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Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System  
of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,  
as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 45/210

The General Assembly,

Stressing the principle of free and fair global trade, which should be conducive to the significant enhancement of the trade and development prospects of all countries, in particular developing countries, and the importance to that end of promoting transparency with regard to national trade measures,

Recalling Trade and Development Board decision 354(XXXIV) of 10 May 1988, 1/ in which the Board recognized that the computerized database on trade measures was a valuable source of information on general and product-specific trade measures and authorized the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to provide, on request, the information contained in that database,

\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/43/15), vol. I, sect. II.A.

Recalling also paragraph 1 (b) of its resolution 45/210 of 21 December 1990, in which it called for the adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System to monitor environmental regulations for possible protectionism and to monitor non-tariff measures that have a bearing on the environment, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Trade and Development Board decision 384(XXXVII) of 12 October 1990, 2/

1. Welcomes Trade and Development Board decision 395(XXXVIII), of 4 October 1991, 3/ in which the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development was invited to make use of the information collected by and held in the International Trade Centre as well as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and other relevant organizations for the purpose of facilitating collection by the Conference of data on environmental measures related to trade in the Trade Control Measures Information System, and to continue to make available on request information from the System;

2. Notes the initial steps taken by the secretariat of the Conference to introduce the adjustments in the System called for by the General Assembly in resolution 45/210;

3. Also notes the measures initiated by the Secretary-General of the Conference to disseminate the information contained in the database and invites Member States which have not yet done so to designate focal points to facilitate the exchange and dissemination of information contained in the System;

4. Stresses the need to further improve and strengthen the database, including an expansion of its coverage of countries and measures and more continuous updating of the information contained therein, with a view to enhancing its utility for trade negotiations and export promotion, as well as for analytical purposes, and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to take all the additional measures necessary to expedite the work required, in particular the adjustment of the System called for by the Assembly in resolution 45/210, and to promote and facilitate the dissemination of information from the System and any analysis thereof, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Trade and Development Board resolution 393(XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991. 4/

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2/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/45/15), sect. III.B.2.

3/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/46/15), vol. II, sect. II.B.

4/ Ibid., sect. II.A.