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**Draft decision submitted by the
President of the Trade and Development Board**

Savings resulting from improved overall cost effectiveness

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling paragraph 107(a) of "A Partnership for Growth and Development", paragraph 33 of General Assembly resolution 51/167 and paragraph 55 of General Assembly resolution 52/220,

Decides:

- (a) To request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to present as soon as possible to the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget a detailed report on the savings achieved pursuant to UNCTAD IX;

- (b) That the Working Party should meet urgently to review the savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the Conference, including restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and reform of the secretariat and to analyze proposals, when forthcoming, on the use of such savings;

- (c) That the Working Party should propose recommendations on how to allocate in the 1998-1999 budget cycle a part of the savings already achieved with a view to strengthening UNCTAD capabilities, including inter alia technical cooperation.