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PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL,
ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

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**PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL,
ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS**

A. Opening of the session

1. The first part of the forty-first session of the Trade and Development Board was opened by Mr. Al Sherif Fawaz Sharaf (Jordan), the President of the Board at its fortieth session. (For the valedictory statement made by the out-going President, see Introduction, para. 1).

B. Election of officers

(Agenda item 1 (a))

2. At its 846th (opening) meeting on 19 September 1994, the Board elected as President of its fortieth session, by acclamation, Mr. Richard A. Pierce (Jamaica) who, in accordance with the provisions of Board decision 338 (XXXIII), had been designated by the Board at the second part of its fortieth session on 29 April 1994.

3. At the same meeting, the Board elected the ten Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur to serve on the Bureau of the Board at its forty-first session. Accordingly, the elected Bureau was as follows:

President: Mr. Richard A. Pierce (Jamaica)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Youri Afanassiev (Russian Federation)
Mr. Phabien Raphaël Edefe (Madagascar)
Mr. Rüdiger Lemp (Germany)
Mr. Shohei Naito (Japan)
Mr. Jose Luis Perez Gabilondo (Argentina)
Mr. Stephen A. Schlaikjer (United States of America)
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H.E. Zdenek Venera (Czech Republic)

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**C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the
work of the session**

(Agenda item 1 (b))

4. At its opening meeting, the Board adopted the agenda for the session contained in section I of TD/B/41(1)/1, as amended by TD/B/41(1)/Add.1, pursuant to a decision by the Board at its sixth executive session to include an additional item "Policy review of technical cooperation in UNCTAD, in the context of paragraph 68 of the Cartagena Commitment". (For the agenda as adopted, see annex I below).

Organization of work

5. At the same meeting, the Board established two sessional committees: Sessional Committee I to consider and report on items 4 and 5; and Sessional Committee II to consider and report on items 7, 8 (c) and 9, with the remaining items being taken up in Plenary. (See also section D).

6. The Board approved the proposals for the organization of the work of the session contained in TD/B/41(1)/1/Add.2, having noted that the timetable in annex II had been revised in the light of the amended agenda and that it should be considered flexible and subject to change in the light of developments.

7. The Board agreed, in accordance with past practice, that the Chairmen of the Sessional Committees and the regional coordinators would be fully associated with the work of the Bureau.

D. Establishment of sessional bodies

8. At its opening meeting, the Board established two sessional committees of the whole, allocating agenda items to them for consideration and report as follows:

Sessional Committee I

Sustainable development: trade and environment - the impact of environment-related policies on export competitiveness and market access (item 4)

Analysis and assessment of the outcome of Uruguay Round, in particular in areas of concern to developing countries and economies in transition concerned, and its impact on the international trading system and problems of implementation (item 5)

Sessional Committee II

UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people (item 7)

The issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament (item 8 (c))

Policy review of technical cooperation in UNCTAD, in the context of paragraph 68 of the Cartagena Commitment (item 9)

Sessional Committee I

9. At its 1st meeting, Sessional Committee I elected the following officers to serve on its Bureau:

Chairman: Mrs. Anne Stoddard (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Vice-Chairman -cum-
Rapporteur Mr. Carlos Amarin (Uruguay)

Sessional Committee II

10. At its 1st meeting, Sessional Committee II elected the following officers to serve on its Bureau:

Chairman: Mr. Yahya Gekhman (Yemen)

Vice-Chairman -cum-
Rapporteur: Mr. Vladimir Skliarov (Russian Federation)

E. Adoption of the report on credentials

(Agenda item 1 (c))

[To be completed]

**F. Provisional agenda for the second part of the
forty-first session
of the Board**

(Agenda item 1 (d))

[To be completed]

**G. Provisional agenda for the pre-session executive
session of the Board (Spring 1995)**

(Agenda item 1 (e))

[To be completed]

**H. Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of
rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

(Agenda item 10 (a))

11. At its 847th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1994, the Board approved the application of the Central American Integration System (SICA) for designation under rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board. Information on this organization was contained in document TD/B/41(1)/R.1 (now derestricted).

12. The representative of Mexico expressed the full support of his country for SICA's application to participate in the work of UNCTAD. Mexico had followed with special interest the efforts of the Central American countries to bring about regional integration with a view to competing in international markets and forming a basis for seeking to consolidate peace as a process of lasting development.

13. At the same meeting, the Board took note that the International Institute for Cotton (IIC), an intergovernmental organization which had been granted status by the Board at the first part of its tenth session, had informed the secretariat that it would be closing and that its affairs would be wound up. Accordingly,

the Board noted that the IIC had been deleted from the list of intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD.

**I. Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations
for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure**

(Agenda item 10 (b))

14. Also at its 847th plenary meeting, the Board took note that there were no new applications from non-governmental organizations.

15. At the same meeting, the Board approved the recommendation of the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD that Public Services International (PSI), a non-governmental organization which had been granted status in the special category at the first part of the fortieth session of the Board to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Comparative Experiences with Privatization, be reclassified in the general category, in accordance with paragraph 12 (a) of Board decision 43 (VII), in order to enable the organization to participate in the work of other intergovernmental bodies of UNCTAD in which it had expressed interest.

16. The Board also took note that, following consultation with the member State concerned (Spain), the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD had included the Foundation for the Promotion of Automated Information (FUINCA) in the Register of national non-governmental organizations provided for under Board decision 43 (VII), sections III and IV. Background information on the organization was before the Board in document TD/B/41(1)/L.1.

17. Finally, the Board noted that the World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises (WASME), a non-governmental organization which had been granted status by the Board at its thirtieth session, would henceforth be known as the World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises, retaining the same acronym.

J. Review of the calendar of meetings

(Agenda item 10 (c))

[To be completed]

**K. Administrative and financial implications of the
actions of the Board**

(Agenda item 10 (d))

[To be completed]

L. Adoption of the report of the Board

(Agenda item 12)

[To be completed]