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Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

1. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced above.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(51)/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 2. Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010:

2. Pursuant to paragraph 114 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV), in order to make a comprehensive appraisal of the Programme of Action and to decide on subsequent actions. UNCTAD has continued its efforts to undertake concrete steps to mainstream actions and commitments contained in the Programme of Action into its activities and into the work of the intergovernmental machinery. Its activities focus on research and policy analysis, consensus-building, technical cooperation and capacity-building. Policy lessons drawn from UNCTAD's implementation experience – including sectoral appraisal of the Programme of Action as called for in paragraph 97 of the Programme of Action – form part of its contribution to the final appraisal of the Programme of Action and to the preparatory process for LDC-IV.

(a) *The Least Developed Countries Report 2010. Elements of a new international development architecture for LDCs: the role of international support mechanisms*

3. The *Least Developed Countries Report 2010: Towards a New International Development Architecture for LDCs* will be presented to the Board. The report is intended to be a major analytical contribution of UNCTAD to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries. The report will provide a conceptual framework and positive agenda for international action in support of development and poverty reduction in the LDCs, including the role of global systemic reforms which are relevant to LDCs and LDC-specific international support mechanisms.

(b) *UNCTAD-wide activities in implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010: ninth progress report*

4. In order to assist the deliberations of the Board on this sub-item, the secretariat has prepared a report entitled “Policy lessons drawn from UNCTAD's implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (2001–2010): Key trends, challenges and policy conclusions.” The report provides insights into challenges and opportunities with regard to review, monitoring and evaluation of impact of the implementation of the Programme of Action, as well as a synthesis of key trends in the economic performance of LDCs since the adoption of the Programme of Action in 2001. It also contains policy conclusions with implications for LDC-IV.

(c) *UNCTAD's contribution to the preparatory process of and to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 2011*

5. To assist the Board in its consideration of this sub-item, the secretariat has prepared a background document entitled “UNCTAD's contribution to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: The way forward”. The Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 30 May to 3 June 2011. The Conference will undertake a final appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010, and it will decide on subsequent actions by the LDCs and their development partners.

Documentation

UNCTAD/LDC/2010 and Overview	<i>The Least Developed Countries Report 2010: Towards a New International Development Architecture for LDCs</i>
TD/B/EX(51)/2	Policy lessons drawn from UNCTAD's implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (2001–2010): Key trends, challenges and policy conclusions
TD/B/EX(51)/3	UNCTAD's contribution to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: The way forward
UNCTAD/ALDC/2009/2	<i>Comprehensive Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010: Assessment of Progress and Lessons for LDC-IV and Beyond</i>

Item 3. Report of the Board on its fifty-first executive session
