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THE INTEGRATION OF SELECTED ECONOMIES  
IN TRANSITION INTO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING  
SYSTEM, AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THEIR TRADE  
WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report by the UNCTAD secretariat

Statistical annex

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## INTRODUCTION

(i) In paragraph 91 of its Midrand Declaration, the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, elaborating on the role of UNCTAD in assisting the effective integration of developing countries into the international trading system, stated that "specific interests of the economies in transition should also be taken into account". The role of UNCTAD in this regard is specified in detail in paragraph 91 (i) and (ii), and includes issues such as assisting countries in the process of accession to the WTO, helping them to enhance their understanding of WTO rights and obligations, improving the transparency of their trade regimes, enhancing national capacities in terms of human resources and administrative infrastructures, and helping them to strengthen their capacities in the services sector.

(ii) The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 50/95, requested "the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to monitor, analyse and review the development of trade between economies in transition and developing countries and to recommend appropriate measures for its revival, thus contributing to the strengthening of the multilateral trading system".

(iii) Pursuant to the above mandates and the UNCTAD section of the United Nations Programme Budget for the biennium 1996-1997, a report by the UNCTAD secretariat was published entitled *The Integration of Selected Economies in Transition into the International Trading System, and its Implications for their Trade with Developing Countries*. This statistical review has been elaborated in support of the above report.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

For systems of trade: both exports and imports are under the general system. Export values: f.o.b; import values: c.i.f.

The classification by region has been adopted for statistical convenience only, and follows that employed by the Statistical Division of the United Nations.

For the definition of product groups see UNCTAD, *Handbook of International Trade and Development Statistics*.

### Other notes and explanation of symbols

"Dollars" refers to United States dollars.

A dash (-) or a zero (0) indicates that the amount is nil or negligible.

Two dots (..) indicates that the data are not available or are not separately reported.

A dot (.) indicates that the item is not applicable.

### Abbreviations

CEE	:	countries in Eastern Europe
CEFTA	:	Central European Free Trade Agreement
CIS	:	Commonwealth of Independent States
EFTA	:	European Free Trade Association
EU	:	European Union

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The country classifications have been used for statistical convenience only and do not imply any judgement concerning the stage of development of any particular country.