



Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 3 October 2007

1009th plenary meeting

Item 11 Other matters in the field of trade and development

- (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: fortieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (Vienna, 9–12 July 2007)

The Board took note of the fortieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/62/17) and thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

- (b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its fortieth session (Geneva, 25–27 April 2007)

Ms. Gabriel Bu, Vice-Chairperson of the JAG presented the report. The Board took note of the report and thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Regional cooperation for development

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division for Globalization and Development Strategies, made a detailed introductory statement with reference to the *Trade and Development Report, 2007*.

The general debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Mexico, Honduras (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Philippines, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil (on behalf of GRULAC), the Russian Federation, China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group), Belarus (on behalf of Group D), United States of America, Japan, Indonesia, Angola and Chad (on behalf of the African Group).

Informal meeting

- Item 3** Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Regional cooperation for development

Panel

The Board met in an informal panel discussion on agenda item 3 with the participation of the following panellists: Mr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, Research and Information for Developing Countries; Mr. Brian Thoka Monyake, South African Reserve Bank; Mr Maurice Odle, Economic Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, Mr. José Rivera Banuet, Under-Secretary-General of the Latin American Integration Association. The panel discussion was followed by an interactive debate.
