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**REVIEW OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD**

**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/49/4, and Add 1-2), as well as the Indicative Plan of UNCTAD's technical cooperation for 2003 (TD/B/49/5);

2. *Expresses* its appreciation to bilateral and multilateral donors for their contributions to UNCTAD trust funds; and *invites* them to continue contributing to UNCTAD, so that it can respond to increasing demand for technical assistance in areas of its expertise and comparative advantage;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to ensure adequate follow-up to the recommendations of the internal review of procedures and arrangements governing UNCTAD technical cooperation, *requests* the secretariat to initiate consultations with Member States, as soon as possible, with regard to the implementation of those recommendations of the internal review which require consultations with Member States, and *decides* to review the progress in the implementation of the recommendations on a regular basis in the Working Party;

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\* As approved informally by the Working Party on 19 September 2002.

4. *Notes* with appreciation the benefits accrued to beneficiary countries from UNCTAD technical assistance activities in the areas of debt and finance, programmes related to international trade in goods, services and commodity issues, investment and enterprise development, and programmes carried out in the areas of services infrastructure and trade efficiency; and *requests* UNCTAD to continue its efforts to provide high-quality support in these areas;

5. *Encourages* the secretariat to deepen its work on WTO-related activities, and to further strengthen cooperation and coordination of its activities with other providers of trade-related technical cooperation, in particular with regard to the Integrated Framework and JITAP, with a view to responding, on the basis of its comparative advantages, to the needs emerging from WTO-related activities;

6. *Requests* UNCTAD to put in place a focused approach to its activities, and by doing so, strengthen its activities and programmes in order to meet the increasing needs of developing countries, within its mandate, in particular in areas where UNCTAD has expertise and a clear comparative advantage;

7. *Requests* the secretariat, in its annual report on the review of technical cooperation activities, to include information on the anticipated evolution of its activities, as well as a clear indication of the strategic goals and objectives for the coming year, and accordingly *decides* to discontinue the consideration of the annual indicative plan; also *requests* the secretariat to include in its annual report information on linkages between the various technical cooperation activities with a view to providing information to member States on a broad based approach that will bring together, in a coherent way, the various elements of the programmes;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to include information in project documents on the relationship between project activities and the secretariat's research and policy analysis with a view to ensuring integration between operational and other activities;

9. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a note, in consultation with member States, on a possible UNCTAD approach to capacity building for consideration at a future session of the Working Party;

10. *Decides* to include in the agenda of the next session of the Working Party an item on indicators of achievement, taking into consideration, *inter alia*, JIU report JIU/REP/2002/2 entitled "The results approach in the United Nations: implementing the United Nations Millennium Declaration";

11. *Emphasizes* the need to work towards achieving the international development goals and targets of the Millennium Declaration relevant to UNCTAD's mandate.