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**AGREED CONCLUSIONS ADOPTED BY THE WORKING PARTY
AT ITS FORTIETH SESSION, SECOND PART ¹**

A

Review of the work programme: Draft programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

The Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget,

Having considered Section 12, “Trade and development”, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, as contained in documents A/58/6 (Sect. 12) and TD/B/WP(XL)/CRP.1,

1. *Concurs* with the programmatic content of Section 12, which has taken into account many of the comments made by the Working Party at its January 2003 session, as well as the views expressed by member States through, *inter alia*, the survey on publication proposals;
2. *Emphasizes* the importance of UNCTAD’s role and contributions to the implementation of the commitments arising from the outcomes of major international conferences, including the United Nations Millennium Summit, the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, the International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
3. *Emphasizes* also the importance of UNCTAD’s assistance to member States in the implementation of the post-Doha work programme of the World Trade Organization and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD);

¹ As adopted by the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget at its 157th plenary meeting on 22 May 2003.

4. *Stresses* the importance of the *Least Developed Countries Report*, and *requests* the Trade and Development Board to consider having this report published on an annual basis within the existing regular budget, with the possibility of extrabudgetary resources;
5. *Invites* development partners to continue their support to UNCTAD's activities in response to emerging requests from developing countries.

B

UNCTAD's technical cooperation

The Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget,

Takes note of the information provided by the secretariat in document TD/B/WP/161 and of the indication that a new draft strategy for UNCTAD's technical cooperation will be prepared and presented to the Working Party at its forty-first session for consideration by member States.