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**IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 166 OF UNCTAD X  
PLAN OF ACTION**

**Draft decision \***

The Trade and Development Board,

1. Takes note of the report “Strengthening UNCTAD’s capacity-building programmes and activities” (TD/B/WP/133) of 4 September 2000 and encourages the Focal Point to continue his work on the implementation of paragraph 166;

2. Takes note that the approved budget for UNCTAD for the biennium 2000-2001 does not make provision for the organization of regular training courses from existing regular budget resources or available extrabudgetary resources for the implementation of paragraph 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action (TD/386);

3. Invites the Secretary General of UNCTAD to seek urgently the necessary resources to prepare and deliver three training courses in 2001 by exploring a variety of funding arrangements, including the United Nations programme budget, particularly sections 21 (the regular programme of technical cooperation) and 33 (the Development Account), voluntary contributions and a combination thereof;

4. Notes with regret that the detailed costed proposals mandated by paragraph 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action are not yet available, and calls on the secretariat to provide such proposals at the latest by the next session of the Working Party;

5. Reiterates the importance it attaches to the early and full implementation of paragraph 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action, and urges the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to take all necessary measures to this end in the context of the preparation of the programme budget for 2002-2003.

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\* As approved by the Working Party at the closing plenary of its thirty-sixth session, on Friday, 15 September 2000.