

Statement by Pakistan at the 72nd Executive Session of the Trade and Development Board

Geneva, 19 October 2022

Item 10 – Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2021–2022 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body

Mr. President,

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of G77 and China.

We thank Ambassador Kah of Gambia for the preparation of the report of the Advisory Body and for its presentation made just now.

My delegation supports the capacity-building work carried out under P166 which is a flagship capacity building programme of UNCTAD to addresses the analytical and policy challenges that policy makers, Geneva-based delegates and other stakeholders from developing and transition economies face in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth and development.

The Foreign Service Academy, Islamabad is the multi-year venue for UNCTAD's Regional Course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda for Asia and Pacific. I am pleased to inform that the 48th iteration of this course would commence in November this year in Islamabad.

I also take this opportunity to put on record our appreciation for Policy of Capacity Building Section or P166 programme in the Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch of UNCTAD for its professional and timely coordination with our national stakeholders as well as the domestic and regional participants of the course.

We look forward to the successful implementation of the regional course in Islamabad.

I thank you.