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**REVIEW OF THE UNCTAD PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR
THE BIENNIUM 2000-2001**

Agreed conclusions *

The Working Party,

Having considered the UNCTAD programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001, revised in the light of the outcome of UNCTAD X,

1. Concurs with the revised UNCTAD programme of work for 2000-2001, as contained in document TD/B/WP/L.95 to be forwarded to the Trade and Development Board for its endorsement;

2. Recalls paragraph 1 of the UNCTAD section of the draft Medium-term Plan for the period 2002-2005 (TD/B/EX(24)/L.2) stating *inter alia* that the overall purpose of the programme is the integration of the developing countries into the global economy, and further recalls paragraph

* As approved at the Working Party's 137th plenary meeting on Wednesday, 19 April 2000.

4 of the draft Medium-term Plan stating *inter alia* UNCTAD's role as focal point for the United Nations system for least developed country issues and that the needs and interests of countries with economies in transition and structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies and landlocked and transit developing countries will be taken into account as specified in Part II of the Plan of Action (TD/386);

3. Invites the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to ensure that the implementation of paragraph 133 of the Plan of Action will include full coverage of the issues and countries referred to therein;

4. Takes note of the statement by the secretariat that the substance of paragraphs 107 and 109, subparagraph 4, of the Plan of Action would be addressed initially in the discussion paper series referred to in Subprogramme 9.1: Globalization, interdependence and development, section A (b)(ii), of the revised programme of work;

5. Notes the comments made with respect to biotrade and the positive agenda on agricultural issues and invites the Secretary-General to take appropriate action in line with the provisions of the Plan of Action;

6. Takes note of the indications provided by the secretariat on the internal arrangements under way to respond to the mandates contained in the Plan of Action with respect to reinforcement of the work on Africa and the strengthening of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States;

7. Requests that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD submit detailed costed proposals on the implementation of paragraph 166 of the Plan of Action for consideration at the thirty-sixth session of the Working Party, as well as proposals for an advisory body to be established by the Trade and Development Board;

8. Urges the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to take measures to ensure that the information placed on the UNCTAD master website is updated regularly and to ensure coordination among various UNCTAD websites in order to make them user-friendly through cross-linkages and to avoid unnecessary duplication;

9. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to ensure that the *Annual Report* is published regularly and that all Divisions contribute to the preparation of the *Annual Report*.