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EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Decision by the Working Party*

The Working Party,

1. *Stresses* the importance it attaches to the process of in-depth evaluations of technical cooperation programmes and to follow-up action on the recommendations arising from those evaluations, and *encourages* the UNCTAD secretariat to continue to pay particular attention to this process;

2. *Invites* the secretariat to explore ways to foresee financing for in-depth evaluations of technical cooperation programmes requested by the Working Party in consultation with interested donors, and *invites* the secretariat to continue the current process of integrating provisions for evaluation purposes into technical cooperation programmes;

TRAINMAR

3. *Welcomes* the in-depth evaluation of the TRAINMAR Programme (TD/B/WP/144 and UNCTAD/EDM/Misc.175), *commends* the high quality and professionalism of the work undertaken by the evaluation team, as well as the support provided by the secretariat in preparing the report, and *concur*s with the recommendations contained therein;

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

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to implement the recommendations and, in this context, *takes* note of the secretariat's explanations on the way in which it intends to implement those recommendations, as well as of its statement indicating that the preparatory process of implementation has already started; and *requests* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to report on implementation at the session of the Working Party in September 2002 dealing with technical cooperation;

5. *Emphasizes* the need, in the implementation of these recommendations, for account to be taken of building upon the valuable aspects of the Programme for quality control and adaptation to the latest developments in this area, as well as to achieve proper integration and coordination of the TRAINFORTRADE, TRAINMAR and Port Certificates programmes;

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6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the steps taken for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the evaluation study, *invites* the secretariat, donors and beneficiaries to ensure follow-up on the remaining recommendations, and *requests* the secretariat to present a final report on the consolidation phase for the information of the Working Party at its session in September 2002 dealing with technical cooperation;

Trade Points Strategy

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the progress made in the implementation of the Trade Point Strategy, in particular the creation of the World Trade Point Federation and the transfer to this entity of the ETOs system, *emphasizes* the importance of UNCTAD's role in sustaining and strengthening Trade Points and the World Trade Point Federation at its present stage of development, and *requests* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to submit to the September 2002 session of the Working Party a report on the implementation of the Strategy;

Future evaluation

8. *Decides* to consider at the September 2002 session of the Working Party a thematic evaluation of capacity building activities of UNCTAD drawing upon, *inter alia*, the in-depth evaluations undertaken so far.