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**FINANCING THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION
IN UNCTAD'S EXPERT MEETINGS**

Draft decision *

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

Recalling the guidelines for the functioning of UNCTAD's intergovernmental machinery, in particular paragraph 15, adopted at the nineteenth special session (Mid-term Review) of the Trade and Development Board and the decision of the Working Party on this matter at its resumed thirty-eighth session,

Decides to conduct consultations on the matter in accordance with the work programme proposed by Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on 16 September 2002 (see annex).

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

Annex

Work Programme for consultations on the financing of experts in UNCTAD's intergovernmental expert meetings

- (a) The first phase should be for two weeks, starting after this session on 23 September 2002. During those two weeks, members will be invited to present the proposals that they consider would ensure the availability of the necessary resources on a regular basis for financing the participation of experts in UNCTAD's expert meetings.
- (b) The second phase should be for one month, during which consultations should take place to agree on the principal elements of the solution or solutions, building on the proposal or proposals submitted by members during the period mentioned in point (a).
- (c) The third phase should be for two weeks, if needed, for the final formulation of the solution or solutions.