken at the appropriate time; in this connection, the Board notes the interest of Cuba to host the eighth session of the Conference;
4. Recommends to the General Assembly that it accord priority to the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in relation to other United Nations activities at Geneva.

702nd meeting  
3 October 1986

ANNEX I

Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Constitution of sessional bodies.
4. Election of Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur.
5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
6. Adoption of the agenda.

7. General debate.
8. Revitalizing development, growth and international trade, in a more predictable and supportive environment, through multilateral co-operation; assessment of relevant economic trends and of global structural change, and appropriate formulation of policies and measures, addressing key issues in the following interrelated areas:
  - (a) Resources for development, including financial, and related monetary questions;
  - (b) Commodities;
  - (c) International trade;
  - (d) Problems of the least developed countries, bearing in mind the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries.
9. Other business.
10. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.

#### ANNEX II

##### Understandings

- I. In the assessment of relevant economic trends, due attention should be paid to the role of the private sector in development.
- II. The formulation relating to "a more predictable and supportive environment" is intended to subsume the interest expressed in referring to the need for security, dependability and confidence-building in the world economic environment, as well as for equity and justice in international economic relations.
- III. Monetary questions will be considered in the context of the mandate of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and without prejudice to the competence of the International Monetary Fund and other international financial institutions.
- IV. Sub-item 8 (c) ("international trade") includes issues arising in trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems.

#### 342 (XXXIII). Review of the calendar of meetings

##### The Trade and Development Board

Adopts the revised calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1986 annexed to the present decision.

702nd meeting  
3 October 1986

## ANNEX

Revised calendar of meetings of the United Nations Conference  
on Trade and Development for the remainder of 1986 8/

	<u>Date</u>
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twelfth session	6-10 October
United Nations Conference on Natural Rubber, 1985, third part	6-17 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, fifth session	15-24 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Transfer, Application and Development of Technology in the Energy Sector, Paying Particular Attention to New and Renewable Sources of Energy* (Board resolution 326 (XXXI))	15-24 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, first session	27-31 October
Committee on Transfer of Technology, sixth session	27 October- 7 November
Committee on Tin, eighteenth session	3-7 November
Consultations on Tin	10-12 November
Committee on Shipping, twelfth session	10-21 November
Group of Experts to Develop and Recommend Model Rules for Multimodal Container Tariffs, second session*	1-5 December
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects, first session	1-12 December
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Review Meeting on Copper 9/	8-12 December
Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, twelfth session, first part (Financing related to Trade)	8-19 December

Meetings for which the dates are undetermined

	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental Group of Senior Officials on Co-operation among Developing Countries in the area of Shipping, Ports and Multimodal Transport*	1 week
International Nickel Study Group: Inaugural meeting <u>10/</u> * * *	1 week
Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 12 weeks)

B. Other decisions1. Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board

1. At its 693rd and 698th meetings, on 2 and 8 September 1986, respectively, the Board approved the applications by the following non-governmental organizations for designation under rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board for the purposes of that rule and rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Conference and decided, in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary General of UNCTAD, that they should be classified as follows:

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

	<u>UNCTAD organ</u>
International Ocean Institute	Committee on Shipping
Ibero-American Ports and Coasts Association	Committee on Shipping
Multiport Ship Agencies Network	Committee on Shipping

2. At its 693rd meeting, on 2 September 1986, the Board approved, in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary-General, the reclassification of the International Cocoa Trades Federation, which had been granted Special Category status to follow the work of the Committee on Commodities and the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, to the General Category for the purposes of rule 79 of its rules of procedure and in accordance with the terms of paragraph 12 (a) of Board decision 43 (VII) of 20 September 1968.

3. At its 698th meeting, on 8 September 1986, the Board took note, with respect to the application of the International Union of Students for inclusion in the list provided for under rule 79 of the rules of procedure, 11/ of the recommendation of the Bureau that the question be discussed at a future session of the Board in the light of consultations.

2. Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1987

4. At its 694th meeting, on 3 September 1986, the Board decided that in 1987 the membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget would consist of the following 19 States:

Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Somalia, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

3. Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees

5. At its 691st meeting, on 1 September 1986, the Board elected Zambia to membership of the Committee on Manufactures.
6. At its 692nd meeting, on 1 September 1986, the Board elected Zimbabwe to membership of the Board.
7. At its 702nd meeting, on 3 October 1986, the Board elected Portugal to membership of the Committee on Transfer of Technology.
8. The membership of the Board and its main Committees was confirmed as follows:

Trade and Development Board, 130; Committee on Commodities, 104; Committee on Manufactures, 98; Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, 100; Committee on Shipping, 101; Committee on Transfer of Technology, 97; Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, 107.

4. Utilization of conference-servicing resources

9. In pursuance of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, the Board had before it a report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat on the utilization of conference-servicing resources. 12/ In its decision 340 (XXXIII) of 10 September 1986, the Board, inter alia, took note of the above report and invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue the efforts being made to control the preparation of UNCTAD documentation.

C. Other action taken by the Board

10. At its 698th meeting, on 3 September 1986, the Board took note of:
- (a) The report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its nineteenth session 13/ and of the comments made thereon;
- (b) The nineteenth report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law 14/ and of the comments made thereon.
11. At its 700th meeting, on 10 September 1986, the Board adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials. 15/
12. At the same meeting, the Board took note of:
- (a) The reports prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat entitled, respectively, "Services and the development process: further studies pursuant to Conference resolution 159 (VI) and Board decision 309 (XXX)" and "Notes on developments in the international trading system for the review under Conference resolution 159 (VI), paragraph 14, and Board decision 320 (XXXI)"; 16/
- (b) The report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat entitled "Recent economic developments in the occupied Palestinian territories" 17/ and complementary documentation, namely, selected statistical tables on the economy of the occupied

Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza Strip) 18/ and a select chronology of economic issues and related activities in the occupied Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza Strip), 1985-1986; 19/

(c) The oral report of the representative of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the consultations held pursuant to Committee on Commodities resolution 22 (XI);

(d) The report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its fourteenth session and of Committee decision 8 (XIV) in annex I thereto; 20/

(e) The report of the Committee on Manufactures on its eleventh session; 21/

(f) The report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat entitled "Progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries"; 22/

(g) The report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on "Programme evaluation in UNCTAD" 23/ and the comments made thereon;

(h) The report of Sessional Committee II and the summary by the Chairman, elaborated in concurrence with all groups of countries, on trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom, which it decided to annex to its report. 24/

13. Also at the same meeting, the Board:

(a) Noted that the fifteenth special session of the Board, on compensatory financing, scheduled for the autumn of 1986, had not been held because the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Compensatory Financing of Export Earnings Shortfalls had not completed its work and authorized a further session of the Intergovernmental Group, in the second quarter of 1987, and subsequently a special session of the Board, the sixteenth, to be held after the seventh session of the Conference, to deal with compensatory financing;

(b) Noted that the fifteenth special session of the Board would deal with matters concerning the seventh session of the Conference;

(c) Authorized the approval in the consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, pursuant to Board decision 338 (XXXIII) of 9 September 1986, of the provisional agenda for the fifteenth special session of the Board.

14. At the 702nd meeting, on 3 October 1986, the Board:

(a) Approved the revised provisional agenda for the second part of its thirty-third session, 25/ having authorized the President, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, to adjust it as appropriate in the light of developments. The Board further requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult with delegations regarding the organization of the work of the second part of the session and to circulate his suggestions thereon;

(b) Took note of suggestions by the secretariat for the calendar of meetings for 1986 and 1987 and draft schedules of meetings for the biennium 1988-1989. 26/

15. At its 701st meeting, on 10 September 1986, the Board:

(a) Decided to annex to its report the President's summary and conclusions in respect of the debate in plenary meeting on agenda items 3 and 4, 27/

(b) Took note with appreciation of the oral reports of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the consultations on the place, date and duration of the seventh session of the Conference and on preparations for the session, which he had undertaken pursuant to Board decisions 336 (XXXII) and 337 (XXXII), decided to annex them to its report, 28/ and requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue his consultations on the outstanding issues referred to in his second report, namely, the organization of the preparatory process and of the seventh session of the Conference and to report thereon to the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session.

16. At its 702nd meeting, on 3 October 1986, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I.

III. STATEMENTS MADE AT THE 700TH AND 702ND MEETINGS IN CONNECTION WITH DECISIONS ADOPTED AND OTHER ACTION BY THE BOARD

A. Decision 341 (XXXIII). Seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: provisional agenda, place, date and duration

Preparations for the seventh session of the Conference

1. At the 702nd meeting, on 3 October 1986, the President introduced a draft decision (TD/B/L.815), which contained the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Conference and related understandings, together with recommendations to the General Assembly on its place and date. He submitted his decision after intensive informal consultations.
2. The representative of the United States of America requested that the Board vote on draft decision TD/B/L.815 and announced his delegation's negative vote on the document.
3. The President asked whether any other delegation wished to take up the proposal of the representative of the United States of America. There was none.
4. At its 702nd meeting, on 3 October 1986, the Board, acting on a proposal of the President, adopted draft decision TD/B/L.815 (see decision 341 (XXXIII)). The President directed that the position of the United States delegation, which is reflected above, be duly recorded in the report of the Board. Draft decision TD/B/L.812 was withdrawn by its sponsors.
5. The representative of the United States of America said that after long and careful review by the United States authorities, his delegation had found it necessary to call for a vote on TD/B/L.815 and to cast a no vote.
6. The United States had participated in a long and hard effort to develop an agenda that would have held out the expectation that the seventh session of the Conference would seriously tackle the problems of development - an agenda that would have reflected the realities of today's world. His Government was of the view that the document before the Board failed to do this.
7. He wished there to be no mistake concerning the United States action at the current meeting. It was meant to convey its disagreement over the document before the Board. It in no way indicated an abandonment of United States efforts to work with UNCTAD and its members to change positively the course that the organization had followed for the past 20 years. The United States would continue to seek positive change. It would continue to work closely with the secretariat and other delegations to see to it that UNCTAD was not buried under the avalanche of economic change overtaking the contemporary world. It would continue to work for an UNCTAD that was current, credible and conscientious. 29/
8. The representative of Japan, welcoming the adoption of decision 341 (XXXIII), pledged his country's continued support for a meaningful and realistic seventh session of the Conference. In that connection, he wished to register his delegation's position on item II of the understandings incorporated in the



decision, which referred to the concept of international economic security. This also had a bearing on General Assembly resolution 40/173 of 17 December 1985, against which Japan had voted. The fact that Japan had now associated itself with the important agenda for the seventh session of the Conference should not be construed as having changed its position with regard to General Assembly resolution 40/173 in any way.

#### B. Report of the Bureau on credentials

1. At the 700th meeting, on 10 September 1986, the representative of China stated with regard to the credentials of the delegation of Afghanistan that the position of the Chinese delegation as expressed during the fortieth session of the General Assembly remained unchanged.
2. The representative of Pakistan stated that his delegation wished to place on record its reservations with regard to the representation of Afghanistan for the reasons stated by Pakistan in the General Assembly.
3. The representative of Afghanistan, referring to paragraph 4 of the report of the Bureau on credentials 30/ and the statements by the representatives of China and Pakistan, reaffirmed the position of the Government of Afghanistan in that respect as expressed during the fortieth session of the General Assembly.

#### 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.154. For the membership of the Board at the first part of its thirty-third session and of the Committee on Manufactures and the Committee on Transfer of Technology, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplements No. 1 and 1A (TD/B/1118), annexes.

3/ For statements in connection with the adoption of decision 341 (XXXIII), see sect. III A.

4/ TD/B/1075 and TD/B/1092, respectively.

5/ TD/B/1113.

6/ TD/B/L.808.

7/ For an account of the adoption of decision 341 (XXXIII), see sect. III A.

8/ Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at Geneva. Meetings marked with an asterisk are deductible from the provision for "Working parties, study groups and expert groups".

9/ Included for planning purposes. To be confirmed in the light of further consultations.

Notes (continued)

- 10/ Reimbursable meeting; listed for information; consultations are to be held to determine the dates of the meeting.
- 11/ TD/B/R.44.
- 12/ TD/B/L.808.
- 13/ ITC/AG(XIX)/104 and Add.1 (distributed to members of the Trade and Development Board under cover of TD/B/1108).
- 14/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/41/17) (distributed to members of the Trade and Development Board under cover of TD/B/1109).
- 15/ TD/B/1117. For statements made in this connection by the representatives of China, Pakistan and Afghanistan, see sect. III B.
- 16/ TD/B/1100 and TD/B/1101.
- 17/ TD/B/1102 and Corr.1.
- 18/ UNCTAD/ST/SEU/1.
- 19/ UNCTAD/ST/SEU/2.
- 20/ TD/B/C.5(XIV)/Misc.2; to be issued in printed form as Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (TD/B/1105-TD/B/C.5/108).
- 21/ TD/B/C.2(XI)/Misc.2; to be issued in printed form as Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (TD/B/1106-TD/B/C.2/226).
- 22/ TD/B/1107 and Add.1.
- 23/ TD/B/1110.
- 24/ For the summary by the Chairman of Sessional Committee II, see annex V.
- 25/ TD/B/L.814, reproduced in annex IV.
- 26/ TD/B/L.807.
- 27/ See annex II.
- 28/ See annex III.
- 29/ It was agreed at the 702nd meeting that a statement, to be submitted subsequently, supplementing the explanation would be annexed to the report of the Board (Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplements No. 1 and 1A (TD/B/1118)).
- 30/ TD/B/1117.

ANNEX I

Agenda for the first part of the thirty-third session of the  
Trade and Development Board as adopted by the Board at its  
691st meeting, on 1 September 1986

1. Procedural matters:
  - (a) Election of officers;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;
  - (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;
  - (d) Provisional agendas for the thirty-fourth regular and sixteenth special sessions of the Board and organization of the work of the sessions.
2. Specific matters arising from the resolutions, recommendations and other decisions adopted by the Conference at its sixth session requiring attention or action by the Board at its thirty-third session.
3. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system.
4. Debt and development problems of developing countries.
5. Seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: preparations for the session.
6. Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom.
7. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies:
  - (a) Commodities;
  - (b) Manufactures and semi-manufactures.
8. Other matters in the field of trade and development:
  - (a) Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries;
  - (b) Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its nineteenth session;
  - (c) Progressive development of the law of international trade: nineteenth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.
9. Programme evaluation in UNCTAD.

10. Institutional, organizational, 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 1987;
- (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 78 of the rules of procedure;
- (e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure;
- (f) Review of the question of the timely issuance of UNCTAD documentation in all official languages and the rational use of conference resources (Board resolution 282 (XXVIII) and General Assembly resolution 40/243, sect. II, para. 3);
- (g) Scheduling of sessions of the Board;
- (h) Review of the calendar of meetings;
- (i) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

11. Other business.

12. Adoption of the report of the Board.

## ANNEX II

### President's summary and conclusions in respect of agenda items 3 and 4

1. The debate of items 3 and 4 - interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system, and debt and development problems of developing countries - at the thirty-third session of the Trade and Development Board was rich and detailed. The Trade and Development Report, 1986 was once again welcomed as a useful analysis of the nature and extent of the interdependence that exists among countries, among the problems of the monetary, financial and trading systems (including the world commodity economy) and between the development crisis and global economic trends.
2. While the roles played by domestic and external factors respectively continued to be assessed differently by different groups of countries the debate revealed widespread agreement that world economic conditions were an important influence on even the largest economies. In particular, it was recognized that, not least because of their indebtedness, the trade and development performance of developing countries was vulnerable to the policies and performance of industrialized countries, via their impact on demand for primary commodities, access to markets, interest rates etc.
3. A sharpened international awareness of interdependence was found in the consensus that had emerged in the course of the previous year that growth must be placed at the centre of the strategy of debt, and in the recognition given by the major market economies to the need to co-ordinate macro-economic policies. It was felt that, while these advances provided a window of opportunity, they had not been translated into action. The treatment of debt continued to underrate the importance of the external environment, while the focus of the intensified consultations among the major market economies remained restricted to the imbalances within and among those countries.
4. Many countries thus saw an urgent need for a fuller co-operative effort, involving all countries, to revitalize world growth and trade, improve the international environment for development and achieve a just solution to the debt problem.
5. While recovery in the developed market economies had become more even in 1985 and nominal interest rates had fallen, growth rates had been levelled down rather than up, and real interest rates had remained high. Although some developing countries had registered rapid expansion, and output in sub-Saharan Africa ceased to fall, growth in developing countries as a whole had fallen, largely because of the further worsening of their terms of trade and the stagnation of their export markets. Moreover, many developing countries continued to suffer massive net outflows of resources and to receive inadequate amounts of official development assistance.
6. It was recognized that developed market economies had achieved a major success with regard to inflation. However, many saw the world economy as being beset by deflationary pressures. In particular, it was stressed that commodity markets were glutted, with non-oil commodity prices down to their lowest level since the Great Depression, and oil prices having collapsed. It was pointed out that these factors

accounted for much of the disinflation achieved by developed market economy countries.

7. The past year had seen substantial declines in the dollar and in oil prices, and steps were being taken to cut the United States budget deficit. It was noted that the United States budget cuts would reduce the overall pace of demand creation, and that, thus far, the dollar and oil-price declines had shifted the geographic distribution of incomes and expenditures, rather than added to their levels. The impact of the export earnings of developing countries was uneven and on the whole negative: the debt burdens of energy importers were being somewhat lightened, but those of many energy-exporting developing countries were being intensified. The dollar depreciation was expected to help lessen protectionist sentiment and current account imbalances, but the risks of continued erosion of the international trading system and of proliferation of trade-restricting measures and protectionism remained high.

8. It was noted that an acceleration of non-inflationary growth was a major policy objective, and thus medium-term strategies needed to be applied flexibly. It was widely felt that there was now ample scope as well as need for expansion. Many speakers called for more active co-ordination of macro-economic policies geared towards correcting current account imbalances among developed countries in a manner that would promote the trade and development of developing countries, in particular by lowering interest rates, strengthening demand for primary and other commodities and rolling back protectionism.

9. It was recognized that, while some of the recent changes in the main macro-economic variables had improved the outlook for a number of developing countries, the overall outlook remained poor, most notably for the least developed countries and sub-Saharan African countries, and the energy exporters. Prospects for the future depended critically on the evolution of external markets, the terms of trade, and interest rates, as well as on the trade policies of the developed countries and on the level of financial inflow from official and private sources.

10. It was therefore stressed that the efforts by developing countries to adjust through development should be accompanied by policies in developed market economy countries designed to improve the external variables.

11. Equally, notwithstanding any relaxation of the external constraints, developing countries should persist with, or strengthen when appropriate, structural policies designed to raise savings and investment, improve the efficiency of resource use, strengthen private and public enterprises etc. in a manner consistent with social objectives, including living standards.

12. It was agreed that structural policies needed to be pursued, no less, by developed countries, in order to sustain rapid rates of growth and to adjust patterns of production and trade in response to a structural adjustment by developing countries, to curtail payments imbalances etc.

13. It was noted that the socialist countries of Eastern Europe were in the process of bringing about structural adjustment and reforms in their economies, on a national level and within the framework of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. This process would increase the efficiency of their economies, allow them to participate more fully in the international division of labour, and enhance mutually beneficial international economic co-operation.

ANNEX III

Oral reports of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on his consultations pursuant to Board decisions 336 (XXXII) and 337 (XXXII)

A. First oral report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD at the 701st meeting on 10 September 1986, on his consultations pursuant to Board decisions 336 (XXXII) and 337 (XXXII)

1. At the second part of its thirty-second session, the Trade and Development Board considered an oral report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on his informal consultations on the provisional agenda of the seventh session of the Conference. In its decision 336 (XXXII), the Board requested the Secretary-General to hold further consultations on the subject, as well as to initiate informal consultations on the organization of the Conference, and to report on the results to the Board at its thirty-third session.

2. In decision 337 (XXXII), the Board took note of the oral report of the Secretary-General on his informal consultations on the place, date and duration of the seventh session of the Conference and requested him to hold further consultations on the subject and report thereon to the Board at its thirty-third session.

3. In response to those two decisions, the Secretary-General held informal consultations with representatives of regional groups during July and in the period since 25 August. During the current session of the Board, informal exchanges were also arranged by the President of the Board, on the matters referred to in the two decisions, with representatives of regional groups and with the participation of the Secretary-General.

1. Provisional agenda for the seventh session  
(Board decision 336 (XXXII))

4. Taking into account the points of convergence that have emerged from his consultations, the Secretary-General suggests to the Board for its consideration, in accordance with paragraph 21 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), as amended, rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference and rule 32 of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, the following list of items for the provisional agenda of the Conference at its seventh session:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Constitution of sessional bodies.
4. Election of Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur.
5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

6. Adoption of the agenda.

7. General debate.

8. Revitalizing development, growth and international trade, in a more predictable and supportive environment, through multilateral co-operation: assessment of relevant economic trends and of global structural change, and appropriate formulation of policies and measures, addressing key issues in the following interrelated areas:

(a) Resources for development, including financial and other resources, and related questions;

(b) Commodities;

(c) International trade;

(d) Problems of the least developed countries, bearing in mind the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries.

9. Other business.

10. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.

5. The Secretary-General suggests that the above list of items be read and considered in conjunction with the following understandings that he has discerned among participants in the consultations, in addition to the understandings reported by him to the Board at the second part of its thirty-second session:

Item 7:

Statements by heads of delegations in the general debate would be expected to focus on the subject-matter of item 8.

Item 8 (chapeau):

- (a) The formulation relating to "a more predictable and supportive environment" is intended to subsume the interest of many delegations in referring to the need for security, dependability and confidence-building in the world economic environment, as well as for equity and justice in international economic relations.
- (b) "Assessment" will be, to the extent possible, a common assessment by the States participating in the seventh session and may also include statements of divergent assessments with regard to matters on which consensus is not reached. "Assessment" should precede the "appropriate formulation of policies and measures". The areas for assessment and action need not be coterminous, i.e. the coverage of assessment and action respectively need not be identical.
- (c) The formulation of the second part of theme ("assessment ... areas") permits such assessment of, and action on, national economic factors, policies and measures as may be relevant and appropriate.



- (d) In the assessment of relevant economic trends, due attention should be paid to the role of the private sector, subject to national economic plans, development objectives and policies.

Sub-items P (a) - 8 (d):

Sub-item 8 (c) ("international trade") includes issues arising in trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems.

2. Organizational aspects of preparations for the seventh session  
(Board decision 336 (XXXII))

6. The Secretary-General believes that there is a broad measure of agreement on the following parameters that would guide the preparations for the seventh session and commends them to the Board for its approval:

(a) The preparation of the Conference should be viewed as a continuous process, of which the Conference itself would be the culmination. This process has already begun with the current discussions on the formulation of the Conference agenda;

(b) Without prejudice to his responsibility for the substantive content of the documentation for the Conference, the Secretary-General hopes to benefit from and take into account, as appropriate, exchanges of views with member States on the issues to be covered;

(c) The preparatory process should include an intensive phase of intergovernmental preparation, centred on the Trade and Development Board. Delegations should complete their own preparations in their respective groups, as appropriate, in the light of the secretariat documentation and be in a position to interact on their respective views and proposals;

(d) Whatever organizational arrangements are adopted for the Conference itself, it would be highly desirable to secure the presence of Ministers in the final phase, so that they may contribute to the negotiation and settlement of major outstanding issues. In order to facilitate such ministerial participation, the major part of the "assessment", provided for in the proposed theme for the Conference, and of the policies and measures to be developed by the Conference, would have been settled in advance, and only a few major issues would be left for consideration by Ministers.

7. The Secretary-General proposes that the number, structure and functions of sessional bodies of the Conference be considered at a later stage.

3. Place, date and duration of the session  
(Board decision 337 (XXXII))

8. The Board is required to make a recommendation to the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 21 of Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), as amended, rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Conference and rule 32 of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, as to the appropriate place and date for convening the seventh session of the Conference.

- (d) In the assessment of relevant economic trends, due attention should be paid to the role of the private sector, subject to national economic systems, development objectives and policies.

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mandate assigned to UNCTAD by General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX). The Secretary-General would also like to recall in this connection that the agreed conclusions of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted in September 1985, stated that "continuing analysis is required ... of the implications of different development policies". a/

#### Treatment of the role of the private sector in development

15. The second point that the Secretary-General has been asked to clarify concerns the treatment of the role of the private sector in development, which is referred to in the first "understanding" in annex II of the President's proposal. In this context, it is understood that it is the right of each country to choose its own economic and social system.

#### 2. Organizational aspects of the seventh session and of the preparatory process (Board decision 336 (XXXII))

16. The Secretary-General believes that there is need for further consultations before firm decisions can be reached concerning the organization of the preparatory process leading to the seventh session of the Conference and the organization of the session itself, including the number, structure and functions of sessional bodies of the Conference. The Secretary-General wishes to recall, in this connection, the parameters for the preparatory process for the seventh session, indicated in his previous oral report to the Board (see TD/B/L.810/Add.10, annex, para. 6).

#### 3. Place, date and duration of the seventh session (Board decision 337 (XXXII))

17. Paragraph 3 of the draft decision to be submitted by the President contains a recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the place, date and duration of the seventh session. The Secretary-General wishes to record that, in discussing this recommendation, participants in the consultations took account of concerns expressed about the possible overlap in time and place of the seventh session of the Conference and the 1987 summer session of the Economic and Social Council.

#### Notes

a/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/40/48), para. 22.

Revised provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-third session of the Trade and Development Board

1. Procedural matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the revised agenda and organization of the work of the second part of the session;
  - (b) Adoption of the report on credentials;
  - (c) Provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth regular session of the Board and organization of the work of the session;
  - (d) Designation of the President of the thirty-fourth regular session of the Board.
2. Specific matters arising from the resolutions, recommendations and other decisions adopted by the Conference at its sixth session requiring attention or action by the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session.
3. Protectionism and structural adjustment.
4. Seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
5. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies.
6. Other matters in the field of trade and development:
  - (a) Technical co-operation among developing countries: co-operative exchange of skills among developing countries (Board decision 327 (XXXII));
  - (b) Preparations for the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (Board decision 329 (XXXII));

[To be completed in the light of decisions taken by the Board at the first part of its thirty-third session and of other developments.]
7. Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom.
8. UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.
9. Institutional, organizational, 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;
- (d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure;
- (e) Review of the calendar of meetings;
- (f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board;

[To be completed in the light of decisions taken by the Board at the first part of its thirty-third session and of other developments.]

10. Other business.

11. Adoption of the report of the Board.

## ANNEX V

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

#### Summary by the Chairman of Sessional Committee II

1. The Committee, in accordance with its mandate contained in paragraph 14 of Conference resolution 95 (IV) and in paragraph 1 of Board decision 186 (XIX), carried out a serious and broad-ranging debate on the issues before it.
2. In the debate and exchange of views in the Committee, the review of the implementation of Conference resolutions 15 (II), 53 (III) and 95 (IV), contained in UNCTAD secretariat report TD/B/1103, as well as the proposals for the promotion of trade and economic co-operation among countries having different economic and social systems, with particular consideration given to the interests of developing countries (TD/B/1104), were taken into account, as reflected in the report of the Committee.
3. A broad understanding has emerged that a process should be continued, leading to the adoption of proposals conducive to the promotion of trade and economic co-operation among countries having different economic and social systems, with particular consideration given to the interests of developing countries, based on a pragmatic approach and reflecting the recognition of the changes that have taken place in this field since the adoption of Conference resolution 95 (IV), as well as prospects for the later 1980s and early 1990s.
4. In this connection and as a result of an exchange of views regarding the convocation of an ad hoc group of experts as provided for in paragraph 3 of Board decision 321 (XXXI), it was agreed that the meeting of the group should take place in January 1987 and that it should contribute, first and foremost, to the consideration of the proposals referred to in paragraph 3 above.
5. The group should reflect on all papers submitted for consideration to Sessional Committee II at the thirty-third session of the Trade and Development Board, as well as all views expressed in its deliberations, in order to arrive at the identification of result-oriented measures and give a fresh impetus to the further expansion of trade and economic co-operation between the different groups of countries, with particular consideration given to the interests of developing countries.
6. The results of the work of the group should be reported at the next session of the Board dealing, inter alia, with matters concerning trade among countries having different economic and social systems.
7. The UNCTAD secretariat is expected to continue work undertaken pursuant to Board decision 321 (XXXI) on the elaboration of proposals for the promotion of trade and economic co-operation among countries having different economic and social systems, with particular consideration being given to the interests of developing countries, taking into account comments made on them during the deliberations of Sessional Committee II at the thirty-third session of the Trade and Development Board.

8. The Committee noted the development of the UNCTAD programme of technical assistance aimed at expanding and facilitating trade of the developing countries with the socialist countries of Eastern Europe and recognized the need for the further strengthening and enlargement of the scope and content of the programme.

9. The Committee also noted that the UNCTAD secretariat, in conformity with Board decision 321 (XXXI), has been holding consultations with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the inclusion in the fourth UNDP cycle (1987-1991) of the operational programme of technical assistance for the development of trade of the developing countries with the socialist countries of Eastern Europe on an interregional, regional and national basis.

10. The Committee reiterates its request to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and to invite also voluntary contributions for that purpose to ensure adequate financial support for the implementation of the programme and to report to the Board on the results at its next session.

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