



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

Draft Programme of Work for 2012

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Proposed Dates	Theme
January 16 th	<u>Organisational Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Endorsement of the appointment of the Co-Chairs- Presentation and adoption of the programme of work- Exchange of views
February 16 th	<u>First Substantive Meeting</u> <p>Presentations by experts/countries, followed by interactive debate on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Special measures for LDCs- Implications of graduation- Existing smooth transition measures
March 16 th	<u>Second Substantive Meeting</u> <p>Debriefing by Committee for Development Policy on smooth transition</p>
March 26 th	<u>Third Substantive Meeting</u> <p>Presentations by graduated and graduating country representatives and by key development partners, followed by interactive debate on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elaboration of national smooth transition strategies- Implementation of smooth transition strategies- Monitoring of the implementation
April 25 th	<u>Fourth Substantive Meeting</u> <p>Presentations by experts, followed by interactive debate on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recommendations for strengthening smooth transition process as mandated by the G.A.
Mid June	Presentation and Adoption of the draft report including recommendations of the Working Group

NB: in addition to key meetings listed above, supplementary meetings can be organized if needed and on availability