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Agreed recommendations *

1. UNCTAD should continue its policy-oriented analysis, consensus building and capacity-building activities on services to contribute to assuring development gains to developing countries accruing from international trade and trade negotiations in the following areas:
 - (i) Assessment of trade in services;
 - (ii) Sector-specific studies in areas and sectors of interest to developing countries, with particular emphasis on infrastructure and essential services;
 - (iii) Identifying opportunities for developing countries in new and dynamic services sectors and through outsourcing;
 - (iv) Analysis of approaches to further commitments in GATS Mode 4;
 - (v) Identifying opportunities and issues for beneficial integration of developing countries into regional trade arrangements;
 - (vi) Assisting developing countries in multilateral trade negotiations in implementing GATS, particularly Articles IV and XIX;
 - (vii) Enhancing analytical work on cross-cutting issues of special interest to developing countries, such as domestic regulations, and GATS rules; and
 - (viii) Analysis of economic implications of security measures on trade in services.

* As agreed by the Commission at its closing plenary on Friday, 13 February 2004.