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ABBREVIATIONS

ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
EEC	European Economic Community
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SNPA	Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization

PREFATORY NOTE

The nineteenth annual report of the Trade and Development Board 1/ is submitted to the General Assembly in conformity with Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964. The report 2/ covers the period from 29 October 1982 to 2 November 1983 and consists of the reports on the twenty-sixth regular session and on the twelfth special session, held in conjunction with that session during the period from 18 April to 6 May 1983, and on the twenty-seventh regular session, held from 3 to 20 October 1983 and on 2 November 1983.

In the period preceding the twenty-seventh regular session of the Board, the subsidiary bodies of the Board, as indicated below, met. Particulars of their sessions are given below:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Report in document</u>
Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology	-	29 August- 7 September 1983	TD/B/969
Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries	Third session*	12 September- 5 October 1983	TD/B/974

* The report of the Committee on this session will be submitted to the Board at its twenty-eighth session.

Notes

1/ The 18 previous annual reports of the Trade and Development Board are contained in Supplements to the Official Records of the General Assembly as follows:

<u>Annual report</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>General Assembly session</u>	<u>Supplement No.</u>	<u>Document No.</u>
1st	1 January 1965-29 October 1965	20	15	A/6023/Rev.1
2nd	31 October 1965-24 September 1966	21	15	A/6315/Rev.1 and Corr.1
3rd	25 September 1966-9 September 1967	22	14	A/6714
4th	10 September 1967-23 September 1968	23	14	A/7214
5th	24 September 1968-23 September 1969	24	16	A/7616 and Corr.2
6th	24 September 1969-13 October 1970	25	15	A/8015/Rev.1 and Corr.1
7th	14 October 1970-21 September 1971	26	15	A/8415/Rev.1
8th	22 September 1971-25 October 1972	27	15	A/8715/Rev.1 and Corr.1
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

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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

2/ For technical reasons, the report is issued in two volumes: volume I, containing the reports of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-sixth session and its twelfth special session (see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/38/15), vol. I), and volume II, containing the present report of the Board on its twenty-seventh session.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report to the General Assembly has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Trade and Development Board in the annex to its decision 259 (XXV) of 17 September 1982. 1/ Pursuant to paragraph 1 of those guidelines, the full version of the report will be issued as Supplements Nos. 1 and 1A to the Official Records of the twenty-seventh session of the Board (TD/B/973 (vol. I) and TD/B/973 (vol. II), respectively). Summary records of plenary meetings of the session are contained in documents TD/B/SR.618-630 which, after incorporation of a consolidated corrigendum, will be issued as the Official Records of the twenty-seventh session of the Board.

2. The twenty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board was held from 3 to 20 October 1983 and resumed for one day on 2 November 1983. The session was opened by the President of the Board, Mr. R. Hlavaty (Czechoslovakia).

A. Agenda

3. The agenda of the session is reproduced in Annex I.

B. Election of officers

4. The Bureau of the Board, elected at the opening (618th) meeting and at the 619th meeting, on 4 October 1983 (in respect of its Rapporteur), was as follows:

<u>President:</u>	Mr. A. S. Osman (Somalia)
<u>Vice-Presidents:</u>	Mr. S. H. Ahmad (Bangladesh)
	Mr. K. Al-Shakar (Bahrain)
	Mr. W. Carrasco (Chile)
	Mr. A. Fajardo-Maldonado (Guatemala)
	Mr. M. S. Pankine (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
	Mr. A. Petropoulos (Greece)
	Mr. A. Sene (Senegal)
	Mr. A. de la Serna (Spain)
	Mr. G. Streeb (United States of America)
	Mr. T. Takala (Finland)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. G. Philipp (German Democratic Republic)

5. The officers of the two sessional committees 2/ were as follows:

Sessional Committee I

Chairman: Mr. K. Bryn (Norway)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. J. Dupouy (Chile)

Sessional Committee II

Chairman: Mr. S. Simon (Hungary)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. A. Pirishis (Cyprus)

C. Membership and attendance 3/

6. The following States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, members of the Board, were represented at the session:

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

7. The following other State member of UNCTAD was represented at the session:
Holy See.

8. The Economic Commission for Europe, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme were represented at the session. The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT was also represented.

9. The following specialized agencies were represented at the session:

International Labour Organisation
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
World Bank
International Monetary Fund
International Maritime Organization
World Intellectual Property Organization.

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

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

Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee
European Economic Community
European Free Trade Association
Intergovernmental Committee for Migration
League of Arab States
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Organization of African Unity
Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration

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

General Category: Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches
Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers)
International Bar Association
International Chamber of Commerce
International Christian Union of Business Executives
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
International Co-operative Alliance
International Council of Women
International Foundation for Development Alternatives
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Peace Council

Special Category: Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners Associations

12. 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 Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974. The South West Africa People's Organization participated pursuant to Assembly resolution 31/152 of 20 December 1976.

D. Resolutions and decisions requiring the attention of,
or action by, the General Assembly 4/

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

Resolutions

278 (XXVII) Status of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT
and strengthening of the Centre

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275 (XXVII) Work programme on protectionism and structural adjustment

280 (XXVII) Establishment of an ad hoc Working Group on Documentation

281 (XXVII) Review of the calendar of meetings

14. None of the resolutions and decisions adopted at the twenty-seventh session requires additional budgetary resources for its implementation.

II. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION 4/

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A. RESOLUTIONS

274 (XXVII). Provision in the UNCTAD calendar of meetings for meetings on the Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries 5/

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/202 of 19 December 1979 and resolution 127 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development concerning economic co-operation among developing countries, and also Conference resolution 139 (VI) of 2 July 1983 on UNCTAD activities in the field of economic co-operation among developing countries,

Reaffirming Conference resolution 139 (VI) in which the Trade and Development Board was requested to adopt forward-looking decisions and to consider effective measures of support towards, among other things, the continuation of the work towards the establishment of the Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries,

Recognizing that discussions are taking place with respect to activities related to the Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries,

Mindful of the desirability of giving further impetus to the work towards the establishment of the Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries,

Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to make provision in the UNCTAD calendar of meetings for 1984 for up to four weeks of meetings enabling the developing countries participating in the negotiations on a global system of trade preferences among developing countries to continue the necessary work towards the establishment of the system.

627th meeting
15 October 1983

Reaffirmation of Trade and Development Board resolution 274 (XXVII)

1. At its 629th meeting, on 20 October 1983, the Board reaffirmed, without a vote, resolution 274 (XXVII), adopted on 15 October 1983 at its 627th meeting.
2. Group B reiterated that it dissociated itself from any assertion to the effect that a decision to reaffirm the resolution had been taken by consensus.
3. The Group of 77 said that it was strange, to say the least, for a Group to complain that it had been deprived of an opportunity to state its position on a certain matter and then, when offered such an opportunity, neither to seize it nor to provide an explanation. It considered that resolution 274 (XXVII) had not only been validly adopted but had also been reaffirmed.
4. Group D recalled in that connection that the countries members of Group D and Mongolia had abstained in the vote on the resolution.

5. The representative of the Philippines observed that the reaffirmation of the resolution had been made in the presence of all groups, and the President replied that this statement would be fully reflected in the records.

278 (XXVII). Status of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme and strengthening of the Centre

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1819 (LV) of 9 August 1973 which, inter alia, recognized the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT as the focal point for all United Nations assistance in the field of trade promotion and requested that all possible measures be taken to permit the Centre to discharge fully its responsibilities in this regard,

Having considered the recommendation adopted by the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT at its sixteenth session that the Centre should seek, through its parent bodies, executing agency status vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme, 6/

Noting the observations made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the implications of this change of status of the Centre, 7/

Noting further that the responsibilities resulting from the proposed change would not result in increased financial implications,

Recognizing the close link between trade promotion efforts of developing countries and trade policies,

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT that the Centre should seek executing agency status vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme in respect of trade promotion activities;

2. Calls upon the Centre to maintain close collaboration with UNCTAD and GATT in view of the close relationship between the trade promotion activities of the Centre and the work of UNCTAD and GATT in the field of trade;

3. Invites Governments, in implementing resolution 158 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to announce voluntary contributions to the Centre for its 1984 and 1985 activities at the forthcoming session of the Joint Advisory Group and to complete, if possible, such announcements at the twenty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board.

629th meeting
20 October 1983

B. DECISIONS

275 (XXVII). Work programme on protectionism and structural adjustment

The Trade and Development Board

1. Welcomes the discussion which took place pursuant to decision 160 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, under item 2 of the agenda of its twenty-seventh session, on the question of a work programme on protectionism and structural adjustment;
2. Decides to remit this sub-item to its twenty-eighth session, together with the draft resolution contained in document TD/B(XXVII)/SC.I/L.1, submitted by Venezuela on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77, 8/ the statement by the Director of the Manufactures Division 9/ and the views expressed during the discussions on this matter at its twenty-seventh session; 9/
3. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to assist the deliberations on this sub-item at its twenty-eighth session;
4. Reiterates that the review on protectionism and structural adjustment to be conducted at its twenty-eighth session shall be on the basis of Conference resolutions 131 (V) of 3 June 1979 and 159 (VI) of 2 July 1983, and Trade and Development Board resolution 226 (XXII) of 20 March 1981 and decision 250 (XXIV) of 19 March 1982.

628th meeting
20 October 1983

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

The Trade and Development Board

1. Requests member States and the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to further implement Conference resolutions 15 (II) of 25 March 1968, 53 (III) of 19 May 1972 and 95 (IV) of 31 May 1976;
2. Decides to remit to its twenty-ninth session the informal text annexed to Conference decision 145 (VI) of 2 July 1983;
3. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene, within existing budgetary resources and after consultation with regional groups on its composition, an ad hoc group of experts for one week in 1984 to consider ways and means of expanding trade and economic relations, including studying the outstanding issues referred to in Conference decision 145 (VI), between countries having different economic and social systems, in particular between developing countries and socialist countries of Eastern Europe, especially new forms of co-operation, favourable to the development and exports of the developing countries;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, within existing budgetary resources, to take the necessary steps to ensure adequate support for the implementation of technical assistance projects and programmes in UNCTAD in the area of trade of developing countries with socialist countries of Eastern Europe; invites the United Nations Development Programme to contribute to their financing and invites voluntary contributions for these purposes.

628th meeting
20 October 1983

277 (XXVII). Convening of the Trade and Development Board at ministerial level

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling section II, paragraph 2, of resolution 90 (IV) of 30 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, relating to the convening of the Trade and Development Board at ministerial level between sessions of the Conference,

Noting, in this connection, the proposal, as contained in the draft resolution submitted by Venezuela on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77, 10/ that the thirtieth session of the Board should be convened at ministerial level,

1. Decides to postpone a decision on this matter until its twenty-eighth session;
2. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to hold consultations on the proposal and to report to the Board at its twenty-eighth session on their outcome.

628th meeting
20 October 1983

279 (XXVII). Technical co-operation among developing countries: co-operative exchange of skills among developing countries

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling its decision of 22 April 1983 to transmit the study entitled "Co-operative exchange of skills: institutional and policy issues" to the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its third session, 11/

Recalling further paragraph 2 of decision 3/6 of 6 June 1983 adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries which invited the Trade and Development Board to "examine the modalities for co-operation analysed in chapter II of the above study and to recommend concrete ways and means of establishing the co-operative mechanisms and policies for the exchange of skills among developing countries, while considering the possibility of entrusting this task to a group of governmental experts", and also

paragraph 3, which invited the Trade and Development Board to inform the High-level Committee at its fourth session on the implementation of paragraph 2 of its decision 3/6, 12/

Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult the Governments of States members of UNCTAD, and particularly the Governments of developing countries concerned, with regard to decision 3/6 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, a group of governmental experts on co-operative exchange of skills among developing countries and, in the light of results of his consultations, to advise the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-eighth session with a view to enabling it to take a decision on convening a group of governmental experts before the thirtieth session of the Board.

629th meeting
20 October 1983

280 (XXVII). Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on Documentation

The Trade and Development Board

1. Decides to establish an Ad Hoc Working Group on Documentation, composed of three members from the Group of 77, two from Group B, one from Group D and China, with the following terms of reference:

(a) To identify, on the basis of the relevant provisions of Trade and Development Board resolution 231 (XXII) of 20 March 1981, as well as of the work done by Working Group I (Documentation, Interpretation and Support Services) of the intersessional Working Party of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee on the Rationalization of UNCTAD's Machinery, 13/ and of the experience of the past four years, the difficulties encountered with respect to the late issuance of UNCTAD documentation in all official languages of the United Nations;

(b) To propose solutions to overcome these difficulties.

2. Further decides that the Group shall establish its own working procedures and shall report to the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-eighth session.

629th meeting
20 October 1983

281 (XXVII). Review of the calendar of meetings 14/

The Trade and Development Board

Approves the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1983 and for 1984 and the tentative schedule for 1985 annexed to the present decision.

629th meeting
20 October 1983

Annex

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1983 AND
FOR 1984 AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 1985*

A. Calendar for the remainder of 1983

	<u>Date</u>
United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology, fifth session	17 October-4 November
United Nations Conference on Tropical Timber, 1983, second part	7-18 November
Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships	7-18 November
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, second session	21-30 November
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental Group to Consider Means of Combating all Aspects of Maritime Fraud, including Piracy (resolution 49 (X) of the Committee on Shipping)*	28 November-9 December
Committee on Tungsten, fifteenth session	12-16 December

Meetings for which the dates are to be determined**

	<u>Duration</u>
Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes, seventh session (if required)	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

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

** Should any of the meetings listed under this heading not be held in 1983, they will be carried forward into 1984.

	<u>Duration</u>
Group of Governmental Experts on the Concepts of the Present Aid and Flow Targets, fourth session (Board decision 197 (XIX))*	1 1/2 weeks
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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 29 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 7 weeks)

B. Calendar for 1984

	<u>Date</u>
Group of Experts on Model Rules for Multimodal Container Tariffs, first session (decision 47 (X) of the Committee on Shipping)*	16-20 January
Meeting of Tea-Exporting Countries on Quota Allocation and Minimum Export Standards	25-27 January
Group of Experts on the International Sea Transport of Liquid Hydrocarbons in Bulk, second session (resolution 48 (X) of the Committee on Shipping)*	30 January-3 February
High-level Intergovernmental Group of Officials to Consider the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade (Board decision 269 (XXVI))*	30 January-10 February
United Nations Sugar Conference, 1983, third part	6-24 February
Committee on Transfer of Technology, first special session	13-22 February
Expert Group on the Compensatory Financing of Export Earnings Shortfalls, first session (Conference resolution 157 (VI))*	23 February-2 March
Fourth Preparatory Meeting on Tea <u>15/</u>	5-9 March
United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships	5-23 March <u>16/</u>
Trade and Development Board, twenty-eighth session	26 March-6 April
Trade and Development Board, thirteenth special session	2-3 April <u>17/</u>

	<u>Date</u>
Third Preparatory Meeting on Iron Ore	9-13 April
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT, seventeenth session	9-17 April
Special Committee on Preferences, twelfth session	24 April-4 May
Group of Experts on Model Rules for Multimodal Container Tariffs, second session (decision 47 (X) of the Committee on Shipping)*	7-11 May
United Nations Cocoa Conference, 1984	7-25 May <u>18/</u>
<u>Ad Hoc</u> Group of Experts to study Ways and Means of Improving Transit-transport Infrastructures and Services for Land-locked Developing Countries (Conference resolution 137 (VI))*	4-8 June
Expert Group on the Compensatory Financing of Export Earnings Shortfalls, second session (Conference resolution 157 (VI))*	2-11 July
Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, tenth session	16-27 July
Trade and Development Board, twenty-ninth session	10-21 September
Permanent Sub-Committee on Commodities, fourth session	24-28 September
Committee on Commodities, second special session	1-5 October
Third Preparatory Meeting on Manganese	8-12 October
Committee on Transfer of Technology, fifth session	22 October-6 November
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, third session	7-16 November
Committee on Shipping, eleventh session	19-30 November
Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, eleventh session, first part (Financing related to trade)	3-14 December

Meetings for which the dates are to be determined 19/

	<u>Duration</u>
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, eighth session	1 week
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, ninth session	1 week

Duration

Third meeting of multilateral and bilateral financial and technical assistance institutions with representatives of the least developed countries* <u>20/</u>	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 (Committee on Transfer of Technology resolution 21 (IV))*	1 1/2 weeks
Meetings enabling the developing countries participating in the negotiations on a global system of trade preferences among developing countries to continue the necessary work towards the establishment of the system (Board resolution 274 (XXVII))*	Up to 4 weeks
<u>Ad hoc</u> group of experts to consider ways and means of expanding trade and economic relations, including studying the outstanding issues referred to in Conference decision 145 (VI), between countries having different economic and social systems, in particular between developing countries and socialist countries of Eastern Europe, especially new forms of co-operation, favourable to the development and exports of the developing countries (Board decision 276 (XXVII))*	1 week
Working Party on Trade Expansion and Regional Economic Integration among Developing Countries, third session*	1 week
Meeting of secretariats of economic co-operation and integration groupings of developing countries and multilateral development financial institutions to examine the problems of promoting and financing integration projects*	1 week
Committee on Tungsten, sixteenth session (if required)	1 week
Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes (if required)	1 week
United Nations Conference to Negotiate an International Arrangement to replace the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, as extended, fourth part (if required)	Up to 4 weeks
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

	<u>Duration</u>
(Preparatory) Meeting on Hard Fibres	1 week
Third Preparatory Meeting on Phosphates	1 week
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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 20 1/2 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required <u>21/</u>

C. Tentative schedule for 1985

	<u>Duration</u>
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, eighteenth session	9 days <u>22/</u>
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, tenth session	1 week
Trade and Development Board, thirtieth session	2 weeks
Special Committee on Preferences, thirteenth session	1-2 weeks
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, eleventh session	1 week
Trade and Development Board, thirty-first session	2 weeks
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, fourth session	1 1/2 weeks
Sessions of 2 or 3 main committees	Throughout the year 1-2 weeks each
Committee on Commodities, third special session	1 week
Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, eleventh session, second part (Invisibles)	1 week
Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries, sixth session <u>23/</u>	2 weeks
United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules on Restrictive Business Practices <u>24/</u>	2 weeks
Committee on Tungsten (if required)	1 week

	<u>Duration</u>
Permanent Group on Synthetics and Substitutes (if required)	1 week
Permanent Sub-Committee on Commodities (if required)	1-2 weeks
Trade and Development Board, fourteenth special session <u>25/</u>	To be determined

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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 14 weeks)

C. OTHER DECISIONS

(a) Treatment of Saint Christopher and Nevis for purposes of elections

At its 618th meeting, on 3 October 1983, the Trade and Development Board decided that, pending action by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its seventh session, in pursuance of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), as amended, Saint Christopher and Nevis, which had become a Member of the United Nations on 23 September 1983, should be treated as if it were in the group of countries listed in part C of the annex to that resolution.

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

At its 620th meeting, on 6 October 1983, the Trade and Development Board approved the applications by the following non-governmental organizations for designation under rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Board for the purpose of that rule and rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Conference and decided that they should be classified as follows:

General category

Inter-Parliamentary Union

World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows

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

UNCTAD organ

International Association of European
general/average Adjusters

Committee on Shipping

Committee on Invisibles and
Financing related to Trade

(c) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1984

At its 620th meeting, on 6 October 1983 the Board decided that in 1984 the membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget would consist of the following 19 States:

Bangladesh	Germany, Federal Republic of	Sweden
Brazil	Japan	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Bulgaria	Madagascar	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Chile	Mexico	United States of America
China	Netherlands	
Egypt	Philippines	
German Democratic Republic	Qatar	
	Senegal	

(d) Regular publication of Trade and Development: an UNCTAD Review

At its 629th meeting, on 20 October 1983, the Board endorsed continued publication of Trade and Development: an UNCTAD Review on the following understanding:

- (a) The Review would continue to be published once a year;
- (b) The number of copies printed should not exceed 5,000;
- (c) It would continue to be published in English only, in order to avoid the increase in cost that would be involved by translation into one or more languages;
- (d) The income from sales of the Review should contribute effectively to its financing;
- (e) The Editorial Advisory Board should make efforts to include original articles and avoid reproducing articles contained in other publications;
- (f) Its publication should not interfere with the processing and distribution of documents for the normal work of UNCTAD;
- (g) Its financing should not come from funds allocated to other purposes.

(e) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its seventh session

At its 630th meeting, on 2 November 1983, the Trade and Development Board:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Working Party on its seventh session, on the understanding that the draft report would be completed by the Rapporteur of the Working Party to reflect the amendments made to it and include the agreed conclusions and the account of the proceedings at the final meeting of its seventh session, held the same day;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to transmit the report of the Working Party, 26/ together with the comments made thereon, to the appropriate United Nations bodies for their consideration;

(c) Agreed that the matter of the scheduling of the eighth session of the Working Party should be considered at consultations held by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD pursuant to Trade and Development Board decision 143 (XVI) and resolution 231 (XXII).

Other action taken by the Board

1. At its 619th meeting, on 4 October 1983, the Board took note of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its sixteenth session. 27/

2. At its 628th meeting, on 20 October 1983, the Board:

(a) Took note of the report made in Sessional Committee I by the representative of the UNCTAD secretariat and of the consultants' report entitled "Palestine: options for development"; 28/

(b) Remitted to its twenty-eighth session further consideration of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development decision 148 (VI) on institutional matters; 29/

(c) Remitted to its twenty-eighth session further consideration of draft resolution TD/B(XXIII)/SC.I/L.7/Rev.1 on developments in the international trading system; 30/

(d) Referred draft resolution TD/B(XXVII)/SC.I/L.2 on an international export credit guarantee facility to the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade at its eleventh session; 31/

(e) Took note of the report of the Committee on Manufactures on its tenth session; 32/

(f) Took note of the report of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade on the second part of its tenth session; 33/

(g) Took note of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology; 34/

(h) Decided to remit to a subsequent session draft resolution TD/B/L.360 on the interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system. 35/

3. At its 629th meeting, on 20 October 1983, the Board:

(a) Approved the provisional agendas for the twenty-eighth regular session and thirteenth special session; agreed to defer until the twenty-eighth session the question of including an item on trade and economic aspects of disarmament in the provisional agenda of a subsequent session; authorized the President, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, to adjust the provisional agenda

for the twenty-eighth regular session in the light of decisions taken at the twenty-seventh session and of other developments and to adjust and complete the provisional agenda for the thirteenth special session in the light of developments; requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult with delegations regarding the organization of the work of the sessions and to circulate his suggestions thereon; 36/

(b) Took note of the note by the UNCTAD secretariat on matters arising from the third session of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries requiring the attention of, or action by, the Board, 37/ of resolution 2 (III) adopted by that Committee, and of the financial implications of the resolution; 38/ noted that the report of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session would be before the Board at its twenty-eighth session; 39/

(c) Adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials. 40/

III. CONSIDERATION BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND THE PROGRAMME BUDGET ON ITS SEVENTH SESSION*

A. Medium-term plan and programme budget

(Agenda item 6 (e))

1. The Board considered this item in plenary at the resumption of the session, on 2 November 1983, on the basis of the report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its seventh session.

2. Introducing the report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its seventh session, the Chairman of the Working Party said that there had been a very extensive exchange of views on the UNCTAD section of the proposed United Nations programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 (item 3 of the agenda of the Working Party, which accounted for the comprehensive coverage in the report of its discussions. He was glad to be able to report that the Working Party had adopted a set of agreed conclusions on that item, which were before the Board in document TD/B/WP/L.21. 41/

3. He explained that, as the first part of the twenty-seventh session of the Board had not finished on schedule, the Working Party had had to give up six meetings and had therefore been unable to consider the other substantive items of its agenda (4, 5 and 6). Those items had been included in the draft provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Working Party (TD/B/WP/L.20/Rev.1), which the Working Party had approved on the understanding that it would be adjusted at consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in order to reflect the agreed conclusions, in particular paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof.

4. He drew attention to the draft decision adopted by the Working Party (TD/B/WP/L.22), which recommended that the Board schedule the eighth session of the Working Party for a period of two weeks before the twenty-eighth session of the Board, preferably from 27 February to 9 March 1984.

5. As the final meeting of the Working Party, at which the draft report had been adopted with amendments, had been held only a few hours before the present meeting of the Board, it had not been possible to prepare the customary document reflecting those amendments together with the proceedings of the closing plenary, but they would, of course, be included in the final version of the report under the authority granted to the Rapporteur.

6. The representative of Mexico welcomed the agreed conclusions adopted by the Working Party, which would make it possible for the Working Party to achieve its objectives of incorporating the results of the sixth session of UNCTAD into the work programme of the secretariat and of increasing the effectiveness of the

* In accordance with the decision taken by the Board at its 630th meeting, this section reproduces chapter III, section E of the full report of the Board (see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 A (TD/B/973 (vol. I))).

Working Party in its consideration of the UNCTAD programme budget. Although the results of the seventh session had not lived up to the hopes of his delegation, they could and should lead towards more concrete achievements in the future, namely, implementation of the resolutions adopted at the sixth session of UNCTAD within the work programme of UNCTAD; greater participation by delegations in the planning and budgeting process; and economies on the part of the secretariat and better use of the resources available to it.

7. As regards the work of the Fifth Committee, his delegation believed that the real increases in the proposed programme budget could have been avoided by more efficient deployment of the resources available.

B. Action taken by the Trade and Development Board

8. At the same (630th) meeting, on 2 November 1983, the Board:

(a) Took note of the draft report of the Working Party on its seventh session, on the understanding that the draft report would be completed by the Rapporteur of the Working Party to reflect the amendments made to it and to include the agreed conclusions and the account of the proceedings at the final meeting of the seventh session, held that same day;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to transmit the report of the Working Party, 4L/ together with the comments made thereon, to the appropriate United Nations bodies for their consideration;

(c) Agreed that the matter of the scheduling of the eighth session of the Working Party should be considered at consultations held by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD pursuant to Board decision 143 (XVI) and resolution 231 (XXII) (see sect. II C, "Other decisions" (e)).

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/37/15), vol. II, part one, annex I.

2/ Sessional Committee I was established to consider and report on agenda item 2 (Specific matters arising from the resolutions, recommendations and other decisions adopted by the Conference at its sixth session requiring attention or action by the Board at its twenty-seventh session) and agenda item 6 (Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies). Sessional Committee II was established to consider and report on item 5 (Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom).

3/ For the full membership of the Board at the twenty-seventh session, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/973 (vol. II)), annex VIII. For the list of participants in the session, see TD/B/INF.128.

4/ Except for Trade and Development Board resolution 274 (XXVII), on which a roll-call vote was taken (the results of which are reported in sect. II A above and footnote 5 below, all of these resolutions and decisions were adopted by the Board without a vote.

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5/ The Board adopted this resolution by a roll-call vote of 49 votes to none, with 9 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burma, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ivory Coast, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

6/ See document ITC/AG(XVI)/88 (circulated to members of the Trade and Development Board under cover of TD/B/967), paras. 7 and 98.

7/ See TD/B/L.668, annex.

8/ For the text of the draft resolution, see annex II, sect. A, to the present report.

9/ See Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/973 (vol. II)), chap. II, sect. C.

10/ For the text of the draft resolution, see annex II, sect. B, to the present report.

11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/38/15), vol. I, part one, sect. II, Other decisions (b).

12/ Ibid., Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39), annex I.

13/ See the report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee on its second session (Geneva, 4-15 February 1980) (Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document TD/B/AC.30/4, annex I, appendix).

14/ For statements by the United States of America, Group D and the Group of 77, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/973 (vol. II)), chap. VI, sect. N.

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15/ Scheduled provisionally on the assumption that the Meeting of Tea-exporting Countries (25-27 January 1984) will be successfully concluded (see document TD/B/IPC/TEA/15, para. 27 (iii)).

16/ These dates to be reviewed, taking into account the work of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 37/209.

17/ By its decision 269 (XXVI) of 28 April 1983, the Board decided to hold its thirteenth special session during the period allocated to its twenty-eighth session.

18/ With the possibility of extension to 1 June 1984.

19/ Meetings listed under this heading in 1983, but not actually held in 1983, will be carried over to 1984.

20/ Subject to a decision by the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-eighth session.

21/ If the number of weeks of such meetings actually held in 1984 exceeds 16, the available balance for 1985 will be correspondingly reduced.

22/ Subject to a decision by the Joint Advisory Group at its seventeenth session.

23/ Meeting at high level to undertake the mid-term global review of progress towards the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A), pursuant to para. 119 of the SNPA. The Intergovernmental Group, at its third, fourth and fifth sessions, acted as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

24/ In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/63 of 5 December 1980.

25/ To consider commodity matters in accordance with resolutions 156 (VI) and 157 (VI) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

26/ The report of the Working Party is being issued in provisional form as document TD/B/WP(VII)/Misc.2 and will be subsequently issued as Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 4 (TD/B/975-TD/B/WP/30). For the comments made thereon at the twenty-seventh session of the Board, see sect. III to the present report.

27/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/38/17) (circulated to members of the Trade and Development Board under cover of TD/B/968).

28/ TD/B/960.

Notes (continued)

29/ For the text of the decision, see part one of the report of the Conference on its sixth session (TD/325 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1), to be issued as Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6).

30/ For the text of the draft resolution, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/36/15 and corrigendum), part three, annex II, sect. A.

31/ For the text of the draft resolution, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/973 (vol. II)), annex III.

32/ TD/B/C.2(X)/Misc.2, to be issued as Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (TD/B/951-TD/B/C.2/219).

33/ TD/B/C.3(X)/Misc.5 and Corr.1, to be issued as Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2 (TD/B/949-TD/B/C.3/186).

34/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, documents TD/B/969 and TD/B/AC.35/4.

35/ For the text of the draft resolution, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/9615/Rev.1), annex II.

36/ For the text of the provisional agendas, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/973 (vol. II)), annexes VI and VII.

37/ TD/B/L.667.

38/ TD/B/L.667/Add.1.

39/ The report of the Committee is being issued in provisional form as document TD/B/C.7(III)/Misc.3 and will be subsequently issued as Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 2 (TD/B/974-TD/B/C.7/63).

40/ TD/B/972. For statements by China, Pakistan, Group D and Afghanistan, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1A (TD/B/973 (vol. II)), chap. VI, sect. F.

41/ The report of the Working Party, including the agreed conclusions and other decisions mentioned in this section, is being issued in provisional form as document TD/B/WP(VII)/Misc.2 and will be subsequently issued as Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 4 (TD/B/975-TD/B/WP/30).

ANNEX I

Agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the
Trade and Development Board

1. Procedural matters:
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;
 - (d) Provisional agendas for the twenty-eighth regular session and the thirteenth special session of the Board and organization of the work of the sessions.
2. Specific matters arising from the resolutions, recommendations and other decisions adopted by the Conference at its sixth session requiring attention or action by the Board at its twenty-seventh session.
3. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system.
4. Debt and development problems of developing countries.
5. Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom.
6. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies:
 - (a) Manufactures and semi-manufactures;
 - (b) Invisibles and financing related to trade;
 - (c) Reverse transfer of technology;
 - (d) Economic co-operation among developing countries;
 - (e) Medium-term plan and programme budget.
7. Other particular 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 sixteenth session;
 - (b) Progressive development of the law of international trade: sixteenth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
 - (c) Technical co-operation among developing countries: co-operative exchange of skills among developing countries.

8. 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 1984;
 - (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 78 of the rules of procedure;
 - (e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 79 of the rules of procedure;
 - (f) Review of the calendar of meetings;
 - (g) Financial implications of the actions of the Board.
9. Other business.
10. Adoption of the report of the Board.

ANNEX II

Texts of two draft resolutions, submitted during the twenty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board, to which reference is made in decisions adopted by the Board

A. Work programme on protectionism, and structural adjustment

Draft resolution submitted by Venezuela on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77 a/

(TD/B/(XXVII)/SC.I/L.1)

The Trade and Development Board,

Taking into account decision 160 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which called upon the Board to establish at its twenty-seventh session a work programme with respect to its continuing work on protectionism and structural adjustment,

Bearing in mind Conference resolution 159 (VI) of 2 July 1983, concerning the responsibilities of the Board in this area, and recalling Trade and Development Board resolution 226 (XXII) of 20 March 1981 and decision 250 (XXIV) of 19 March 1982.

1. Decides that a sessional committee should be established at each of its regular sessions, to conduct the review of protectionism and structural adjustment as set out in sections A and B of resolution 131 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to:

(a) Monitor the implementation of Conference resolution 159 (VI) and, where necessary, formulate appropriate recommendations concerning the problems of protectionism;

(b) Review and monitor developments in trade and, where appropriate, make general policy recommendations, as provided for in Conference resolution 159 (VI), paragraph 11 (b);

2. Decides also that in the carrying out of these reviews:

(a) Commensurate attention should be given to the situation in all sectors, including manufactures, agriculture and services and cover in a consistent way all countries and groups of countries;

(b) All factors of relevance to the issues of protectionism, and structural adjustment should be examined, including the links between international trade and the balance-of-payments problems of developing countries and development financing, particularly the problem of indebtedness and the link between the evolution of world trade and the structure of industries;

(c) Priority attention should be accorded to fostering improved transparency at the national and international levels concerning policies and practices in this area;

(d) Consideration shall be given to elaborating, in co-operation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other competent international organizations, a plan of action on industrial co-operation arrangements between developed and developing countries;

(e) Attention shall be given to agro-industrial production, with a view to proposing measures necessary to strengthen the participation of developing countries in production and trade in these products, taking into account the contribution which can be made by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Council;

(f) Particular attention should be paid to the special problems and needs of the least developed countries;

3. Instructs the sessional committee to continue its work on non-tariff barriers in pursuance of paragraph 6 of Conference resolution 131 (V) and paragraph 6 (b) of Conference resolution 159 (VI);

4. Instructs also the sessional committee to review progress on structural adjustment and to make appropriate recommendations to the Board concerning, inter alia, principles to govern adjustment assistance, in particular to developing countries, as well as principles aimed at enlarging the export markets of the developing countries for agricultural products;

5. Instructs further the sessional committee to consider other measures designed to assist the developing countries to promote and diversify their exports, including through the establishment of facilities for export finance and insurance;

6. Taking into account the decisions in paragraphs 1 to 5 above, invites States members of UNCTAD:

(a) To submit information on actions relevant to commitments in Conference resolution 159 (VI), with a view inter alia, to the Board's holding consultations on any departures from these commitments;

(b) To provide information on their experiences with regard to structural adjustment, and on the policies they have adopted to facilitate such adjustment, so as to facilitate the examination by the sessional committee of structural adjustment measures and their implications for the trade and development of developing countries, for the direction of world trade and for the world economy as a whole;

(c) To continue to co-operate in supplying the verifying information for the UNCTAD Data Base on Trade Measures;

7. Decides to consider, in the light of the decision in Conference resolution 159 (VI), at each of the sessions of the Trade and Development Board, progress in GATT on a comprehensive understanding on an improved and more efficient safeguard system with a view to assisting developing countries to participate in this process fully and invites the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to keep States members fully informed of developments in this area;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in this connection, to follow closely the work in GATT on the drawing-up of an improved and more efficient safeguard system, and invites the Director-General of GATT to facilitate the participation of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in the relevant meetings and to provide him with access to all pertinent documentation.

B. Convening of the thirtieth session of the Trade and Development Board at ministerial level

Draft resolution submitted by Venezuela on behalf of States members of the Group of 77 b/

(TD/B/L.673)

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling the function of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as a centre for harmonizing the trade and related development policies of Governments and regional economic groupings,

Conscious of the continuing crisis of the world economy, the world economic system and international economic co-operation,

Aware of the growing interdependence of the national economies and mutuality of interests,

Considering the interrelationship of issues in different areas of the world economy,

Recognizing the supreme importance of finding a consensus of the international community on effective and equitable functioning of the world economy with a view to ensuring its continued growth and stability in the common interest of all countries, and particularly for the development of the developing countries,

Recognizing the pioneering role that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is expected to play in the evolution of such a consensus and in the formulation of policies, strategies and measures to attain these objectives,

Taking note of the statement on the world economic situation with special emphasis on development adopted by consensus at the sixth session of the Conference,

Convinced that the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference at its sixth session will make a decisive impact in this regard,

Recognizing the need for the above purpose of undertaking, at the political level, a review of and consultations on the world economy and the world economic situation in all their interrelated aspects, and of the progress in the implementation of the programme of immediate measures adopted by the Conference at its sixth session,

Taking note of the sections of Conference resolutions 90 (IV) of 30 May 1976 and 114 (V) of 3 June 1979 relating to the convening of the Trade and Development Board at ministerial level at least once every two years between sessions of the Conference,

1. Decides to convene its thirtieth session in the first half of 1985 at the ministerial level, to undertake the review and consultation mentioned in the ninth preambular paragraph above;

2. Decides to set up a Preparatory Committee, within the Trade and Development Board, at its spring and autumn sessions of 1984, to suggest the agenda and make preparations for the ministerial meeting referred to in the preceding paragraph;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the light of the foregoing, to submit to the Preparatory Committee the required documentation and studies and to submit to the Trade and Development Board, at its ministerial session, a report on the latest developments in the world economic situation, including the evolution of the principles and rules governing international economic relations, and a report on the progress made in the implementation of the programme of immediate measures adopted by the Conference at its sixth session;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General of the Conference to seek, if necessary, the opinion of eminent economists, drawn from all geographical regions, in order to present to the Preparatory Committee a perspective on the evolution of the world economy and on the development process, particularly in the developing countries, and how this can be directed for ensuring continued growth and stability in the world economy and for the establishment of the New International Economic Order;

5. Invites States members of the Conference, as well as the regional commissions of the United Nations, to contribute ideas and suggestions to the preparatory process for the ministerial meeting of the Board.

Notes

a/ See sect. IIB above, decision 275 (XXVII).

b/ Ibid., decision 277 (XXVII).

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