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Joint Inspection Unit Report: Review of management and administration in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

(Agenda item 2)

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling the decision taken at UNCTAD XIII regarding the JIU report, as well as the Doha Mandate, and its paragraph 19,

Having considered the JIU Report, entitled Review of Management and Administration in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, contained in document JIU/REP/2012/1, the UNCTAD management response as contained in document TD/B(S-XXVI)/CRP.1, the oral presentations of these documents by the JIU inspector and the UNCTAD Secretary-General as well as the deliberations at the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the JIU for undertaking the review of the management and administration in UNCTAD, and to the UNCTAD secretariat for preparing the management response;
2. *Reaffirms* its commitment to the ongoing engagement to strengthen UNCTAD;
3. *Reaffirms* that further efforts should be made to enhance UNCTAD's lasting effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, and relevance, in the implementation of its established mandate for the benefit of all member States;
4. *Emphasizes* the importance of strategic guidance and oversight by member States of the work of the UNCTAD secretariat through the intergovernmental machinery, while the responsibility for effective day-to-day management and administration of the organization lies with the secretariat;

5. *Requests* the secretariat to draft a detailed costed work plan and propose appropriate timelines for implementation, within available resources, for further improving the management and administration of UNCTAD, for consideration by member States at the fifty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board, to be circulated sufficiently in advance to allow adequate preparation.

6. The draft work plan should take into account:

(a) Elements raised by member States at the special session, including: implementation of an integrated results-based management framework, enhanced monitoring and evaluation capacity, enhanced outreach and communications including with the Geneva-based Missions, enhanced coordination of activities internally and externally including through improved processes and procedures, equitable geographic and gender representation, transparent and effective human resource management, an effective fundraising strategy and the possibility of the establishment of a non-earmarked trust fund;

(b) The JIU report;

(c) The UNCTAD management response.

7. In elaborating the draft work plan, the UNCTAD secretariat should ensure that the programmes and resources required for the implementation of the Doha Mandate will not be affected.
