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President's summary

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(Agenda item 10)

1. The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD presented the report of UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields contained in document TD/B/59/6. Following the Deputy Secretary-General's presentation, several member States made statements on behalf of groups of member States. They said that it an agenda item of great importance. Over the past few years, they had asked for improvements in how the agenda item was treated.

2. Several member States regretted that very little time was afforded for this agenda item and requested that more time be devoted to the item in future sessions of the Trade and Development Board to enable a true intergovernmental discussion on how UNCTAD as a whole could make a contribution through its three pillars.

3. Member States expressed appreciation for the report and activities of the UNCTAD secretariat in these areas through its three pillars. They requested that the secretariat continue its work in multiple areas. Several member States noted that UNCTAD should proactively think about how it could participate in major United Nations conferences and how it could bring development to the discourse. Member States requested that the secretariat present ideas on how to enhance the intergovernmental deliberations of UNCTAD and how to collaborate with other institutions in relevant forums in the United Nations.

4. Speaking on behalf of a regional group, one member State shared the group's belief that in order to benefit from the work of UNCTAD, it was necessary to find ways and means to better translate the findings and analytical work of UNCTAD into action and to improve the global development agenda.

5. Member States looked forward to the preparatory process of UNCTAD for events. They asked the President of the Trade and Development Board to begin consultations at the earliest opportunity with member States on how UNCTAD, with its three pillars, could prepare for events such as its fiftieth anniversary and the Millennium Development Goals review in 2015. Member States suggested that perhaps a special session of the Trade and Development Board could be convened to place preparations for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of UNCTAD on a firm footing.