Annotated provisional agenda for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference

Addendum

The Secretary-General of the Conference has the honour to transmit herewith an addendum to the annotated provisional agenda for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, containing several proposals on organizational arrangements.
1. The annotations to the provisional agenda (para. 3 (a)) state that the Conference will be open to the participation of, inter alia, “representatives of States Members of the United Nations”. It is proposed that this be changed to “representatives of States” in order to adopt the “all State” formula, whereby Cook Islands and Niue would also be invited to the Conference, in accordance with the established practice of conferences held under the auspices of the United Nations.

2. The annotations (para. 15) explain item 7 (general debate). Further to this, it is proposed that:

(a) At the end of the plenary meeting, on the morning of 9 May 2011, the Conference will hear statements by (i) a representative of the civil society track; (ii) a representative of the parliamentary track; (iii) a representative of the private sector track; and (iv) two eminent persons, selected by the President upon the recommendation of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

(b) In addition to representatives of States Members of the United Nations, the European Union and “intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices” (rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure), representatives of the specialized agencies and related organizations (rule 61) and representatives of interested United Nations organs (rule 63) may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement in the general debate.