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**Proposal by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD
for the substantive item of the provisional agenda for UNCTAD XI**

Enhancing coherence between national development strategies and global economic processes

Achieving the agreed development goals for the Millennium will require greater coherence between, on the one hand, international processes and negotiations, notably in the fields of trade, investment and technology, and on the other hand diverse national development strategies. The role of UNCTAD should be to help ensure that coherence. In particular:

- *UNCTAD XI should help generate international consensus on how to make global mechanisms, disciplines and processes more development-friendly, including both in ongoing negotiations and in proposals for reform.*
- *UNCTAD XI should advance understanding on development strategies that seize opportunities offered by international trade and investment while taking account of the constraints posed by globalization, based on the experiences of developing countries at different stages of development.*