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REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE 1990s

Item 4 (b) Contribution by the Board to the consideration of the General Assembly, at its fifty-second session, of holding a third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Third United Nations Conference on LDCs Draft recommendation by the Board to the General Assembly

1. Without prejudice to any decision to be taken by the General Assembly, and pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions 45/206 and 50/103 and to para.140 of the Programme of Action, the Trade and Development Board recommends the following for the consideration by the 52nd session of the UN General Assembly of the convening of a third United Nations Conference on LDCs, which would:

- (a) Assess the results of the Programme of Action during the 1990s at the country level;
- (b) Review implementation of international support measures, particularly in the areas of ODA, debt, investment and trade;

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(c) Consider the formulation and adoption of appropriate national and international policies and measures for sustainable development of LDCs and their progressive integration into the world economy.

2. The Conference should take place at the end of the decade.

3. An intergovernmental preparatory committee would be convened in due time to prepare for the Conference. This would be preceded by three expert-level preparatory meetings, two in Africa, one of which would include the Americas, and one in Asia and the Pacific.

4. UNCTAD would be designated as the focal point for the preparation of the Conference.