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**REVIEW OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF
UNCTAD AND THEIR FINANCING**

Draft decision *

The Trade and Development Board,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the information provided in the report on the review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (TD/B/WP/172 and Add.1 and 2), and *requests* the secretariat to further improve the presentation of the information on the allocation of trust fund contributions to different regions and thematic areas;
2. *Takes note* of the information provided by the secretariat on the implementation of the new technical cooperation strategy adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its fiftieth session in October 2003 (decision 478(L));
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to bilateral and multilateral donors for their contributions to UNCTAD trust funds, and *invites* them to continue contributing so that UNCTAD can respond to increasing demand for technical cooperation;
4. *Expresses* the need to ensure a more equitable distribution of resources among the developing country regions in the overall delivery of technical cooperation;

* As approved by the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on Friday, 17 September 2004.

5. Notwithstanding some recent improvement in the delivery of technical cooperation to LDCs, which complies with paragraph 5 of the annex to decision 478 (L), *urges* donors and the secretariat to continue their efforts, building on the relevant conclusions of UNCTAD XI;

6. *Reaffirms the importance* of further implementation of the technical cooperation strategy with a view to enhancing the delivery of technical cooperation services of UNCTAD, in accordance with decision 478 (L) and the São Paulo Consensus;

7. *Takes note* of the conclusions and recommendations of the secretariat contained in document TD/B/WP/172;

8. *Requests* the secretariat, in cooperation with donors and beneficiaries, to continue disseminating the content of the technical cooperation strategy, as well as information regarding UNCTAD's operational activities and instruments;

9. *Requests* the secretariat to consider the possible implications of UNCTAD XI for the new strategy on technical cooperation;

10. *Takes note* of the cooperation between UNCTAD and other international and regional organizations, as well as development partners, including the private sector and civil society, in several UNCTAD technical cooperation activities, and *requests* the secretariat to continue its efforts in this regard, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the São Paulo Consensus.