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**INTERDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES  
FROM A TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE:  
RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES;  
SOME LESSONS FROM EAST ASIAN DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

Draft agreed conclusions

1. The Trade and Development Board expresses its appreciation of the work so far undertaken by the UNCTAD secretariat on development experiences of developing countries as part of its analysis of interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective. The secretariat should pursue this work, drawing as necessary on experiences of developing countries in other regions, and of the more successful least developed countries, deriving relevant policy lessons.
2. The Board takes note of the secretariat's intention to formulate lessons that could be considered by developing countries in Africa, and of the support to that undertaking being provided by Japan.
3. The Board invites its President to conduct informal consultations designed to re-vamp further the way the Board addresses the item on interdependence, drawing on the lessons learned from innovation undertaken so far.
4. In the above connection, decisions would be taken at an executive session of the Trade and Development Board in the Spring of 1997.