TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
REVIEW OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD

Draft decision *

The Trade and Development Board,

1. Takes note of the report on the review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (TD/B/50/2-TD/B/WP/163 and Add. 1 and 2);

2. Welcomes the increase in extrabudgetary financial resources while expressing concern over the declining share going to LDCs and Africa;

3. Recommends that the secretariat implement the text attached to this decision as the strategy for UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities, taking into account the ideas contained in the note on capacity development (TD/B/50/9-TD/B/WP/168);

4. Invites the secretariat to further strengthen the coordination between the different entities of the secretariat with a view to integrated approaches and through dissemination of this strategy among all staff members, particularly project managers;

5. Invites the secretariat to make a presentation on this strategy and its implementation on the occasion of UNCTAD XI, and to make sustained efforts to promote it among donors and beneficiary countries;

* As approved at the 159th (closing) plenary meeting of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget at its forty-first session.
6. **Requests** the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, at its annual sessions dealing with technical cooperation activities, to review progress in the implementation of this strategy and report the outcome of such reviews to the Trade and Development Board;

7. **Requests** donors and beneficiaries to support the strategy and to ensure the availability of predictable and sustainable resources for its implementation.