



SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 September 2006

986th Plenary Meetings

H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, addressed the Board.

Item 2 - Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Global partnership and national policies for development

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Globalization and Development Strategies, made a detailed introductory statement with reference to the *Trade and Development Report, 2006*.

The debate was opened. The following representatives made statements: Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Angola (on behalf of the African Group); Afghanistan (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Russian Federation; Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Belarus, India, United States of America; Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Japan; Islamic Republic of Iran; Australia; Sri Lanka; Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Iraq; Senegal; South Africa; China; Egypt; Bangladesh; Norway; and Djibouti.

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Item 3 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, made a detailed introductory statement on item 3 and on the Progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the LDCs.

Panel

The Board had a panel discussion on agenda item 3(a) "The Least Developed Countries Report 2006: Developing Productive Capacities" with the participation of the following panellists: Mr. Mansour Cama, Président de la Confédération Nationale des Employeurs du Sénégal; Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Advisor to the Management Development Centre, Management Association of Nepal; Mr. Jacques Loup, Economic Advisor, Agence Française de Développement (France); Prof. Colin Kirkpatrick, University of Manchester (United Kingdom). The panel discussion was followed by an interactive debate.

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The following representatives made interventions: Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Norway; Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Republic of Korea; Rwanda; China; Cuba; Mexico; Senegal; Brazil; Djibouti; Bangladesh; Zambia; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Afghanistan; Nepal; OCAPROCE International; Mr. Mansour Cama; Mr. Jacques Loup; Prof. Colin Kirkpatrick; Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma; UNCTAD secretariat; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Afghanistan.

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