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At the request of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva, the text of the document of the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultation and Co-operation, adopted during the Ninth Non-Aligned Summit, held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 4 to 7 September 1989, is annexed hereto for the information of the members of the Trade and Development Board.

Summit Level Group for South-South Consultation and Co-operation

It is widely recognized that the Non-aligned and the developing countries have not yet fully exploited the potential for co-operation among themselves. There is considerable scope for such co-operation among the developing countries consistent with mutuality of commercial and economic benefits, especially over the medium and longer term horizon. Greater South-South co-operation will also lend cohesion and credibility to our efforts to further the North-South dialogue. To this end, it is proposed to set up a Summit Level Group. The Group will:

- (a) Work out a Plan of Action for South-South Co-operation, taking into account inputs from the work of the South Commission and other sources,
- (b) Promote the adoption of this Plan of Action by developing countries in forums such as the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 and supervise progress in implementation,
- (c) On the basis of experience gained, the Group will suggest new items for inclusion in the Plan of Action for South-South Co-operation,
- (d) Review periodically the world economic situation and the state of international economic relations affecting developing countries and suggest strategies for the developing countries for coping with emerging challenges, including initiatives to be proposed in North-South forums.

The composition of the Group will be the following:

List of countries in Summit Level Group

1. Algeria
2. Argentina
3. Egypt
4. Indonesia
5. India
6. Jamaica
7. Malaysia
8. Nigeria
9. Peru
10. Senegal
11. Venezuela
12. Yugoslavia
13. Zimbabwe

The Group will be assisted by a team of experts working on a full-time basis. The composition of the team will be decided later.

It is proposed that the creation of Summit Level Group should be announced at the conclusion of the Non-Aligned Summit. However, the Group itself will be autonomous.