



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AD HOC OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP  
TO FURTHER STUDY AND STRENGTHEN THE SMOOTH TRANSITION PROCESS FOR  
THE COUNTRIES GRADUATING FROM THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY CATEGORY**

**Third Substantive Meeting  
26 March 2012, Conference Room 2 (NLB)  
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

The meeting will discuss the preparation and implementation of transition strategies for graduating and graduated countries including the consultative mechanism foreseen in resolution 59/209. The meeting will identify gaps and consider LDCs' concerns related to the process of smooth transition. There will be an open and free-flowing exchange of views on what possible approaches could be developed to further support countries in this process.

**PROGRAMME**

Co-Chairs:

**H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls**  
Permanent Representative of Belgium

**H.E. Mr. Brian Bowler**  
Permanent Representative of Malawi

**Introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs**

**Keynote presentation**

**Prof. Patrick Guillaumont**, FERDI, Université d'Auvergne, ex-member of the CDP  
Interactive exchange

**The experience of graduated countries**

**H.E. Ahmed Sareer**, Charge d'Affairs of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations  
Interactive exchange

**The role of development and trading partners in the development and implementation of transition strategies**

**H.E. Ertuğrul Apakan**, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations  
Interactive exchange

**Background documentation:** Concept Note, Issues Note, CDP background paper on strengthening smooth transition -- <http://www.unohrls.org/en/ldc/916/>