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REVIEW OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD

**Draft decision \***

*The Trade and Development Board,*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report on technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (TD/B/48/5 and Add. 1-2), as well as the indicative plan of UNCTAD's technical cooperation for 2002;
2. *Notes with satisfaction* improvements in the quality of the reports, and *requests* that comments and suggestions made at the thirty-eighth session of the Working Party be taken into account in the preparation of future reports;
3. *Notes with interest* the increase in the level of bilateral and multilateral contributions to UNCTAD trust funds, *expresses its appreciation* to bilateral and multilateral donors for their contributions, and *invites* all bilateral and multilateral donors to consider increasing their contributions to UNCTAD trust funds for developing countries and in particular in favour of Africa, which is a host of 34 of the 49 LDCs;

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\* As approved by the Working Party at the closing plenary of its thirty-eighth session, on Thursday, 20 September 2001.

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of predictability of funding and the sustainability of UNCTAD's technical cooperation programmes, and in this regard *encourages* multi-year contributions;

5. *Welcomes* improvements in the utilization of developing countries' human capital in the implementation of technical cooperation activities, and *calls for* further geographical diversification of consultants and experts, especially in favour of developing countries;

6. *Requests* the UNCTAD secretariat to play its role in combined international efforts to assist developing countries to derive full benefits from trade and to reduce poverty through, *inter alia*, mainstreaming trade into development strategies and enhanced partnership with other agencies involved in delivering trade-related technical assistance, especially for LDCs in the context of the Integrated Framework;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to work on consolidation and clustering of technical cooperation activities;

8. *Welcomes and underlines the importance* of the secretariat's initiative to conduct an internal review of technical cooperation with a view to enhancing the impact of technical cooperation activities, making the different components of programmes more cohesive and streamlining operational procedures to ensure greater efficiency and better results, and *requests* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to present the results of the internal review to the mid-term review for discussion;

9. *Reiterates* its request, as expressed in the Board decision 461 (XLVII), with regard to translation of documents in all official languages.