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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| January 16<sup>th</sup> | Organisational Meeting  
- Endorsement of the appointment of the Co-Chairs  
- Presentation and adoption of the programme of work  
- Exchange of views |
| February 16<sup>th</sup> | First Substantive Meeting  
Presentations by experts/countries, followed by interactive debate on:  
- Special measures for LDCs  
- Implications of graduation  
- Existing smooth transition measures |
| March 16<sup>th</sup> | Second Substantive Meeting  
Debriefing by Committee for Development Policy on smooth transition |
| March 26<sup>th</sup> | Third Substantive Meeting  
Presentations by graduated and graduating country representatives and by key development partners, followed by interactive debate on:  
- Elaboration of national smooth transition strategies  
- Implementation of smooth transition strategies  
- Monitoring of the implementation |
| April 25<sup>th</sup> | Fourth Substantive Meeting  
Presentations by experts, followed by interactive debate on:  
- 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