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PREFATORY NOTE

The twenty-third 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 4 October 1986 to 21 October 1987 and consists of the reports on the second part of the thirty-third regular session, held from 24 March to 3 April and on 14 April 1987, the fifteenth special session, held from 18 to 20 May 1987, and the first part of the thirty-fourth regular session, held from 5 to 16 October and on 21 October 1987.

In the period preceding the second 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>
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	Twelfth session	6-10 October 1986	TD/B/1119
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices	Fifth session	15-24 October 1986	TD/B/1121
Committee on Transfer of Technology	Sixth session	27 October-9 November and 19 November 1986	TD/B/1122
Committee on Shipping	Twelfth	10-21 November 1986	TD/B/1123
Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade	Twelfth session, first part	8-19 December 1986	TD/B/1124
Committee on Commodities	Twelfth session	2-13 and 17 February 1987	TD/B/1132
Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade	Twelfth session, second part	2-6 March 1987	TD/B/1133

Notes

1/ The 22 previous annual reports of the Trade and Development Board are contained in Supplements to the Official Records of the General Assembly, as follows:

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<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
9th	26 October 1972-11 September 1973	28	15	A/9015/Rev.1
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

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<u>Annual report</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General Assembly session</u>	<u>Supplement No.</u>	<u>Document No.</u>
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
22nd	28 September 1985-3 October 1986	41	15	A/41/15, vol. I and vol. II

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

Part One

REPORT OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON THE SECOND PART
OF ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from
24 March to 3 April and on 14 April 1987

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 Supplement Nos. 1 and 1A to the Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session.
2. The second part of the thirty-third session of the Trade and Development Board was held from 24 March to 3 April and on 14 April 1987 (703rd to 710th meetings). The second part of the session was opened on 24 March 1987 by the President of the Board, Mr. Saad Alfarargi (Egypt).

A. Agenda

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

B. Election of officers

4. At the 703rd (opening) meeting, on 24 March 1987, the Board, having noted that three Vice-Presidents were unable to attend, elected Mr. Prosper Thuysbaert (Belgium), Mr. Vladimir Checklin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. Marko Kosin (Yugoslavia) to replace, respectively, Mr. Alan Oxley (Australia), Mr. Mikhail Pankine (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. Kazimir Vidas (Yugoslavia). The Bureau of the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session was thus as follows:

President: Mr. Saad Alfarargi (Egypt)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Vladimir Checklin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mr. Ronald D. Flack (United States of America)
Mr. Erich Hochleitner (Austria)
Mr. Galo Leoro Franco (Ecuador)
Mr. Marko Kosin (Yugoslavia)
Mr. Gerald Philipp (German Democratic Republic)
Mr. John A. Sankey (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Enrique Ter Horst (Venezuela)
Mr. Prosper Thuysbaert (Belgium)
Mr. Benson C. Tonwe (Nigeria)

Rapporteur: Miss Lina S. Tukan (Jordan)

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

Sessional Committee I

Chairman: Mr. E. Hammarskjold (Sweden)

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

Sessional Committee II

Chairman: Mr. M. Paszynski (Poland)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. K. Nanao (Japan)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. J. Muñoz (Peru)

C. Membership and attendance

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

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

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

8. The Palestine Liberation Organization participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974. The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974.

9. The Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation of the United Nations Secretariat, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe and the United Nations Development Programme were represented at the session. The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT was also represented.

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

10. The attention of the General Assembly is drawn to the following decisions, the texts of which are contained in section II below.

Decisions*

- 343 (XXXIII). Review of the calendar of meetings
- 344 (XXXIII). Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- 345 (XXXIII). UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990

* All three texts were adopted without a vote.

II. DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AT THE SECOND PART OF ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

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A. Decisions

343 (XXXIII). Review of the calendar of meetings

The Trade and Development Board

Adopts the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1987 annexed to the present decision.

708th meeting
3 April 1987

ANNEX

Calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1987 2/

	<u>Date</u>
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, twentieth session <u>3/</u>	6-10 April
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirteenth session (first part)	8 May
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects, second session <u>4/</u>	11-15 May
Trade and Development Board, fifteenth special session	From 18 May <u>5/</u>
Seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: Pre-Conference consultations <u>6/</u>	7-8 July
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, seventh session	9-31 July
Preparatory Meeting on Copper	[31 August- 4 September] <u>7/</u>
Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology*	31 August- 9 September
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirteenth session (second part)	14-17 September
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Compensatory Financing of Export Earnings Shortfalls,* second session	14-25 September
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental Group of Senior Officials on Co-operation among Developing Countries in the area of Shipping, Ports and Multimodal Transport*	21-25 September

	<u>Date</u>
Trade and Development Board, thirty-fourth session, first part	5-16 October
Working Group on Rules of Origin, eleventh session <u>8/</u>	12-16 October
Special Committee on Preferences, fifteenth session	[19-28 October] <u>9/</u>
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, second session	2-6 November
Committee on Tungsten, nineteenth session	9-13 November
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, sixth session	11-20 November
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects, third session <u>10/</u>	30 November- 11 December

Meetings for which the dates are undetermined

	<u>Duration</u>
Trade and Development Board, sixteenth special session <u>11/</u> (Board decision 317 (S-XIV))	2 weeks
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, fourteenth session	1 week
Group of Governmental Experts on the Economic, Commercial and Developmental Aspects of the Industrial Property System in the Transfer of Technology to Developing Countries,* second session	1 1/2 weeks
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Definitions and Methodology Employed in the UNCTAD Data Base on Trade Measures,* second session	1 week
Meeting of Representatives of Interested Governments on Bulk Cargo Shipments* (Conference resolution 120 (V), para. 5)	1 week
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental High-level Group of Experts on the Evolution of the International Monetary System,* second session	1 week
Group of Governmental Experts on the Concepts of the Present Aid and Flow Targets,* fourth session	1 1/2 weeks
Permanent Sub-Committee on Commodities (if required)	1-2 weeks
Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes (if required)	1 week

	<u>Duration</u>
Second Preparatory Meeting on Bauxite	1 week
Seventh (third part) or Eighth Preparatory Meeting on Copper	1 week
Resumed Sixth Preparatory Meeting on Cotton	1 week
(Preparatory) Meeting on Hard Fibres	1 week
Third Preparatory Meeting on Manganese	1 week
Third Preparatory Meeting on Phosphates	1 week
Meeting of Tea-Exporting Countries on Quota Allocation and Minimum Export Standards	3 days
Fourth Preparatory Meeting on Tea <u>12/</u>	1 week
International Nickel Study Group: Inaugural Meeting <u>13/</u>	1 week
* * *	
Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to to 26 1/2 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 3 1/2 weeks)

344 (XXXIII). Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling its decision 366 (XXXII) of 17 June 1986 requesting the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to hold further consultations on the seventh session of the Conference and to report to the Board at its thirty-third session,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the oral report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD; 14/
2. Decides to endorse the arrangements set out therein subject to such further decisions as might be taken by the Board at its fifteenth special session or by the Conference itself.

709th meeting
3 April 1987

345 (XXXIII). UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, 15/

Having conducted an initial examination of the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD 16/ on UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,

1. Stresses the importance of UNCTAD's contribution to the Programme;
2. Notes with appreciation the arrangements made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD within the UNCTAD secretariat for the implementation of the Programme;
3. Welcomes the general guidelines of the indicative programme of activities to be pursued by the UNCTAD secretariat within the context of UNCTAD's ongoing programmes, its mandates and areas of competence, and invites the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget to take these guidelines into account when examining the budget and medium-term plan for 1988-1989;
4. Urges the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue to participate actively in the follow-up mechanisms within the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme;
5. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to report to the Trade and Development Board at its thirty-fourth session, first part, and subsequent sessions of the Board on progress on UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the programme.

709th meeting
3 April 1987

B. Other decisions

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

1. At its 704th meeting, on 26 March 1987, the Board approved the applications by the following six non-governmental organizations 17/ 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, 18/ that they should be classified as follows:

General category

International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO)

International Coalition for Development Action (ICDA)

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

UNCTAD organ

International Association of Crafts and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (IACME)	Committee on Commodities Committee on Manufactures
International Wrought Copper Council (IWCC)	Committee on Commodities
International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)	Committee on Shipping
International Ship Suppliers Association (ISSA)	Committee on Shipping

2. The Board also noted the change in name of the "Association of the Sugar Products Industries of the EEC", a non-governmental organization granted special category status at the twenty-fifth session of the Board, to "Association of the Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionery Industries of the EEC" (CAOBISCO).

Other action taken by the Board

Adoption of the report on credentials (item 1 (b))

3. At its 707th meeting, on 1 April 1987, the Board adopted the report of its Bureau on the credentials of all representatives attending the session. 19/

Provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-fourth regular session of the Board and organization of the work of the session (item 1 (c))

4. At its 707th meeting, on 1 April 1987, the Board took note of the draft provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-fourth regular session. 20/ However, having agreed that it would be difficult to determine in advance of the Conference the substantive content of the agenda, and bearing in mind the need to allow for maximum flexibility, the Board authorized the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with the President, to adjust and complete the draft provisional agenda after the seventh session of the Conference. It was understood that the draft provisional agenda would be subject to consultation with the representatives of regional groups within the framework of established consultative machinery.

5. The Board further requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult delegations regarding the organization of the work of the session and to circulate his suggestions thereon.

Designation of the President of the thirty-fourth regular session of the Board (item 1 (d))

6. At the 707th meeting, on 1 April 1987, having noted that, in accordance with the cycle for the rotation of the office of President (rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Board), the next President should be the representative of one of the States members of Group B, the Board decided that, pursuant to the provisions of its decision 208 (XXXIII) of 9 September 1986, the nomination of the President

for the thirty-fourth regular session of the Board could be decided through the medium of the consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

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 (item 2)

7. In adopting its agenda for the second part of the session, the Board agreed that no substantive discussion would take place under item 2 since services and the international trading system had been discussed at the first part of the session and protectionism and structural adjustment would be discussed under item 3 at the second part of the session.

Protectionism and structural adjustment (item 3)

8. At its 708th meeting, on 3 April 1987, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II on item 3. 21/

9. Also at its 708th meeting, the Board took note of the following:

(a) The report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its twelfth session, 22/ and endorsed the agreed conclusions annexed thereto. The Board also noted that the report would be transmitted to the appropriate United Nations bodies for their consideration;

(b) The report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its fifth session; 23/

(c) The report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its sixth session, 24/ and endorsed the resolution annexed thereto;

(d) The report of the Committee on Shipping on its twelfth session, 25/ and endorsed the resolutions annexed thereto;

(e) The oral report 26/ of the Chairman of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade on the first part (financing) of its twelfth session 27/ and the oral report 28/ of the Chief of the Special Programme on Insurance on the second part (insurance) of the twelfth session of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, and endorsed the resolutions adopted by the Committee at that session; 29/

(f) The oral report 30/ by the Chairman of the Committee on Commodities at its twelfth session. 31/

10. Also at its 708th meeting, the Board took note of the following:

(a) The study by the UNCTAD secretariat entitled "Skill exchange in technological co-operation among developing countries: some development aspects", 32/ and decided to transmit it to the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session, in accordance with Board decision 327 (XXXII) of 20 March 1986;

(b) The oral report 33/ by the Chief of the Special Programme for the Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries, informing the Board,

inter alia, that all regional groups had agreed to continue consultations in order for the Conference to finalize its recommendations to meet the mandate given in General Assembly resolution 40/205 of 17 December 1985 on the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries.

11. Also at its 708th meeting, the Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II on item 7 (Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems) 34/ and of the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Trade and Economic Co-operation among Countries having Different Economic and Social Systems. 35/

Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board (agenda item 9 (f))

12. No specific financial implications were before the Board. However, in response to requests from delegations, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD placed on record certain assurances 36/ concerning the proposed activities of UNCTAD under Board decision 345 (XXXIII) regarding the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

III. STATEMENTS MADE AT THE 707TH AND 709TH MEETINGS IN CONNECTION WITH DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AT THE SECOND PART OF ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

A. Decision 345 (XXXIII): UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 (agenda item 8)

1. At the 709th meeting, on 3 April 1987, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD placed on record the assurances that he had given orally to the delegations concerned in the informal consultations that had taken place prior to the adoption of decision 345 (XXXIII). Those assurances were as follows:

(a) First, that the activities contemplated in the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD 37/ would be carried out in the context of the general mandate of UNCTAD;

(b) Secondly, that they would proceed in accordance with the priorities established in the context of the programme budget;

(c) Thirdly, that the financial implications would be absorbed within the overall resources of UNCTAD and that if additional resources were required, they would, until further notice to the Board, be sought from extrabudgetary sources;

(d) Fourthly, that the secretariat would assist the Working Party in the consideration of the guidelines contained in the report of the Secretary-General when the Working Party examined the programme budget and medium-term plan for 1988-1989.

B. Adoption of the report on credentials (agenda item 1 (b))

2. At the 707th meeting, on 1 April 1987, the representative of China said that, with regard to the credentials of the delegation of Afghanistan, the Chinese position, as expressed at the forty-first session of the General Assembly, remained unchanged.

3. The representative of Pakistan wished to place on record his delegation's reservations concerning the credentials of the delegation of Afghanistan, for the reasons already expressed at previous sessions and again at the forty-first session of the General Assembly.

4. Referring to paragraph 4 of the report before the Board 38/ and the comments just made by the representatives of China and Pakistan, the representative of Afghanistan reconfirmed the position that had already been expressed by the delegation of Afghanistan at 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/ Meetings marked with an asterisk are deductible from the provision for "Working parties, study groups and expert groups". Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at Geneva. All meetings listed are subject to a written notification, which is normally dispatched six weeks before the opening date.

3/ Listed for information.

4/ To be held at, and serviced by, the International Maritime Organization, in London.

5/ The Board is to meet in special session for one or two days beginning on 18 May 1987, following informal consultations as required, to receive substantive proposals by delegations or groups of delegations for consideration by the Conference and to settle outstanding organizational questions relating to the intergovernmental preparatory process and related matters.

6/ At its fifteenth special session, the Board is to take a decision on the need for and possible duration of a meeting of senior officials prior to the Conference for the purpose of finalizing recommendations for nominations to membership of the Bureau and any outstanding organizational questions relating to the Conference.

7/ The timing of this meeting is to be reviewed at the next consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

8/ To be reviewed at the next consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in view of its overlap with the thirty-fourth session of the Trade and Development Board and one group's insistence that assurances be provided on an adequate degree of expert representation.

9/ The timing of this meeting is to be reviewed at the next consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

10/ To be held at, and serviced by, UNCTAD, at Geneva, using the services assigned to the Working Group on Shipping Legislation.

11/ To decide on requisite follow-up action in respect of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Compensatory Financing of Export Earnings Shortfalls, including the possible convening of a negotiating conference on an additional complementary facility.

12/ Subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the Meeting of Tea-Exporting Countries on Quota Allocation and Minimum Export Standards.

13/ Reimbursable meeting. Listed for information. Consultations are to be held to determine the dates of this meeting.

14/ See annex II to part one of the present report.

Notes (continued)

- 15/ Resolution by which the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.
- 16/ TD/B/1131 and Corr.1.
- 17/ TD/B/R.47/Add.1-6.
- 18/ TD/B/R.47.
- 19/ TD/B/1136. For statements made in this connection by the representatives of China, Pakistan and Afghanistan, see section III of part one of the present report.
- 20/ TD/B/L.819.
- 21/ See Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session (Second part), Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/1138 (vol. II)) (hereinafter referred to as the report of the Board), chap. I.
- 22/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 4 (TD/B/1119).
- 23/ Ibid., Thirty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document TD/B/1121.
- 24/ Ibid., Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (TD/B/1122).
- 25/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (TD/B/1123).
- 26/ See the report of the Board, chap. III.
- 27/ For the report of the Committee on the first part of its twelfth session, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (TD/B/1124).
- 28/ See note 26.
- 29/ For the report of the Committee on the second part of its twelfth session, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 9 (TD/B/1133).
- 30/ See note 26.
- 31/ For the report of the Committee on its twelfth session, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (TD/B/1132).
- 32/ TD/B/1128.
- 33/ See the report of the Board, chap. IV.
- 34/ Ibid., chap. V.

Notes (continued)

35/ TD/B/1129.

36/ See section III of part one of the present report.

37/ See note 16.

38/ TD/B/1136.

ANNEX I

Agenda for the second part of the thirty-third session of
the Trade and Development Board as adopted by the Board
at its 703rd meeting, on 24 March 1987

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:
 - (a) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget;
 - (b) Restrictive business practices;
 - (c) Transfer of technology;
 - (d) Shipping;
 - (e) Invisibles and financing related to trade;
 - (f) Commodities.
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)).

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 of the Board;
 - (d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
 - (e) Review of the calendar of meetings;
 - (f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.
10. Other business.
11. Adoption of the report of the Board.

ANNEX II

Oral report made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD at the 708th meeting, on 3 April 1987, on outstanding questions related to the seventh session of the Conference, pursuant to Board decision 336 (XXXII)

1. At the conclusion of the first part of its thirty-third session, the Board requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue his consultations on outstanding questions relating to the organization of the intergovernmental preparatory process leading to the seventh session of the Conference and the organization of the work of the seventh session itself, and to report thereon to the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session (Board decision 336 (XXXII) of 17 June 1986).
2. In the light of consultations held since that time and taking into account the points of convergence that have emerged from these consultations, the Secretary-General suggests for adoption by the Board, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/169 of 5 December 1986, the following arrangements, subject to such further decisions as might be taken by the Board at the special session referred to in paragraph 3 below or by the Conference itself.

Intergovernmental preparatory process

3. The Board would meet in special session for one or two days beginning on 18 May 1987, following informal consultations as required, to receive substantive proposals by delegations or groups of delegations for consideration by the Conference and to settle outstanding organizational questions relating to the intergovernmental preparatory process and related matters.
4. The Board would also take a decision on the need for and possible duration of a meeting of senior officials prior to the Conference for the purpose of finalizing recommendations for nominations to membership of the Bureau (see para. 10 below) and any outstanding organizational questions relating to the Conference.
5. The number of sessional bodies to be established by the Conference and their scheduling, the establishment of a contact group of the President and its purpose and the question of the form of the final outcome of the Conference would likewise be taken up at the special session.

Organization of the work of the session

6. The general debate under item 7 will be held from 10 to 14 July and from 24 to 30 July. Throughout the session, plenary meetings would be convened on an ad hoc basis, as required, for addresses by heads of State or Government.
7. A possible Conference calendar is appended hereto.
8. Delegations will make every effort to observe a time-limit of 10 minutes for statements by heads of delegation and other participants in the general debate.
9. Summary records would be prepared for plenary meetings only.

10. In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the Bureau of the Conference would consist of 35 members, comprising the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference, the Chairmen of the main Committees and the Rapporteur of the Conference. The composition of the Bureau would follow the same geographical distribution as that of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Conference (namely: seven members from Africa; seven from Asia; seven from Latin America; nine from Group B; four from Group D; and one from China).

APPENDIX

Possible Conference calendar

Thursday, 9 - Tuesday, 14 July

- Procedural matters, including establishment of sessional bodies
- Start of general debate
- Sessional bodies start work
- Prebisch Lecture

Wednesday, 15 - Thursday, 23 July

- Interruption of general debate
- Sessional bodies at work

Friday, 24 - Thursday, 30 July

- Resumption and conclusion of general debate
- Conclusion of the work of the session at the ministerial level

Friday, 31 July

- Final plenary meeting

Part Two

REPORT OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
ON ITS FIFTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
from 18 to 20 May 1987

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. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of those guidelines, the full report will be issued in Supplement Nos. 1 and 1A to the Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Fifteenth Special Session.

2. The fifteenth special session of the Trade and Development Board was held from 18 to 20 May 1987 (711th and 712th meetings). The session was opened on 18 May 1987 by the President of the Board, Mr. Saad Alfarargi (Egypt).

A. Agenda

3. The agenda for the fifteenth special session is reproduced in annex I.

B. Bureau of the Board

4. At its 711th meeting, on 18 May 1987, the Board elected Mr. M. El-Tal (Jordan) as Rapporteur to replace Miss L. S. Tukan (Jordan), who was unable to attend the session. The Bureau of the Board at its fifteenth special session was thus as follows:

President: Mr. Saad Alfarargi (Egypt)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Vladimir Checklin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mr. Ronald D. Flack (United States of America)
Mr. Erich Hochleitner (Austria)
Mr. Galo Leoro Franco (Ecuador)
Mr. Marko Kosin (Yugoslavia)
Mr. Gerald Philipp (German Democratic Republic)
Mr. John A. Sankey (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Enrique Ter Horst (Venezuela)
Mr. Prosper Thuysbaert (Belgium)
Mr. Benson O. Tonwe (Nigeria)

Rapporteur: Mr. M. El-Tal (Jordan)

C. Membership and attendance

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

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

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

7. The African National Congress of South Africa participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974.

8. The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT was represented at the session.

9. The following specialized and related agencies were represented at the session: International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

10. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session: Commonwealth Secretariat, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of African Unity and Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty or Central American Economic Integration.

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

General category: Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers), International Coalition for Development Action, International Co-operative Alliance, International Foundation for Development Alternatives and World Federation of Trade Unions.

D. Decision requiring the attention of, or action by, the General Assembly

12. The attention of the General Assembly is drawn to decision 346 (S-XV),* the text of which is contained in section II below.

E. Presentation of proposals and documents to be submitted for consideration by the Conference at its seventh session (agenda item 3)

13. At the 711th meeting of the Board, on 18 May 1987, the Minister of Foreign Trade of Cuba, in his capacity as President of the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, which was held at Havana from 20 to 25 April 1987, introduced the document entitled "Assessment and proposals by the Group of 77 relating to the seventh session of the Conference". 1/

14. He also announced the formal proposal by the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 that the Honourable B. T. G. Chidzero, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development of Zimbabwe, should be elected President of the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. At the 712th meeting, on 20 May 1987, statements were made in support of the proposed nomination of Mr. Chidzero to the Presidency of the Conference.

15. At the 712th meeting of the Board, the representative of China introduced a document entitled "Position paper of the People's Republic of China on issues to be considered at the seventh session of the Conference". 2/

* Adopted by the Board without a vote.

16. At the same meeting, the spokesman for Group B (United Kingdom) made a statement on this item and referred in particular to the Council of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) held at ministerial level on 12 and 13 May 1987. He requested that the relevant OECD Communiqué 3/ should be circulated for information and subsequently as a Conference document.

17. At the same meeting, the spokesman for Group D (Poland) said that the final position of Group D countries would be known after the Ministerial Meeting of the countries members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA), to be held at the end of May.

II. DECISION ADOPTED AND OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS FIFTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

A. Decision

346 (S-XV). Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling its decision 344 (XXXIII) of 3 April 1987, endorsing the organizational arrangements set out in the oral report made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session, 4/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the oral report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to the Board at its fifteenth special session; 5/

2. Decides to endorse the arrangements set out therein subject to such further decisions as might be taken by the Conference.

712th meeting
20 May 1987

B. Other action

1. At its 711th meeting, on 18 May 1987, the Board decided that, in view of the extremely short duration of the session and the lack of adequate time for the Bureau to examine credentials, there would be no report on credentials at the fifteenth special session.

2. At the 712th meeting of the Board, on 20 May 1987, Antigua and Barbuda was drawn by lot to head the seating pattern at the seventh session of the Conference.

Notes

1/ See TD/330 and Corr.1 and 2.

2/ See TD/331.

3/ See TD/334.

4/ See part one, annex II, above.

5/ See annex II below.

Agenda for the fifteenth special session of the Trade
and Development Board as adopted by the Board at its
711th meeting, on 18 May 1987

1. Procedural matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;
 - (b) Adoption of the report on credentials;
 - (c) Selection by drawing of lots of the country which will head the seating pattern at the seventh session of the Conference.
2. Matters remitted by the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session for consideration at its fifteenth special session:

Organization of the work of the seventh session of the Conference;
outstanding organizational matters referred to in the Secretary-General's oral report of 3 April 1987.
3. Presentation of proposals and documents to be submitted for consideration by the Conference at its seventh session.
4. 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.
5. Other business.
6. Adoption of the report of the Board.

ANNEX II

Oral report made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD at the 712th meeting, on 20 May 1987, on outstanding questions related to the seventh session of the Conference

1. In its decision 344 (XXXIII) of 3 April 1987, adopted at the second part of its thirty-third session, entitled "Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development", the Trade and Development Board endorsed the organizational arrangements set out in the oral report made by the Secretary-General on the results of his consultations pursuant to Board decision 336 (XXXII) of 17 June 1986, "subject to such further decisions as might be taken by the Board at its fifteenth special session or by the Conference itself". a/

2. The arrangements thus endorsed related to:

- (a) The overall calendar for the Conference;
- (b) The timetable and other arrangements relating to the general debate;
- (c) The composition of the Bureau of the Conference;
- (d) The timing and purpose of the present special session of the Board.

3. In that context, a number of outstanding organizational questions were remitted to the Board at its special session for consideration and decision. In the light of consultations undertaken on these questions since the second part of the thirty-third session of the Board, the Secretary-General commends the following for endorsement by the Board at its special session.

Intergovernmental preparatory process

4. A process of informal consultations among all members of UNCTAD on the assessment of relevant economic trends and of global structural change will be undertaken, following the special session of the Trade and Development Board, as part of the preparatory process for the Conference. These consultations will be carried out under the aegis of the President of the Board. The President will exercise flexibility with regard to the modalities for such consultations, but will in any case ensure that such modalities provide for maximum transparency and exchanges of information, and include the organization of consultations at open-ended meetings. At the end of this process, the President will sum up the informal consultations on the assessment.

Number of sessional bodies to be established by the Conference and their scheduling

5. It was noted that the facilities arranged for the seventh session of the Conference could accommodate simultaneously no more than four official meetings, comprising either one plenary plus three sessional bodies, or four sessional bodies, together with a variable number of group meetings, depending on the language combination required. If these facilities were fully used on any given day for these purposes, none would be available for night or ad hoc plenary

meetings, or for extended or evening meetings of sessional bodies, or for meetings of the contact group requiring interpretation.

6. It was also recognized that adequate consideration would need to be given by the Conference to each of the four areas identified in the Conference agenda, while at the same time account should be taken of the interrelationships among the key issues in these areas.

7. Bearing in mind these considerations, four sessional committees would be established by the Conference, on the understanding that these committees would not establish sub-committees; that no more than three committees would meet in parallel; that the number of meetings required by each of the committees could vary; and that arrangements would have to be made for the necessary co-ordination of their work. The scheduling of the meetings of these committees would be flexible, so as:

(a) To ensure the full and efficient use of available facilities;

(b) To adapt easily to the dynamic of the discussions;

(c) To make adequate provision for the servicing of group meetings and for other ad hoc arrangements, as may contribute to the efficient preparation and conduct of the discussions.

Form of the outcome of the Conference

8. The form of the Conference's outcome would depend on the substantive results achieved. At the same time, it should serve to maximize the impact of such results. It should encompass all the elements comprising the main substantive item (agenda item 8) on the provisional agenda of the Conference b/ and the interrelationships among the key issues in the areas listed therein.

9. On this basis, the Conference would work towards the elaboration of a consolidated text, in pursuance of the terms of agenda item 8 of the provisional agenda of the Conference, namely:

"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."

Should any separate conclusions, resolutions or decisions on specific aspects of the provisional agenda be required, they would, to the maximum extent possible, be adopted by consensus.

Contact group of the President of the Conference

10. The Conference should consider establishing a contact group of the President at a high level for the purpose of assisting him, when appropriate, to guide the substantive work of the Conference and to promote agreement on policy issues outstanding from the work of the sessional committees. Subject to the decisions of the Conference, the contact group would hold formal meetings in order to prepare the consolidated text referred to in paragraph 9 above.

Meeting of senior officials

11. A meeting of senior officials will be scheduled on 7 and 8 July to finalize recommendations for nominations to membership of the Bureau, and logistical and other arrangements relating to the organization of the Conference, on the basis of the recommendations and conclusions reached by the Board.

Notes

a/ See part one, annex II, above.

b/ Trade and Development Board decision 341 (XXXIII), annex I. See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/41/15), vol. II.

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