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## 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, Thirty-fourth Session.

2. The first part of the thirty-Fourth session of the Trade and Development Board was held at Geneva from 5 to 16 October and on 21 October 1987, when the Board adjourned until 19 November 1987, at which time it would consider the report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group established by its decision 347 (XXXIV) on the in-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields (Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112). The session was opened by Mr. Saad Alfararqi (Egypt), the outgoing President.

### A. Agenda

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

### B. Election of officers

4. At the 713th (opening) meeting, on 5 October 1987, the Board elected its Bureau as follows:

President: Mr. Georg Massion (Federal Republic of Germany)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Gustavo Albin Santos (Mexico)  
Mr. Salem Jabe: Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah (Kuwait)  
Mr. José Maria Araneo (Uruguay)  
Mr. Tobgye S. Dorji (Bhutan)  
Mr. Oto Hiavacek (Czechoslovakia)  
Mr. Mogene Isaksen (Denmark)  
Mr. Joseph C. Petrone (United States of America)  
Mr. Samuel Ernest Quarm (Ghana)  
Mr. George Reich (Austria)  
Mr. Vladimir Tcheklfné (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Rapporteur : Mr. Mohammed Saïd Benryane (Morocco)

5. The officers of the Sessional Committee were:

Chairman: Mr. Ilian Bozev (Bulgaria)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur Mr s. Saodah B. A. Sjahrudin (Indonesia)



### C. Membership and attendance

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

7. The following other State member of UNCTAD, not a member of the Board, was represented at the session; Holy See.

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.

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

10. The following specialized and related agencies were represented at the session: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations\* World Health Organization; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; World Intellectual Property Organization; and United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The International Atomic Energy Agency was also represented at the session. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was also represented.

11. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session: Association of Iron-Ore Exporting Countries; European Economic Community; International Textiles and Clothing Bureau; League of Arab States; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization of African Unity; and 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 Council of Women; International Foundation for Development Alternatives; Society for International Development; and World Federation of Trade Unions. Special Category: International Air Transport Association; and International Association of Islamic Banks.

D. Resolution and decisions requiring the attention of, or action by, the General Assembly\*

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

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- 352 (XXXIV) **Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the In-Depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields (Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112)**

Decisions

- 347 (XXXIV) **In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields (Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112)**
- 348 (XXXIV) **UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990**
- 349 (XXXIV) **Preparation for the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries**
- 350 (XXXIV) **Arrangements for the follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII**
- 351 (XXXIV) **Review of the calendar of meetings**

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\* All texts were adopted without a vote.

**II. RESOLUTION AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT THE FIRST PART OF ITS THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION**

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## A. Resolution

352 (XXXIV) . Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the In-Depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields (Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112)

### The Trade and Development Board,

Having considered the results of the work of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the In-Depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, established pursuant to Board decision 347 (XXXIV) of 15 October 1987,

1. Endorses the report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group 1/
2. Decides to transmit the report to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-Depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, as requested in Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 of 6 February 1987;
3. Decides further that the measures contained in the report as well as the relevant provisions of previous resolutions and decisions, particularly Board resolution 231 (XXII) of 20 March 1981, shall be effectively implemented within the UNCTAD machinery, and requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to ensure the full implementation of those measures falling within his competence;
4. Requests the Secretary-General Of UNCTAD to bring to the attention of member States, via the consultation procedure established under Board resolution 231 ("XII), any developments that may affect the full implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 3 above)
5. Decides to review in 1988, and thereafter on a regular basis, the measures agreed upon and to take, in that light, any action that may be needed with respect to the UNCTAD intergovernmental machinery, and to decide then on the periodicity of further reviews.

721st meeting  
20 November 1987

## B. Decisions

347 (XXXIV) . In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields (Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112)

### The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as well as subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions concerning the mandate of UNCTAD, and resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development pertinent to issues of rationalization,

**Recalling also** General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

**Further recalling** Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 of 6 February 1987, which established the special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-Depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, and which requested all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly in the economic and social sectors:

‘to submit to the Special Commission, within thirty days of the conclusion of their forthcoming sessions, their views and proposals on achieving the objective envisaged in recommendation 8 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts regarding their functioning and that of their subsidiary machinery’ (para. (1)),

**1. Decides:**

(a) To establish an ad hoc intergovernmental working group for the purpose of elaborating, with the above objectives in mind, a report for consideration and action by the Board, in response to the request by the Council for a submission to the Special Commission;

(b) That the Ad Hoc Working Group, drawing on past experience within IJUNCTAD, will concentrate, in particular, on issues pertaining to possible further improvements in the methods of work of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD, in the structure of that machinery in relation between UNCTAD and other bodies in the economic and social sectors of the United Nations;

(c) That the Ad Hoc Working Group will be composed of 19 members as follows: nine members from the Group of 77; six members from Group B; three members from Group D; and China; that it will be open to participation by all members of the Board, will hold formal and informal meetings as may be necessary, on the basis of available resources and facilities, and will have a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen;

**2. Further decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group will adopt its report by 13 November 1987 for submission to the resumed first part of the thirty-fourth session of the Trade and Development Board on 19 and 20 November 1987.**

**716th meeting**  
**15 October 1987**

348 (XXXIV). 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 and 5 of General Assembly resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986,

Recalling also paragraph 1 of its decision 345 (XXXIII) of 3 April 1987 stressing the importance of UNCTAD's contribution to the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, 2/

Having considered the report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, 3/ pursuant to its decision 345 (XXXIII) of 3 April 1987,

Emphasising that UNCTAD should continue its contribution to the implementation of the Programme of Action in areas within its competence and consistent with its mandate and programmes,

Bearing in mind the consultative process provided for in Board decision 143 (XVI) of 23 October 1976 and its resolution 231 (XXII) of 20 March 1981,

1. Takes note of the report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD;
2. Endorses the programme elements for the follow-up within UNCTAD of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 and requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to implement the programme elements which are annexed to the UNCTAD programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989; particular attention should be given, inter alia, to policies on commodity production and trade, debt management and the use of the generalized system of preferences;
3. Stresses the importance of strengthening UNCTAD's technical assistance activities within the context of the Programme of Action, making full use of the United Nations Development Programme and other available resources;
4. Further endorses the initiative of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to prepare a report on the interaction between the external environment and the efforts of African countries in the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, bearing in mind the work being undertaken in other United Nations entities;
5. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene, as may be required, special consultations in order to assist in the monitoring and consideration by the Board of activities relevant to the Programme of Action with a view to strengthening and accelerating its implementation within UNCTAD;

6. Invites States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute resources to support the activities of the secretariat in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

719th meeting  
16 October 1987

**349 (XXXIV). Preparation for the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries**

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/205 of 17 December 1985 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling also its decision 329 (XXXII) of 21 March 1986 on the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

Further recalling the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, 4/

Recommends to the General Assembly that:

- (a) A second United Nations conference on the least developed countries at high level should be convened in 1990;
- (b) The mandate of the conference should be as follows:
  - (i) Review of progress at the country level thus far in the decade;
  - (ii) Review of progress in the international support measures and particularly in official development assistance;
  - (iii) In the light of (i) and (ii) above, consideration and appropriate formulation and adoption of national and international policies and measures for accelerating the development process in the least developed countries during the 1990s in accordance with their long-term national social and economic objectives;
- (c) The generous offer made by France to host the conference be accepted;
- (d) The conference should be held in September 1990;
- (e) In order to prepare for the conference, one session of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries in the spring of 1989 followed by one session of the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries (Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) in early 1990 should be convened. The duration of these two meetings will be one and a half weeks and two

weeks respectively. The terms of reference of these meetings are annexed to the present decision.

719th meeting  
16 October 1987

#### ANNEX I

### Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries

#### Terms of reference.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide substantive inputs to the United Nations conference on the least developed countries, to be held in 1990. Taking into account the Substantial New Programme of Action, the meeting will be devoted to:

(a) Assessment of progress in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries during the 1980s in the light of ongoing national and international measures;

(b) Consideration of least developed countries' requirements of particular relevance to their development which call for strengthened efforts during the 1990s;

(c) Consideration and identification of appropriate national and international measures for accelerating the development process in the least developed countries during the 1990s;

(d) The results of the deliberations under (a), (b) and (c) will be reported to the conference through the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries.

#### ANNEX II

### Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries (Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

#### Terms of reference

- (i) Substantive preparation for the conference on the basis of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries, and of all other relevant inputs;
- (ii) Provisional agenda for the second United Nations conference on the least developed countries)



- (iii) Provisional rules of procedure of the conference;
- (iv) Organization of work of the conference.

**350 (XXXIV). Arrangements for the follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII**

**The Trade and Development Board,**

**Having considered the note by the UNCTAD secretariat containing suggestions on arrangements for the follow-up and review of tnc implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, 5/**

**Decides:**

**(a) That the intergovernmental bodies of UNCTAD, including those responsible for the preparation of the proposed second United Nations conference on the least developed countries, to be held in 1990, shall follow up and keep under review the implementation of the policies and measures in the Final Act falling within their terms of reference, shall also keep under review the need to strengthen and adapt these policies and measures in the light of changing circumstances, and shall include the requisite provisions in their agenda)**

**(b) To monitor the progress made by these intergovernmental bodies in carrying out these tasks and, taking account of progress achieved and of the work of other competent intergovernmental bodies, to keep under review, in accordance with its own terms of reference, the implementation of the Final Act;**

**(c) In the context of its regular agenda item on "Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system" and bearing in mind the implications for policy drawn by the Conference 6/ to contribute:**

**(i) To the review of the interrelationships among the policies and measures set forth in the Final Act, drawing upon the results of the work undertaken by UNCTAD intergovernmental bodies in accordance with subparagraph (a) above);**

**(ii) To international co-operation aimed at improving the systems, structures and arrangements which underpin international economic relations, particularly in the interrelated areas of money, finance and trade, taking into account the related work of other intergovernmental bodies;**

**(d) To consider how best to strengthen its regular review under the agenda item mentioned in subparagraph (c) above, taking account of the relevant provisions of the Final Act, and, with that purpose in view, to request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to hold appropriate consultations under the arrangements established by its decision 338 (XXXIII) of 9 September 1986.**

**719th meeting  
16 October 1987**

351 (XXXIV). Review of the calendar of meetings

The Trade and Development Board

1. Approves the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1987 and for the first half of 1988, as annexed to the present decision;
2. Notes that the calendar presented for the second half of 1988 and beyond should be indicative for planning purposes, and subject to review at a later stage.

719th meeting  
16 October 1987

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Calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1987 7/

	Date
<u>Ad Hoc Working Group on the In-Depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields 8/</u>	19 October- 13 November
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, second session	[2-6 November) <u>9/</u>
Committee on Tungsten, nineteenth session	9- 13 November
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, sixth session	11-20 November
Preparatory Meeting on Copper	16-20 November
Trade and Development Board, thirty-fourth session, resumed first part	19-20 November
Working Group on Rules of Origin, eleventh session <u>10/</u>	23-27 November
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, fourteenth session	30 November- 4 December
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects, third session <u>11/</u>	30 November- 11 December

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	<u>Duration</u>
Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology	1 1/2 weeks
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
Meeting of Representatives of Interested Governments on Bulk Cargo Shipments* (Conference resolution 120 (V), paragraph 5)	1 week
<u>Ad Hoc Intergovernmental</u> 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
Second Preparatory Meeting on Bananas	1 week
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
Fifth Preparatory Meeting on Iron Ore	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>13/</u>	1 week
International Nickel Study Group: Inaugural Meeting <u>14/</u>	1 week
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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 25 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 2 1/2 weeks)

Draft calendar of meetings for 1988

	<b>Date</b>
Committee on Shipping, thirteenth session	<b>8-19 February</b>
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, fifteenth session	<b>21-25 March</b>
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, twenty-first session <u>15/</u>	<b>11-15 April</b>
Trade and Development Board, thirty-fourth session, second part	<b>25 April-6 May</b>
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Definitions and Methodology employed in the UNCTAD Data Base on Trade Measures,* second session	<b>16-20 May</b>
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects, fourth session <u>16/</u>	<b>16-20 May</b>
Special Committee on Preferences, fifteenth session	<b>24 May-1 June</b>
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, sixteenth session	<b>12-16 September</b>
Meetings of Heads of Secretariats of Economic Co-operation and Integration Groupings of Developing Countries,* first session <u>17/</u>	<b>12-16 September</b>
Trade and Development Board, thirty-fifth session, first part	<b>19-30 September</b>
Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, fifth session	<b>3-14 October</b>
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, seventh session	<b>5-14 October</b>
Committee on Manufactures, twelfth session	<b>17-28 October</b>
Working Party on Processing, Marketing and Distribution, including Transportation,* second session	<b>24-28 October</b>
Review Conference on the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences: <u>18/</u>	
Preparatory Meeting of High Officials	<b>27-28 October</b>
Review Conference	<b>31 October- A November</b>

Committee on Commodities, thirteenth session	21 November- 2 December
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects, fifth session <u>19/</u>	5-9 December
Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, thirteenth session, first part (Financing related to Trade)	5-16 December
Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, fourteenth session	12-16 December

Meetings for which the dates are undetermined

	<u>Duration</u>
Committee on Transfer of Technology, seventh session	2 weeks
Committee on Tungsten, twentieth session	1 week
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Compensatory Financing of Export Earnings Shortfalls,* resumed second session <u>20/</u>	2 weeks
Trade and Development Board, sixteenth special session <u>21/</u> (Board decision 317 (S-XIV))	2 weeks
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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 40 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 11 weeks)

Tentative schedule of meetings for 1989

	<u>Duration</u>
Trade and Development Board, thirty-fifth session, second part	2 weeks
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, seventeenth session	1 week
Trade and Development board, thirty-sixth session, first part	2 weeks
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, eighteenth session	1 week
Special Committee on Preferences, sixteenth session	1-2 weeks

	<u>Duration</u>
<b>Sessions of two or three main committees</b>	Throughout the year 1-2 weeks each
<b>Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, fifteenth session</b>	2 weeks
<b>Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, eighth session</b>	1 1/2 weeks
<b>Permanent Sub-Committee on Commodities (if required)</b>	1-2 weeks
<b>Committee on Tungsten (if required)</b>	1 week
<b>Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes (if required)</b>	1 week
<b>Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, twenty-second session 22/</b>	5 days
. . .	
<b>Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings</b>	As required (up to 40 weeks)
<b>Working parties, study groups and expert groups</b>	As required (Up to 16 weeks)

### C. Other decisions

#### Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1988

1. At its 716th meeting, on 9 October 1987, the Board decided, pursuant to its decision 236 (XXIII) of 7 October 1981, that in 1988 the membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget would consist of the following 19 States: Argentina; Bangladesh; Bulgaria; Canada; China; Egypt; Finland; France, German Democratic Republic; Indonesia; Ireland; Japan; Kenya; Peru; Syrian Arab Republic; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Venezuela.

#### Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Board

2. At its 716th meeting, on 9 October 1987, the Board approved the application of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Sugar Exporting Countries (GEPLACSA) 23/ for designation under rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Board and rule 50 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.

3. At the same meeting, the Board took note that the Regional Co-operation for Development (RCD), an intergovernmental organization which had been granted status at the fourth session of the Conference in 1976, had changed its name to Economic Co-operation Organization (ECO).

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

4. At its 716th meeting, on 9 October 1987, the Board approved the applications 24/ of five non-governmental organisations for designation and classification under rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board and rule 81 of the rules of the Conference and decided, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD 25/ that they should be classified as follows:

General category

International Enterprise Foundation of Geneva

Special category for UNCTAD organs (other than the Board)

	<u>UNCTAD organ</u>
European Centre for the Promotion of Technological Innovations (CEPIT)	Committee on Transfer of Technology
Association of West European Shipbuilders (AWES)	Committee on Shipping
Latin American Industrialists Association (AILA)	Committee on Commodities Committee on Manufactures
World Bureau of Metal Statistics (WBMS)	Committee on Commodities

Other action taken by the Board

1. At its 719th meeting, on 16 October 1987, the Board adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials. 26/
2. At its 719th meeting, on 16 October 1987, the Board approved the provisional agenda for the second part of its thirty-fourth session, 27/ subject to the understandings expressed by the President, 28/ deleting item 6 (a) from that agenda.
3. At the same meeting, it authorized the President, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, to adjust the provisional agenda in the light of any further decision taken by the Board and any action by the General Assembly at its forty-second session. It also requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult with delegations regarding the organization of work of the session and circulate his suggestions thereon.
4. At its 713th meeting, on 5 October 1987, the Board agreed that, in accordance with its decision 338 (XXXIII), items 3 and 4 would be retained in the agenda for the first part of the thirty-fourth session, (see annex I below), but that there would be no general debate on these items at the first part of the session. The purpose of retaining them was to permit consideration of any major developments relating to these items.

5. At its 718th meeting, on 15 October 1987, the Board, having adopted decision 347 (XXXIV) by which it set up an Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group for the purpose of elaborating a report for consideration and action by the Board in response to the request in Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112, elected Mr. Alloune Sene (Senegal) as Chairman of the Group, which would be composed of the following members: Group of 77 (Ecuador), Egypt, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Senegal, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, United Republic of Tanzania, Group B, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Group D, Bulgaria, German Democratic Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and China.
6. At its 718th meeting, on 15 October 1987, the Board took note of the report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on the first and second parts of its thirteenth session and of the agreed conclusions annexed thereto 29/ and agreed that the report should be transmitted to the appropriate United Nations bodies for their consideration.
7. At its 717th meeting, on 13 October 1987, the Board took note of the report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twentieth session 30/ and of the comments made thereon.
8. At its 716th meeting on 9 October 1987, the Board took note of the twentieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. 31/
9. At its 719th meeting, on 16 October 1987, the Board took note of the "Progress report on UNCTAD's contribution to the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990". 32/
10. At the same meeting, the Board took note of the report by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development entitled "Recent economic development in the occupied Palestinian territory, with special reference to the financial sector". 33/
11. Also at the 719th meeting, the Board took note of the report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled "Programme evaluation in UNCTAD". 34/



111. STATEMENTS MADE AT THE 719TH MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH  
ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD AT THE FIRST PART OF THE  
THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

A. Adoption of the report on credentials

1. The representative of Pakistan said that his delegation wished to record its reservations with regard to the credentials of the representative of Afghanistan for the reasons stated by Pakistan during the forty-first session of the General Assembly.

2. The representative of China said with regard to the credentials of the representative of Afghanistan that the position of China as expressed during the forty-first session of the General Assembly remained unchanged.

B. Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-fourth session of the Board and organisation of the work of the session

3. At the 719th meeting, on 16 October 1987, the President informed the Board that informal consultations had been held on the provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-fourth session in TD/L/L.827 and in that connection drew attention to paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of that document, which read:

-2. The inclusion of item 4 of the provisional agenda, 'Review of the implementation of the guidelines contained in Board resolution 222 (XXI)', is pursuant to decision 288 (XXVIII), which provided for such a review to be undertaken by the Board at its thirty-fourth session. The manner in which this item will be dealt with will be taken up in consultations to be undertaken by the Secretary-General.

"3. With regard to the possibility of including, in the provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-fourth session, agenda items relating to interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system and debt development problems of developing countries, it may be recalled that, in accordance with Board decision 339 (XXXIII), these items would normally be dealt with at the first part of the Board's session and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD would consult with regional group co-ordinators regarding any major developments relating to items which might need to be taken up at either part of the session. Consequently, the opportunity remains open for any major developments concerning these items to be taken up at the second part of the thirty-fourth session should the consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD reveal the need to do so.

...

"5. The Board might wish to authorize the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with the President, to adjust and complete the draft provisional agenda in the light of developments, including action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-second session. This arrangement would be on the understanding that any amendments or additions would be subject to consultation with the representatives of regional groups within the framework of the consultative machinery established by Board decision 143 (XVI) and Board resolution 271 (XXII)."

4. The President stated that the procedure outlined in paragraph 5 would apply inter alia to any action which might be necessary in relation to 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.

5. There was an understanding that paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of TD/B/L.827, as well as his present remarks, would be fully reflected in the report of the Board and would also be part of the provisional agenda when it was circulated for the second part of the thirty-fourth regular session.

6. In accordance with these understandings, and with decisions already taken at the current session, item 6 (a), "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", was deleted from the provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-fourth session (see annex II below).

#### Notes

1/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document TD/B/1154.

2/ Ibid., agenda item 7, document TD/B/1146.

3/ TD/B/1146.

4/ See TD/351 (to be issued as a United Nations publication).

5/ TD/B/L.825

6/ Final Act of UNCTAD VII, paras. 25-32 (see TD/351 (to be issued as a United Nations publication)).

7/ 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 written notification, which is normally dispatched six weeks before the opening date.

8/ In accordance with Board decision 347 (XXXIV).

9/ At the 719th meeting on 16 October 1987, a representative of the secretariat informed the Board that this meeting had been postponed and that new dates were expected to be confirmed in the near future.

10/ To be reviewed in the light of one group's insistence that assurances be provided on an adequate degree of expert representation.

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

12/ In line with past practice, meetings for which provision was made in the calendar for 1987, but which are not held in that year, will be included in the calendar for 1988.

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

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

15/ Listed for information.

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

17/ In accordance with resolution 3 (IV) of 29 November 1985, para. 2 (a) (vii), of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries (Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No.3 (TD/B/1083), annex I) and the report of the Working Party on Trade Expansion and Regional Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session (TD/B/C.7/72), para. 13.

18/ In accordance with article 52 of the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences (United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, vol. II, Final Act (including the Convention and resolutions) and tonnage requirements (United Nations publication, Sales No. E 75.II.D.12), part one, annex I).

19/ To be held at, and serviced by, UNCTAD at Geneva, using the facilities earmarked for the Working Group on Shipping Legislation.

20/ At the first part of its second session, the Group agreed to recommend to the Trade and Development Board that a resumed session of the Group be held at an appropriate time, preferably in 1988.

21/ 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.

22/ Listed for information.

23/ TD/B/R.49.

24/ TD/B/R.48/Add.1-5.

25/ TD/B/1149.

26/ TD/B/1150. For statements made in this connection by the representatives of China and Pakistan, see section III A below.

27/ See TD/B/L.827.

28/ See section III B below.

Notes (continued)

29/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 2 (TD/B/1147).

30/ ITC/AG (XX)/108 and Add.1 (distributed to the members of the Board under cover of TD/B/1143).

31/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/42/17) (distributed to the members of the Board under cover of TD/B/1144).

32/ See footnote 2.

33/ TD/B/1142.

34/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document TD/B/1145.

ANNEX I

Agenda for the first part of the thirty-fourth session of  
the Trade and Development Board as adopted by the Board  
at its 713th meeting, on 5 October 1987

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 agenda for the second part of the thirty-fourth session of the Board and organization of the work of the session.**
2. **Arrangements for the follow-up and for the review of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII.**
3. **Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system.**
4. **Debt and development problems of developing countries.**
5. **In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields (Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112).**
6. **Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies:**

**Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on the first and second parts of its thirteenth session.**
7. **Other matters in the field of trade and development:**
  - (a) **Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twentieth session;**
  - (b) **Progressive development of the law of international trade: twentieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;**
  - (c) **UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;**
  - (d) **Preparation for the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolution 40/205) .**
8. **Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) and 169 (VI I) ) .**

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 1988;
  - (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
  - (e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purpose of rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
  - (f) Review of the calendar of meetings;
  - (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the report of the Board.

**Provisional agenda for the second part of the  
thirty-fourth session of the Board a/**

1. **Procedural matters:**
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;**
  - (b) Adoption of the report on credentials;**
  - (c) Provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-fifth regular session of the Board and organization of the work of the session)**
  - (d) Designation of the President of the thirty-fifth session of the Board (Board decision 338 (XXXIII)).**
2. **Protectionism and structural adjustment.**
3. **Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom.**
4. **Review of the implementation of the guidelines contained in Board resolution 222 (XXI) . b/**
5. **Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies.**
6. **Other matters in the field of trade and development:**

**UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.**
7. **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 elections 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**
  - (e) Review of the calendar of meetings;**
  - (f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.**

8. **Other business.**

9. **Adoption of the report of the Board.**

Notes

a/ As approved at the 719th meeting, on 16 October 1987. See paras. 15-16 and 33-36 above,

b/ Resolution 222 (XXI) of 27 September 1980 on debt and development problems of developing countries.



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