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Proposal by Belarus for the outcome document

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The Trade and Development Board,

1. *Recognizing* the importance of enabling environment at all levels for inclusive and sustainable development and the role of UNCTAD in providing assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the area of multilateral and regional trade negotiations as well as in the area of formulation of trade policy frameworks, we express support for UNCTAD work aimed at maintaining and strengthening the economic integration.

2. *Emphasizing* that regional integration cannot be a substitute for the multilateral trading system and has an important complementary role thereto, call on UNCTAD to further develop its analytical work and assistance with respect to the integration processes that are taking place across globe, regions and within regions. Welcome the idea of further exploring and promoting the potential for strengthening the economic connectivity between the regions and economic associations with the view to contribute to sustainable development. Invite UNCTAD to launch a new phase of its work on this subject matter through upholding an international conference of major economic integration associations from around the world.
