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**Review of the work programme: Draft programme budget
for the biennium 2006-2007**

Agreed conclusions*

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

Having considered the proposals for the draft work programme for UNCTAD for the biennium 2006-2007, taking into account UNCTAD XI, the São Paulo Consensus and the Spirit of São Paulo,

1. *Takes note* of the text set out in document UNCTAD/EDM/MISC/2004/5/Rev.2 and *looks forward* to further discussions;

2. *Reaffirms* the role of the Working Party in defining the work programme of UNCTAD and that the content of the work programme adopted by the Working Party should be duly taken into account in the finalization of the UNCTAD section of the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007;

* As agreed by the Working Party at its 166th plenary meeting on Wednesday, 2 February 2005.

3. *Considers* that the review by the Working Party of the draft work programme could be much more effective, pragmatic and transparent, bringing more value-added for members, if the Working Party were to be provided with as detailed information on financial and resource distribution as possible in order to better understand the possible budget implications of any programme decisions; in this respect, *requests* the UNCTAD secretariat to consult with the competent authorities in New York with a view to sharing information needed to make the process more comprehensive and enhancing the proceedings of the Working Party in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant decisions of the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* the secretariat to enhance its contributions towards the implementation of the international development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, the follow-up to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Declaration to be held in September 2005, and the follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits;

5. *Calls upon* UNCTAD, as focal point in the United Nations for the integrated treatment of trade and development, to continue to explore on an urgent basis ways in which UNCTAD, within its mandate, can help countries affected by the earthquake and the tsunami in the Indian Ocean area in their recovery and rehabilitation efforts in coordination with the international community.

6. *Urges* UNCTAD to further explore modalities for financing participation in UNCTAD intergovernmental meetings of experts from developing countries on a predictable and sustainable basis.
