

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS****Friday, 29 September 2006****988th and 989th Plenary Meetings****Item 7(b) Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people**

Mr. Raja Khalidi, Coordinator of the Unit for Assistance to the Palestinian People, introduced the secretariat's report, on this item (TD/B/53/2).

The debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Israel; Palestine; Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Afghanistan (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Indonesia; Cuba; Islamic Republic of Iran; China; United States of America; Brazil; Norway; and Egypt. The Coordinator of the Unit for Assistance to the Palestinian People responded to questions and made further comments.

The Board took note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat in document TD/B/53/2 and the statements made by delegations and decided, in accordance with General Assembly decision 47/445, that the report of the Board on its fifty-third session to the General Assembly will include an account of the deliberations under this item.

Item 4 Economic Development in Africa: Doubling Aid - Making the "Big Push" Work

Mr. Kamran Kousari, Special Coordinator for Africa, made an introductory statement with reference to the report *Economic Development in Africa*.

The debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Angola (on behalf of the African Group); Republic of Korea; Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Brazil; Senegal; Japan; Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Bulgaria and Romania); Rwanda; Cuba; Russian Federation; South Africa; Norway; Zimbabwe; China; Djibouti; India; Egypt; Chad; and OCAPROCE International. The Special Coordinator for Africa responded to questions and made further comments.

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Item 8 Technical cooperation activities

(a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD
(Report of the Working Party on its forty-seventh session)

Mr. Naïm Akibou of Benin, Chairman of the Working Party at its forty-seventh session, reported to the Board on this item.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its forty-seventh session, adopted draft decision TD/B/WP/L.121, and endorsed the agreed conclusions contained in TD/B/WP/L.122.
