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**IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION  
FOLLOWING THE DOHA MINISTERIAL MEETING**

Agreed conclusions \*

1. We recognize the contribution of UNCTAD's work programme on investment agreements to deepening the understanding of the issues involved, exploring the range of issues that needs to be considered, identifying the interests of developing countries and, in particular, ensuring that the development dimension is addressed.
2. We recognize the needs of developing countries, in particular least developed countries, for enhanced support for technical assistance and capacity building in this area, including policy analysis and development, so that they may better evaluate the implications of closer multilateral cooperation for their development policies and objectives, and human and institutional development. To this end, we emphasize the need for strengthened and adequately resourced assistance to respond to these needs, as specified in paragraph 21 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration, taking into account, where appropriate, paragraphs 42-43.

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\* As adopted by the Commission at its closing plenary meeting on Friday, 25 January 2002.

3. In response to this provision, the Commission calls on UNCTAD to implement an enhanced technical assistance and capacity-building programme that in close collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO) responds to the needs of beneficiary countries and addresses the three areas emerging from paragraph 21 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration, namely policy analysis and development, human resources development and institutional development. Work in this connection should examine past country experiences.

4. The Commission calls on donors and countries in a position to do so to provide the necessary means and assistance to undertake such an enhanced programme, whose practical implementation should not be at the expense of the resources devoted to the ongoing work, with full use being made of possible synergies.

5. The Commission further encourages the secretariat to provide substantive support to the WTO Working Group on the Relationship between Trade and Investment, as well as to the WTO work programme on the relationship between trade and transfer of technology.

6. The Commission requests the secretariat to report to its next session about the progress made in this respect.