Report of the Main Committee

Submitted by the Chair of the Main Committee
Mr. Santiago Martínez-Caro (Spain)

1. The Main Committee held six meetings during the period 29 November-1 December 2011.

2. The Committee elected the following Vice-Chairs: Mr. William Calvo Calvo (Costa Rica), Ms. Oluwatobi Osobukola-Abubu (Nigeria), Ms. Hana Kovacova (Slovakia) and Mr. Satya Rodrigo (Sri Lanka).

3. In accordance with the mandate given to it by the General Conference, the Committee considered agenda items 7 to 20. Draft decisions or resolutions on items 10 (a), 10 (b), 10 (c), 10 (d), 10 (e), 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 20 were considered.

4. At its first meeting, on 29 November 2011 in the morning, consensus was reached on 15 draft decisions or resolutions on items 10 (a), 10 (b), 10 (c), 10 (d), 10 (e), 11, 12, 14, 16 and 20. These are contained in documents GC.14/L.2 and Add.1. At the second meeting, held on the same day in the afternoon, the Committee reached consensus on the recommendation of the Vienna Ministerial Conference of Least Developed Countries, under item 17, which is contained in document GC.14/L.2/Add.1.

5. The Committee met briefly on Wednesday morning, 30 November, during which a proposal under item 13 was introduced. Following consultations, the proposal reached consensus and was adopted by the Committee at its fourth meeting on Wednesday afternoon, 30 November. Also at that meeting, consensus was reached on a Chairman’s text under item 10 (b).

6. At its fifth meeting, on 1 December, in the morning, the Committee considered the proposal of the Group of 77 and China under item 18. At its sixth meeting, in the afternoon of the same day, a consensus text on that item was approved for recommendation to plenary.