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Draft agreed conclusions

1. Progress report on the implementation of sub-theme 4 of the Accra Accord

(Agenda item 5)

The Working Party,

Having considered the “Progress report on the implementation of sub-theme 4 of the Accra Accord” (TD/B/WP/207),

1. *Welcomes* the measures taken so far in the implementation of the Accra Accord, including sub-theme 4, inter alia, through the creation of the Accra Accord Steering Group, and *encourages* the secretariat to continue its efforts in this connection and to keep member States informed on further steps in this regard on a regular basis. The monthly consultations of the President of the Trade and Development Board could provide an opportunity to do so;

2. *Emphasizes* the need to implement the Accra Accord, including sub-theme 4, faithfully, comprehensively and in a balanced manner;

3. *Further emphasizes* the importance of partnership among all member States, relevant bodies within the United Nations system and the secretariat in their efforts to strengthen the organization;

4. *Stresses* the importance of developing a new communication strategy and *encourages* the secretariat to hold consultations with member States in that connection;

5. *Reiterates* the importance and priority UNCTAD should accord to helping countries to integrate trade into their United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, when appropriate, and *requests* that the secretariat periodically update member States on progress in this regard, taking into account General Assembly resolution 62/208;

6. *Encourages* UNCTAD to assist United Nations resident coordinators in identifying and developing UNCTAD programmes for their countries and their inclusion in United Nations development frameworks.

2. Evaluation of technical cooperation activities

(Agenda item 6)

(a) Progress report on UNCTAD's advisory services on investment

The Working Party,

Having considered the "Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations and observations contained in the evaluation of UNCTAD's advisory services on investment" (TD/B/WP/204),

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the changes implemented to its advisory services on investment on the basis of the recommendations, and *encourages* the secretariat to continue its efforts to this end.

(b) Progress report on UNCTAD's trade-related technical assistance and capacity-building on accession to the World Trade Organization

The Working Party,

Having considered the "Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the evaluation of UNCTAD's trade-related technical assistance and capacity-building on accession to the World Trade Organization" (TD/B/WP/205),

1. *Notes* with appreciation the unique and comprehensive technical assistance programme on accession to the World Trade Organization provided by UNCTAD;

2. *Invites* the donors and potential donors in a position to do so to make multi-year contributions to UNCTAD technical cooperation, to increase predictability in the planning and implementation of the relevant technical assistance programmes;

3. *Encourages* the secretariat to continue its efforts on the strengthening of this programme.
