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**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF CERTAIN TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO  
PARAGRAPH 164 (viii) OF THE UNCTAD X PLAN OF ACTION,  
IN ORDER TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING**

**Draft decision \***

The Trade and Development Board,

1. Recommends to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD that he rapidly establish advisory groups for the ASYCUDA, DMFAS and ACIS programmes; such groups would be composed of technical representatives of interested member States, including existing and potential donors and beneficiaries, and the secretariat; these new groups will advise the Secretary-General on a range of issues affecting these programmes, including options for ensuring the financial sustainability of the programmes;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consider the establishment of a DMFAS trust fund in order to ensure the financial sustainability of the central operation of the DMFAS Programme, as well as the different options and modalities for such a trust fund, and to report to the Working Party at its next session.

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- As approved by the Working Party at the closing plenary of its thirty-sixth session, on Friday, 15 September 2000.