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## Agreed conclusions<sup>1</sup>

### Review of the UNCTAD section of the proposed United Nations strategic framework for the period 2010-2011

*The Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget,*

*Having considered* the draft UNCTAD section of the proposed United Nations strategic framework for the period 2010–2011,

1. *Emphasizes* that the Accra Accord is the basis for UNCTAD's work for the next four years;
2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly and its competent bodies consider the revision to the UNCTAD section of the proposed United Nations strategic framework for the period 2010–2011 as contained in document TD/B/L.130;
3. *Further recommends* that the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010–2011 be considered as a revision to the strategic framework for the current biennium (2008–2009) in order that the outcomes of the twelfth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XII), held in Accra in April 2008, can be implemented with minimum delay;
4. *Expresses* the need for the accurate and effective implementation of the Accra Accord, and *notes* that a discussion of the four-year work plan for 2008–2011 developed on the basis of the outcomes of UNCTAD XII will be undertaken at the fifty-first session of the Working Party, in September 2008;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 183 of the Accra Accord and the need to establish a mechanism for UNCTAD to contribute more effectively to developing countries' efforts to formulate strategies and policies to respond to the challenges and opportunities of commodity markets;
6. *Notes* that the clearly defined resources referred to in the strategic framework under paragraph 10.5 are the existing resources of the Commodities

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<sup>1</sup> As adopted by the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget at its closing plenary on Friday, 20 June 2008.

Branch of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, which will henceforth be located in a sub-account under subprogramme 3;

7. *Welcomes* the UNCTAD Secretary-General's guidance on commodities, and *expresses confidence* in his ability to ensure that this issue gets due attention and that the new arrangement is successful, and invites him to report on this as appropriate;

8. *Takes note* of some delegations' interest in locating the sub-account on commodities in another existing subprogramme, and while respecting his prerogatives, *invites* the UNCTAD Secretary-General, based on his experience with the new arrangement to explore, if appropriate, the option of locating the sub-account on commodities in another existing subprogramme;

9. *Expresses* appreciation for the collaborative efforts invested in developing meaningful performance indicators in the strategic framework that are precise, representative and measurable, and that present tangible outcomes to beneficiaries, and *calls upon* UNCTAD to continue to strengthen its results-oriented performance measurement and evaluation systems in order to enhance the effectiveness and relevance of the institution;

10. *Commends* the UNCTAD secretariat's efforts to elaborate appropriate indicators to assist them and member States in monitoring the effectiveness and impact of their work, and *encourages* all divisions to continue their cooperative work with a view to developing a common, user-friendly reporting format for all subprogrammes;

11. *Requests* the UNCTAD secretariat to report back to the Working Party at its next session on institutional changes to be realized for the effective implementation of the Accra outcomes, based on the mandates contained in sub-theme 4 of the Accra Accord;

12. *Recommends* to the Trade and Development Board that the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget be renamed the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget, in line with current General Assembly terminology.

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