



**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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<b>Proposed Dates</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Organisational Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Endorsement of the appointment of the Co-Chairs</li><li>- Presentation and adoption of the programme of work</li><li>- Exchange of views</li></ul>
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>First Substantive Meeting</u> <p>Presentations by experts/countries, followed by interactive debate on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Special measures for LDCs</li><li>- Implications of graduation</li><li>- Existing smooth transition measures</li></ul>
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Second Substantive Meeting</u> <p>Debriefing by Committee for Development Policy on smooth transition</p>
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	<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"><li>- Elaboration of national smooth transition strategies</li><li>- Implementation of smooth transition strategies</li><li>- Monitoring of the implementation</li></ul>
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Fourth Substantive Meeting</u> <p>Presentations by experts, followed by interactive debate on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recommendations for strengthening smooth transition process as mandated by the G.A.</li></ul>
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