

## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

### Sessional Committee I - first informal meeting

**Item 4**     **Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010** (*continued*)

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg), Chair of Sessional Committee I.

Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, introduced the draft agreed conclusions.

Sessional Committee I began its consideration of its draft agreed conclusions.

### 1028<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh), President of the Trade and Development Board.

**Item 8**     **Investment for development: transnational corporations, infrastructure and development** (TD/B/55/5)

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

Ms. Anne Miroux, Head, Investment Analysis Branch, made an introductory statement.

This was followed by presentations from the following keynote speakers: Mr. Thomas Scott, Development Bank of Southern Africa; and Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

H.E. Mr. Muhamad Noor Yacob (Malaysia), Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, made a presentation.

During the interactive debate, representatives of the following member States took the floor: Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Peru (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); France (on behalf of the European Union); European Commission; Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); China; Japan; Islamic Republic of Iran; Philippines; and Thailand.

Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton and the secretariat responded to questions and comments.

The President of the Board made concluding remarks.

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