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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the High-level Meeting on ECDC held in Cairo in August 1986, the rules of procedure adopted at its first meeting held in Caracas in August 1987, the provisions of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VII) held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, the First Annual Meeting of the Group of 77, held in New York in September 1989, and the provisions of the Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VIII), held in Panama City in August-September 1993, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its ninth meeting in New York from 4 to 8 April 1994.
2. IFCC-VIII, held in Panama City from 30 August to 3 September 1993, decided that a special meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF should be convened to: (a) assess the results achieved by PGTF; (b) examine options available to expand its resources; (c) review the implementation of the guidelines for its utilization in the light of the experience gained and recommend their improvement and adjustment if necessary; and (d) reconsider a project proposal submitted by the Action Committee for Collaboration in the Field of Consultancy, Construction and Engineering.
3. Following a request by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, the meeting combined the special session of the Committee of Experts, as mandated by IFCC-VIII, and the regular session for 1994, with a view to rationalizing the work of the Committee of Experts.
4. The meeting was attended by the six members of the Committee, representing the three regions of the Group of 77. A representative of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York also attended the meeting. Dr. Eduardo Praselj was elected chairman of this session. The list of participants appears as annex I.
5. An officer of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP was invited by the Committee to provide information on matters related to UNDP relevant to the deliberations of the Committee.
6. The Committee adopted the following agenda:
  1. Assessment of the results achieved by PGTF;
  2. Consideration of options available to expand the resources of PGTF;
  3. Review of the guidelines of PGTF with a view to their improvement;
  4. Consideration of new project proposals;
  5. Assessment of the implementation of approved projects;
  6. Other matters.
7. The Committee had before it the following documents:
  1. Inputs submitted by Member States concerning the guidelines for the utilization

of PGTF

2. Working Paper submitted by the Office of the Chairman concerning the guidelines for the utilization of PGTF
3. Thirty-five (35) project proposals;
4. Twelve (12) project reports received by the Office of the Chairman
5. Note by the Office of the Chairman on the status of approved projects
6. Note by UNDP on the composition of the PGTF portfolio.
7. Note by UNDP on the financial status of PGTF

## II. ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY PGTF

8. Since its establishment in 1986, the PGTF has provided support to 43 projects for a total of US\$4,055,321. These projects fall within the various priority areas identified in the Caracas Programme of Action and they include activities carried out at the sub-regional, regional and interregional levels. A breakdown of the areas receiving the largest support from PGTF is as follows:

22% to trade related projects, mainly support to GSTP negotiations;  
 21% to projects related to information exchange and dissemination;  
 20% to projects in the food and agriculture sector;  
 10% to technology related projects; and  
 27% to projects in the areas of finance, consulting services, training, other TCDC activities, industrialization and finance

On the basis of country coverage, PGTF resources were allocated as follows:

51% to inter-regional projects;  
 31% to sub-regional projects;  
 16% to regional projects; and  
 2% to action committees.

A summary of the utilization of PGTF resources is provided in Annex II.

9. It should be noted that in spite of the limited resources made available to PGTF at its inception and the difficulties arising from the very limited infrastructure for supporting the work of the Committee of Experts and ensuring an appropriate follow-up of the implementation of projects, PGTF has proved to be a viable initiative, where ECDC and TCDC activities are funded according to the priorities decided by the Group of 77.

10. For a number of years, one of the main shortcomings of PGTF has been the lack of suitable project proposals and the rather long delays in implementing the approved projects. This problem was tackled through: (a) a vigorous effort by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York to increase awareness of governments of developing countries and

intergovernmental institutions of the possibilities of PGTF as a source of financial support for ECDC/TCDC; (b) facilitating the process of submission and appraisal of projects by the preparation and dissemination of a model format and an informative brochure; and (c) expediting the follow-up and implementation of approved projects by adopting the appropriate operational arrangements between the Office of the Chairman and the UNDP as the administering body of the resources of PGTF.

11. As a result of these activities, some 30-50 project proposals are being submitted each year for consideration by the Committee of Experts. This development has coincided with a sharp decline in the resources available for project support, that would require urgent action from the Group of 77 to preserve and ensure the long-term viability of PGTF as an important, albeit modest, source of financial support for ECDC and TCDC.

12. It should also be noted that the original project cycle, including submission, appraisal and recommendation by the Committee of Experts and approval by member countries of the Group of 77, assumed a yearly session of the IFCC with a view to holding a discussion of the proposals at the governmental level. Since IFCC is no longer meeting on a yearly basis, it is important to ensure the necessary continuity of PGTF through suitable intersessional arrangements, as recommended in the final report of IFCC-VIII.

### III. CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO EXPAND THE RESOURCES OF PGTF

13. According to the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, the resources available for supporting projects were provided by the interest earned by the core capital of the Fund (US\$ 5 million), plus the interest stemming from the unspent resources in any given year. In its second meeting in 1988, the Committee recommended that the UNDP explore ways and means to increase the yield of the Fund resources, striking the appropriate balance between yield, security and availability of resources. As a result of this recommendation, the core capital of the Fund was invested in high-yield medium-term financial instruments that provided an average return of around 9% per annum and therefore the yearly resources available to PGTF were in the order of US\$500,000.

14. The majority of these medium-term instruments matured in December 1993 and the reinvestment of funds was adversely affected by the low level of interest rates prevailing in the major financial markets. As a result, current average yield of PGTF resources is slightly above 5% per annum and the yearly available resources have been reduced to US\$300,000. This is likely to be the case for 1994 and 1995 as well. This development puts a very severe constraint on the capability of PGTF to support ECDC/TCDC projects.

15. The Committee examined various potential ways and means to expand the resources of PGTF. Options available fall within one of the three following categories: (a) increase of the core capital; (b) increase of the yield of the PGTF portfolio; and (c) increase of the multiplier

effect of PGTF resources.

(a) Increase of core capital

16. This option implies the enlisting of contributions from potential donors. Since the current guidelines for utilization of PGTF establish that only interest accruing from the core capital can be used for supporting projects, the request for contributions should be made on the same grounds, that is funds-in-trust to be administered by the UNDP, with the provision that only the interest earnings could be utilized for funding projects.

17. The potential donors may include interested developing and developed countries as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations. Private foundations may represent a promising source for contributions.

18. The possibility of earmarking these contributions for certain types of projects or certain areas of activity or project components, such as environmental concerns, should also be considered.

19. The Committee was of the view that the Chairman of the Group of 77 should be requested to identify and approach the potential donors with a view to exploring their interest and willingness to make contributions, taking into account the foregoing.

(b) Increase of the yield of the PGTF portfolio

20. The short-term outlook of financial markets where UNDP invests the PGTF core capital in accordance with its Financial Rules and Regulations, indicate that it is very unlikely that interest rates will increase in the next two or three years, and there are very little prospects that the yield of the current PGTF portfolio would show any substantial increase. There are other possibilities for financial investment of PGTF resources that could result in higher returns but at the expense of an increased risk that makes these options unfeasible.

21. Following the maturity of two medium-term (four years) financial instruments in December 1993, the UNDP decided to reinvest in shorter-term (two years) financial instruments in view of the prevailing low interest rates. The Committee was of the view that the evolution of interest rates should be closely followed in order to make the necessary recommendations to UNDP. This would imply that PGTF core capital should be maintained in financial instruments with a maturity of 2-3 years until the interest rates peak. At that moment, it would be advisable to select longer-term instruments.

22. The Committee recommended that the situation of the interest rates be examined at each session of the Committee with a view to making appropriate recommendations.

(c) Increase of the multiplier effect of PGTF resources

23. One of the available options for increasing the multiplier effect of PGTF resources is through cofinancing of projects with third parties, including governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

24. The operationalization of this option requires the identification of entities interested in cofinancing projects with the PGTF, and a workable arrangement for identifying and selecting projects for cofinancing. One possible way is the submission, after approval by IFCC or the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, as appropriate, of the projects availing from the funding of the PGTF to the prospective cofinancing entities with a view to enlisting their support. It has to be borne in mind that this option would introduce a certain rigidity in the implementation process of the approved projects.

25. Another option would be to request a mandatory minimum contribution from the project sponsors when submitting proposals for consideration by the Committee of Experts.

#### IV. REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES OF PGTF

26. The Committee of Experts made a thorough revision of the inputs provided by governments regarding the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and noted that only six countries provided comments in writing for the special session.

27. The Committee considered that, in the light of the experience of the PGTF since its inception in 1986, some adjustments have to be made to the guidelines with a view to ensuring a more effective and prompt response of PGTF to the needs of developing countries. These adjustments can be grouped into three categories: (a) clarifications regarding the meaning of criteria for project eligibility; (b) new elements to be added to the project criteria in view of the current severe limitation of resources of PGTF; and (c) improvements in the operational arrangements between the Office of the Chairman, the project sponsors and the UNDP with a view to expediting the follow-up and implementation of approved projects.

##### (a) Clarifications regarding the meaning of criteria for project eligibility

28. The Committee was guided by the interpretations provided on a consistent basis by the Committee in its first eight meetings regarding the criteria for project eligibility. It should be noted that the guidelines provide a general framework within which it is necessary to appraise the specific features of every individual project.

29. One main area where some clarification is required is the scope of eligibility of projects. It should be noted that around one-half (113 out of 224) of the project proposals submitted for consideration by the Committee of Experts in its first eight meetings were not eligible for funding because they corresponded to national projects. Even though the basic purpose of PGTF is to finance ECDC/TCDC projects and therefore national projects are not eligible as indicated in the guidelines, it seems that this aspect has not been adequately perceived by the project

sponsors.

30. The Committee recommended that the following clarification should be added to the criteria for project eligibility:

*Projects that are exclusively of a national nature would not be eligible for financing. A project to be eligible should necessarily contain an ECDC or TCDC component, that is any activity that involves the deliberate and voluntary sharing, pooling or exchange of economic and technical resources, skills and capabilities between two or more developing countries for their individual or mutual development.*

31. The definition of the cooperative dimension of projects to be eligible is a second area that requires clarification. In this regard, the Committee recommended the following:

*For nationally executed projects to be eligible, the cooperative component of the project has to be established through the identification and declared interest of and explicit participation by other developing countries as potential beneficiaries in the activities of the project, as appropriate.*

*Cooperative projects can be carried out on a sub-regional, regional or inter-regional basis. In this regard, projects that are essentially of a bilateral nature are not eligible for funding.*

*Dissemination of results to interested countries cannot by itself be considered as a rationale for the cooperative character and hence the eligibility of the project.*

32. The guidelines indicate that the objective of the Fund is to provide seed money for ECDC/TCDC activities. This implies that regular budget activities of organizations and institutions are not eligible for funding. However, the Committee was of the view that this does not preclude the eligibility of ongoing activities, provided that the requested support is of a catalytic nature. In the light of the above, the Committee considered that it should be necessary to provide clarifications in this regard:

*The support provided by PGTF is of a catalytic nature and cannot be used for the full implementation of a project, which is the responsibility of the participating countries. In this regard, regular budget activities of organizations or institutions are not eligible for funding from PGTF resources.*

33. There has been some confusion regarding the priority areas that should be addressed in the project proposals. Even though ECDC/TCDC activities are carried out by the Group of 77 within the framework of the Caracas Programme of Action, the Committee felt that this matter should be clarified as follows:



*Project proposals submitted for funding from PGTF should address the sectoral priorities contained in the Caracas Programme of Action, that is Trade, Technology, Food and Agriculture, Energy, Raw Materials, Finance, Industrialization and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.*

(b) New elements to be added to the project criteria in view of the current severe limitation of resources of PGTF

34. As previously indicated in this report, PGTF is facing a severe shrinking of its available resources that imposes a serious limitation on its capabilities for providing support to ECDC/TCDC projects. The Committee therefore felt that it would be necessary, at least under the present circumstances, to include new elements so as to ensure the best possible use of the scarce resources available.

35. Bearing in mind the need for an adequate rotation of beneficiaries of PGTF support as well as for rationalization in the submission of project proposals, the Committee recommended that the following elements be added to the criteria for project eligibility:

*Proposing organizations and institutions may submit no more than one (1) project proposal per annum for funding from PGTF.*

*Project proposals by governmental or non-governmental organizations should be submitted to PGTF through their respective National Focal Points for ECDC/TCDC.*

*The financial support given to any project proposal in a given year cannot exceed one-fifth of the total resources available to PGTF for that year. The Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 will inform at the beginning of each calendar year the corresponding availability of resources.*

*All project proposals submitted to PGTF should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF. These inputs should be secured by the sponsors prior to submission of the proposal to PGTF.*

*The initiation of the implementation of projects, determined by the signature of the project document and the corresponding sub-contract where appropriate, should take place no more than two years after the adoption of the project by IFCC or the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77. Should this condition not be fulfilled, the funds would revert to PGTF following consideration and recommendation by the Committee of Experts.*

(c) Improvements in the operational arrangements

36. The Committee noted with satisfaction that there has been a substantial improvement in the follow-up and implementation of approved projects, as indicated by the significant reduction in the time elapsed between approval of projects and initiation of their implementation. However, the Committee felt that reporting on progress of the projects and on the status of expenditures, with very few exceptions, has not been satisfactory and action should be taken in this regard.

37. The Committee felt that executing organizations should be requested to submit timely progress and financial reports. In this regard, whenever the characteristics of the implementation of the project enable such an approach, disbursement of funds should be made in more than one tranche. The Committee recommended that the following procedure be incorporated in the follow-up and execution of projects:

*Whenever feasible, the Committee of Experts should indicate in its recommendation for adoption of a given project if disbursement of funds should take place in two or more tranches. The disbursement of subsequent tranches would be subject to the timely submission of the corresponding financial and progress reports.*

*No follow-up project would be considered until the previous one is implemented.*

38. One area that requires the support of various organizations from the United Nations system is the verification of possible duplications of proposed projects with activities under way in the various agencies of the U.N. system or in developing countries. In this regard, the Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York verifies possible duplications well before the holding of each meeting of the Committee of Experts. In this activity, the Office of the Chairman should seek the assistance of UNDP and other relevant organizations.

39. The term of office of the members of the Committee of Experts is two years, as indicated by the guidelines. Bearing in mind that it is fundamental to ensure that the Committee as a collective body strikes the right balance between experience gained and the principle of rotation, the Committee considers that this term should be increased to three or four years.

## V. CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

40. The Committee had before it thirty-five (35) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) ***Financing of the follow-up of the activities of the Group of 77 Action Committee for Collaboration in the field of Consultancy, Construction and Engineering***
- (2) ***Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat: Integrated Information***

*Systems Establishment and Use*

- (3) *Philippine Proposal: A Conference on Fisheries Development Strategies for the ASEAN Region for the Year 2000*
- (4) *Regional Strategic Armyworm Control Project*
- (5) *Training on the use of a computer simulation model for food security analysis in developing countries of the NAM*
- (6) *Establishment of an industrial Technical Information Service*
- (7) *Kenya Entrepreneurship Development for rural areas*
- (8) *Evaluation of Mineral Ore resources in Kenya*
- (9) *Protection of Lake Victoria Waters*
- (10) *The Integration of Women, Retirees and the Youth into Industry*
- (11) *Teaching of practical skills in polymer (plastic) processing*
- (12) *A Survey of Polymer Industries, products, processing techniques, equipment and its bi-products in the Kenyan industrial sector plus industrial waste disposal*
- (13) *Corps of Senegalese Volunteers for Development (CVSD)*
- (14) *Integrated Development Plan for the recovery of historical and artistical sites*
- (15) *Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction*
- (16) *Technical assistance to members of the Group of 77 participating in the Second Round of Negotiations within the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) and seeking membership in the GSTP, as well as related technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP*
- (17) *Program for the Development of Communications and Cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean Educators (AELAC)*
- (18) *The Latona Project (Dominican Republic)*
- (19) *Establishment of TIN Management Center to coordinate the global establishment of the network with a Project Coordinating Committee*
- (20) *Promotion and Enhancement of the Self-Propelling Growth Strategy*
- (21) *Low cost housing technology programme*
- (22) *Training of extension personnel from developing countries*
- (23) *Competence building in biotechnology*
- (24) *India and ASEAN: An operational programme for economic cooperation*
- (25) *Foreign direct investment in MERCOSUR countries*
- (26) *Productive internationalization in MERCOSUR: Foreign direct investment and regional transnational corporations*
- (27) *Establishment of a productivity centre and advisory services in the mines and energy sector*
- (28) *Technical assistance to establish petroleum college in Sudan, Africa*
- (29) *ASEAN Regional Development Centre for Mineral Resources (ARDCMR)*
- (30) *Arab Regional Legislation Information Network - ARLIN*
- (31) *West Indian Immigrants in Urban America: Policy Research and Action Plan for Skills and Technology Transfer*
- (32) *Catering and Tourism Training Institute Expansion Project*
- (33) *Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa*

- (34) *The Latona Project (Honduras)*
- (35) *Control of Eutrophication and pollution in Iraqi Lakes*

41. The following six (6) project proposals were submitted after the established deadline of 31 March 1994 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session:

- (1) *Feasibility study for renovation of textile mills*
- (2) *Pyinmana sugar factory no. 1 renovation project*
- (3) *Disposable syringes production project*
- (4) *Prefeasibility study for cement plant projects and for operating the production capacity of existing cement mills*
- (5) *Technical experts for granite quarrying*
- (6) *Renovation of the Myaungmya jute mill*

Project proposal No. 1 - Financing of the follow-up of the activities of the Group of 77 Action Committee for Collaboration in the field of Consultancy, Construction and Engineering

42. This project proposal was reconsidered by the Committee of Experts as requested in paragraph 79 of the Final Report of IFCC-VIII. The project proposal was originally submitted to the Committee of Experts at its eighth meeting in 1993 by the G-77 Action Committee for the Collaboration in the Field of Consultancy, Construction and Engineering and endorsed by the Member Countries of the Action Committee.

43. On that occasion the Committee was of the view that this project could lead to duplication of work currently carried out by the United Nations system and in particular by UNIDO. According to the information gathered by the Committee of Experts, the previous position was reiterated on the basis of the following evidence of duplication with some of objectives of the proposed project:

- (a) UNIDO has prepared and regularly updates a roster of consultants and experts, that includes consultants from developing countries in the field covered by the project proposal;
- (b) The Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP has developed and regularly updates the Information Referral System (INRES), that contains a comprehensive list of organizations from developing countries having the capability to provide consultancy services in the field covered by the project proposal;
- (c) UNCTAD has been providing support to the member countries of the G-77 for the GATT negotiations in the field of services;

44. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 2 - Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat: Integrated Information Systems Establishment and Use

45. The project proposal was submitted by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, headquartered in Georgetown, Guyana.
46. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to complete the establishment of an Integrated Information System in the CARICOM Secretariat and provide access to the system through the provision of training and equipment.
47. Total cost of the project, to be completed in one year, is estimated at US\$257,610. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$205,900 to be totally devoted to the acquisition of computer hardware and software.
48. The Committee considered that the activities listed in the proposal do not relate explicitly to any cooperation project, since they refer only to the purchase of equipment and software to carry out the regular activities of the proposing institution. Therefore, this project does not comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is not eligible for funding.
49. The Committee recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 3 - *Philippine Proposal: A Conference on Fisheries Development Strategies for the ASEAN Region for the Year 2000***

50. The proposal was submitted by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Agriculture, of the Philippines.
51. According to the information submitted, the objective of the project is to hold a conference through the ASEAN Coordinating Group on Fisheries with a view to (a) convening representative interest groups from the fisheries sectors from all ASEAN member countries; (b) reviewing the status of the fisheries sectors of the region as a resource and their roles in the economies of ASEAN; (c) conducting an assessment of the impacts of various fishery management measures that affected the ASEAN as a region; and (d) examining and determining the future directions/strategies for fisheries management and development of ASEAN for the year 2000.
52. Total estimated cost of the project is US\$200,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$135,000, but no breakdown of costs was provided in the proposal. The Philippines and other ASEAN member countries contribution is US\$66,000.
53. The Committee considered that the activities described in the proposal had been carried out in larger and specific contexts, such as FAO and the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. Given that the resources of PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the U.N. agencies, the Committee concluded that this proposal is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

54. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 4 - *Regional Strategic Armyworm Control Project*

55. The project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Kenya.

56. According to the text of the proposal, the broad objective of this project is to control crop damage from armyworm with the following specific objectives: (a) to carry out a feasibility study to determine how the existing organizations can best be coordinated prior to the implementation of the project; (b) to improve and refine the understanding of the factors affecting the development and spread of the armyworms in Kenya; (c) to strengthen the monitoring, forecasting and early warning system in Kenya needed to disseminate rapidly on primary and critical outbreaks of armyworms; (d) to strengthen the capability to rapidly control such outbreaks; and (e) to strengthen the capacity of the Crop Protection Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kenya to continue with the effective armyworm control measures.

57. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a three-year period, is estimated at US\$2 million. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$500,000 while the proposing institution and the European Economic Community are contributing US\$200,000 and US\$1.3 million, respectively.

58. The Committee considered that even though the subject of the proposed project corresponds to an area of high priority, its activities indicate that it is a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. Moreover, the contribution sought from PGTF goes well beyond the current funding capability of the Fund.

59. The Committee therefore recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 5 - *Training on the use of a computer simulation model for food security analysis in developing countries of the NAM*

60. The project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia.

61. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to strengthen and improve national capabilities of NAM developing countries in analyzing and formulating policies and strategies of food security. The project involves three main outputs, namely (a) development of a computer simulation model of food security; (b) training food security planners of selected developing countries of NAM, and (c) implementing of an after-training comparative study tour.

62. Total cost of the project for training of participants of 12 countries, to be carried out in one year, amounts to US\$430,850. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$155,850.

The host country and participating countries contributions amount to US\$80,000 and US\$195,000, respectively.

63. The Committee considered that this project complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 6 - *Establishment of an industrial Technical Information Service*

64. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Kenya.

65. According to the information submitted, the objective of the project is to meet the information needs of entrepreneurs, potential investors, managers, production engineers, researchers and consultants in industry.

66. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$1.4 million. There is no indication of the contribution sought from PGTF.

67. The Committee considered that this project proposal corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

68. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of the PGTF.

Project proposal No. 7 - *Kenya Entrepreneurship Development for rural areas*

Project proposal No. 8 - *Evaluation of Mineral Ore resources in Kenya*

Project proposal No. 9 - *Protection of Lake Victoria Waters*

Project proposal No. 10 - *The Integration of Women, Retirees and the Youth into Industry*

69. These four project proposals were also submitted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Kenya.

70. The Committee examined the foregoing four proposals and found that both the scope and the beneficiaries of these projects are of national character, and therefore are not eligible for funding from PGTF.

71. The Committee recommended that project proposals Nos. 7-10 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 11 - *Teaching of practical skills in polymer (plastic) processing*

72. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Kenya.

73. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to strengthen national and regional research potential in the basic and engineering sciences through further training in

polymer processing techniques. In this regard, it is proposed to organize an eight-week course to train academic staff from eastern and central African regional universities.

74. Total cost of the project is estimated US\$381,270. There is no indication of the contribution sought from PGTF.

75. The Committee considered that even though the proposed programme is aimed at providing training on a regional basis, there is neither identification of potential beneficiaries nor any declared interest on their part. Therefore, the cooperative element of the project cannot be ascertained and it should be considered as a national one that is thus not eligible for financing from PGTF.

76. The Committee recommended that this project proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 12 - A Survey of Polymer Industries, products, processing techniques, equipment and its bi-products in the Kenyan industrial sector plus industrial waste disposal**

77. The project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Kenya.

78. According to the information provided, the objective of the project is to establish the ownership and the available equipment used in polymer processing, with a view to determining the capability of this industrial sector.

79. Total estimated cost of the project is US\$286,800. There is no indication of the contribution sought from PGTF.

80. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for financing from PGTF.

81. The Committee recommended that this project proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 13 - Corps of Senegalese Volunteers for Development (CVSD)**

82. The proposal was submitted by the Office of the Prime Minister of Senegal.

83. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to establish a Corps of Senegalese Volunteers for Development.

84. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$2.4 million. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$2 million.

85. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project that is not



eligible for financing from PGTF. Moreover, the contribution requested from PGTF exceeds by far the current capabilities of the Fund.

86. The Committee recommended that this project proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 14 - *Integrated Development Plan for the recovery of historical and artistic sites*

87. The project proposal was submitted by the Fondo Nacional de Fomento al Turismo (National Fund for Tourism Promotion) from Mexico and the Instituto Hondureño de Turismo (Honduran Tourism Institute).

88. According to the information provided, the main objectives of the project are (a) to prepare a comprehensive assessment of the historical sites of Oaxaca in Mexico and Tela in Honduras, including present socio-economic, urbanistic and architectural aspects as well as their short-, medium- and long-term prospects; (b) to provide the technical justification required for the integration and launching of a historical sites programme that would provide for the utilization, preservation, restoration and protection of cultural resources; (c) to establish the strategy for the rational and sustained utilization of Oaxaca and Tela with a view to improving local productive activities, with special emphasis on tourism development; and (d) assess the trends of environmental degradation in these historical sites.

89. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in a ten-month period, is US\$294,362. The contribution sought from PGTF is 50% of the total cost, that is US\$147,181, the balance being contributed by the proposing institutions.

90. The Committee considered that the activities described in the proposal fall fully within the purview of UNESCO and that this U.N. specialized agency should be approached for funding of the project. Furthermore, the Committee noted that the country coverage of this proposal is limited since it corresponds to a bilateral project.

91. The Committee recommended that this project proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 15 - *Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction*

92. This project proposal was submitted by the Government of Cuba.

93. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to optimize the process of obtaining high quality blood plasm from pregnant mares, as well as its preservation; (b) to optimize the process of industrial production of PMSG; (c) to undertake studies at laboratory and pilot scales with a view to producing purified PMSG; (d) dissemination of the

results of the research to interested developing countries; and (e) organization of an interregional seminar with specialists from interested developing countries.

94. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 597,194. The contribution requested from PGTF is USD 165,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Local</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	
Personnel	69,096	-	69,096
Experts	16,000	-	16,000
Equipment	257,098	80,000	337,098
Seminar	30,000	60,000	90,000
Other	<u>60,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>
	432,194	165,000	597,194

95. This proposal was originally submitted to the Committee of Experts at its sixth meeting in 1991. The view of the Committee was that the proposal corresponded to a national project and thus was not eligible for financing from PGTF, since there was no explicit participation of or declared interest by other countries as potential beneficiaries. In the revised version submitted to the present session of the Committee, the proposal contains the explicit support of the Governments of six other developing countries. Therefore, the Committee considered that the outstanding condition for complying with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF had been fulfilled.

***Project proposal No. 16 - Technical assistance to members of the Group of 77 participating in the Second Round of Negotiations within the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) and seeking membership in the GSTP, as well as related technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP***

96. The proposal was submitted by the Group of 77 in Geneva through its Chairman.

97. According to the text of the proposal, the development objectives of the project is to promote trade liberalization and diversification of trade and production of developing countries through the further enhancement of the GSTP in terms of increasing membership and expanding product coverage in the context of the Second Round of Negotiations.

98. The duration of the project is one year. Total estimated cost of the project is US\$177,000, the totality of which is the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of the project cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution</u>
Experts	70,000
Support personnel	50,000
Official travel	12,000

Meetings, workshops, including documentation, and computer time-sharing costs	42,000
Reproduction and dissemination of final report by the G-77 in New York	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL	177,000

99. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, given the limitation of resources of PGTF and taking into account that PGTF has already allocated around US\$2 million to the GSTP process, the Committee reiterated the recommendation made at its seventh meeting which was adopted by and reflected in para. 59(a) of the Final Report of IFCC-VIII where the Chairmen of the Group of 77 in New York and in Geneva were invited to explore various other sources of possible funding for the GSTP process, specifically related to technical support to the GSTP, including support to the Ministerial Meeting of the GSTP Negotiating Committee.

**Project proposal No. 17 - Program for the Development of Communications and Cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean Educators**

100. This project proposal was submitted by the Association of Educators of Latin America and the Caribbean (AELAC), headquartered in Havana, through the Government of Cuba.

101. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to expand Latin American and Caribbean coordination and integration so as to improve higher education and develop its own pedagogy in answer to the problems and needs of the region; (b) to increase professional relations between institutions and workers in the field of education; (c) to establish material and human conditions enabling communication and specialized information exchange; (d) to publicize experiences and promote the knowledge and use of new techniques in education and teaching; and (e) to contribute towards the improvement of the region's educators as a basic requisite for enhancement of the educational activity.

102. The duration of the project is three years and total estimated cost of the project is US\$ 477,534. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 150,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (US\$)</u>		
	<u>Local</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel	45,000	-	45,000
Consultants	-	13,500	13,500
Training	72,000	67,200	139,200
Travel	-	44,160	44,160
Equipment	19,800	12,900	32,700
Office space and furniture	168,570	-	168,570
Other	<u>22,164</u>	<u>12,240</u>	<u>34,404</u>

TOTAL	27,534	150,000	477,534
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103. This proposal was submitted originally at the sixth session of the Committee of Experts in 1991. The view of the Committee on that occasion was that the proposal fell within the purview of activities regularly undertaken by UNESCO. However, the project sponsors made the necessary consultations and ascertained that this proposal could not be financed by UNESCO and therefore decided to resubmit it for consideration by the Committee of Experts.

104. In the light of this information, the Committee considered that the proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 18 - *The Latona Project (Dominican Republic)*

105. The proposal was submitted by Bio-Waste Technologies International, Ltd., headquartered in St. Vincent, through the Government of the Dominican Republic.

106. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to prepare a feasibility study, preliminary to the installation of facilities for the disposal and processing, through biological agents, of municipal solid wastes and sewage sludge into non-polluting material (compost), in various locations of the Dominican Republic. An immediate objective is the selection of suitable landfills for locating the waste disposal and treatment facilities.

107. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a five-year period, is estimated at US\$4,905,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$3,255,000. The initial study for selecting landfills would require six months to be completed, at a cost of US\$300,000.

108. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. Furthermore, the contribution sought from PGTF exceeds by far its current funding capacity.

109. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 19 - *Establishment of Trade Information Network (TIN) Management Center to coordinate the global establishment of the network with a Project Coordinating Committee*

110. The project proposal was submitted by the Office of the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77.

111. According to the information provided, the development objective of the project is to contribute towards the enhancing of expansion of South-South trade by meeting the information requirements of businesses and by making this information accessible to them. The immediate objective of the project is to design and initiate the programme for managing the implementation

of TIN.

112. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$255,000, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$130,000. The UNDP contribution amounts to US\$125,000 plus an in-kind contribution through office support services.

113. The Committee examined this proposal taking into consideration the high priority attached by the Group of 77 to the establishment of TIN among the CCIs, as stated in paras. 59 (b) and 60 of the Final Report of IFCC-VIII. The Committee considered that the proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 20 - *Promotion and Enhancement of the Self-Propelling Growth Strategy*

114. This proposal was submitted by the Government of Indonesia.

115. According to the text of the proposal, the development objective of the project is to strengthen South-South and international development cooperation in dealing with common critical needs and problems of the developing world through the Self-Propelling Growth Strategy (SPG). The immediate objectives of the project are: (a) to develop schemes and transfer those successful innovations through joint SPG projects; (b) to exchange experience and technical assistance on selected SPG schemes; and (c) to enhance the flow of information of any SPG related aspects by networking and interlinking the existing focal points in the participating countries and organizations.

116. Total estimated cost of the project is US\$315,720. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$215,720, the balance being provided by the government of Indonesia.

117. The Committee considered that the cooperative element of the project cannot be ascertained since there is neither identification of other developing countries as potential beneficiaries nor indication of the concrete utilization of the project's results. Therefore, the project is not eligible for financing from PGTF.

118. The Committee recommended that this project proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 21 - *Low cost housing technology programme*

119. The proposal was submitted by the Center for Science and Technology of the Non-aligned Movement through the Government of India.

120. According to the text of the proposal, the general objective of the project is to launch a viable low cost building technology programme, taking fully into account the specific climatic and economic situation prevailing in the various regions of the Group of 77.

121. The project would have a duration of two years. The total funds required for the implementation of the project would be US\$95,000, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$65,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (US\$)</u>		Total
	PGTF	NAM S&T Centre	
Publication of S&T inputs for low cost housing	-	10,000	10,000
Feasibility report	20,000	10,000	30,000
Personnel training, travel, equipment, etc.	<u>45,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
TOTAL	65,000	30,000	95,000

122. The Committee was of the view that the project complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 22 - *Training of extension personnel from developing countries*

123. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of India.

124. According to the information provided, the primary objectives of the project are: (a) to organize need-based and problem-oriented training for senior and middle managers of extension organizations of developing countries; (b) to serve as a repository of ideas and develop information, communication and documentation services on an international basis in agricultural extension management; and (c) to demonstrate effective extension education teaching procedures, methods and techniques to the managers of the agricultural extension programme.

125. Total estimated cost of the project, with a duration of five years, is US\$2,350,000 the totality of which is the contribution sought from PGTF.

126. The Committee noted that there is no identification of the other participating countries as potential beneficiaries and that the contribution requested exceeds by far the current funding capabilities of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 23 - *Competence building in biotechnology*

127. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Science and Technology of India.

128. According to the text of the proposal, the immediate objective of the proposal is to train scientists, technologies, faculty members, and managers engaged in research and development, teaching at post-graduate level, production and application activities in the area of biotechnology. The long-term objective is the creation of competence and skilled manpower for the teaching and research pool of the country which would be beneficial to the scientists, both in

India and other developing countries in the areas of mutual interest in biotechnology.

129. Total cost of the project to be carried out over a three-year period is estimated at US\$585,000, the totality of which is the contribution sought from PGTF.

130. The Committee considered that there is no identification of the potential beneficiaries of the project from other developing countries and therefore it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project. Accordingly, the proposal should be considered as a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. The Committee recommended that the project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 24 - *India and ASEAN: An operational programme for economic cooperation*

131. This proposal was submitted by the Research and Information System (RIS) for the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries, headquartered in New Delhi, through the Government of India.

132. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to make follow-up study of sectoral dialogue issues between India and ASEAN with particular preference to ASEAN's experience with other dialogue partners; and (b) to conduct bilateral studies.

133. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$88,000. Contribution from the proposing institution amounts to US\$30,000 while contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$58,000.

134. The Committee considered that the nature of the activities described in the proposal fall within the purview of the regular activities of concerned governmental and intergovernmental institutions and that therefore the proposal is not eligible for funding from PGTF. The Committee suggested that these institutions be approached for providing the necessary resources.

135. The Committee recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 25 - *Foreign direct investment in MERCOSUR countries*

Project proposal No. 26 - *Productive internationalization in MERCOSUR: Foreign direct investment and regional transnational corporations*

136. These two project proposals were submitted by the CPC Consultora Internacional Ltda., headquartered in Montevideo, through the Government of Uruguay.

137. According to the information provided, the objectives of the first proposal are to provide the national and private institutions with the information and tools necessary to empower them to take the appropriate decisions in the field of foreign direct investment (FDI) that will lead to attracting and channeling FDI in such a way that it will contribute to the growth and

development of the four countries members of MERCOSUR, both individually and as a region, thus strengthening integration.

138. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out in nine months, is US\$104,054. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$80,000.

139. The second project, according to the text of the proposal, aims at the same broad objective as the first one, but in addition to FDI, an analysis of the activities of transnational corporations in each country of the region will be made. Total cost of the second project, the duration of which is one year, is estimated at US\$182,200. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$140,000.

140. The Committee considered that the proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 27 - Establishment of a productivity centre and advisory services in the mines and energy sector**

141. The project was submitted by the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Indonesia.

142. According to the information provided, the long-term development objective of the project is to improve the productivity of the mines and energy sector and provide for increased job security and income of the sector employees through equitable sharing in the financial gains achieved through increased productivity.

143. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$100,000, the totality of which is the contribution requested from PGTF.

144. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

145. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 28 - Technical assistance to establish petroleum college in Sudan, Africa**

146. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Indonesia.

147. The Committee considered that the proposal was incomplete, since the text submitted contains only the amount of the contribution sought from PGTF (US\$50,000), but there is no indication of the activities to be carried out. Therefore, the Committee recommended that no action should be taken on this proposal. Furthermore, according to the title of the proposal, the Committee noted that the country coverage of this proposal is limited since it corresponds to a bilateral project.



148. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 29 - ASEAN Regional Development Centre for Mineral Resources (ARDCMR)

149. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Indonesia.

150. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to provide support to the ASEAN Regional Development Centre for Mineral Resources (ARDCMR) with a view to promoting economic development within the ASEAN region particularly in support of the industrialization programme in each member country and enhancing intra-ASEAN trade.

151. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$475,000. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$225,000.

152. The Committee considered that since a large proportion of the contribution requested would be used to provide compensation (incentives) to the permanent staff of ARDCMR (management, researchers and technicians), the project calls for the funding of the regular budget of the Centre. This activity does not comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and therefore the project is not eligible for funding.

153. The Committee therefore recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 30 - Arab Regional Legislation Information Network - ARLIN

154. This project proposal was submitted by the Cabinet Information and Decision Support Centre (IDSC), headquartered in Cairo, through the Government of Egypt.

155. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at supporting the acceleration of socio-economic, structural adjustment and administrative development programmes of Arab countries members of the Group of 77 through accessing, disseminating and exchanging legislation information of Arab countries via a state-of-the-art regional network. In this connection, the immediate objectives of the project are: (a) to conduct a regional survey for the legislation of the Arab countries; (b) to analyze the results of the survey and prepare the conceptual framework of the network, as well as its detailed project document; (c) to identify the technical requirements for establishing the network; (d) to communicate with official authorities in interested Arab countries to agree on the conceptual framework; and (e) to contact possible agencies to finance and support the implementation of the project.

156. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in nine months, is estimated at US\$205,000. Contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$135,000.

157. In the light of the information available, the Committee considered that this proposal falls

within the purview of participating intergovernmental organizations, such as the League of Arab States. Since PGTF resources should not be used as a substitute or resources available in other organizations, the Committee considered that this proposal does not comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

158. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 31 - West Indian Immigrants in Urban America: Policy Research and Action Plan for Skills and Technology Transfer**

159. This proposal was submitted directly by the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD), headquartered in Barbados.

160. The proposed project seeks to inquire into the consequences of migration in and out of the West Indies and the implications of such migration for the development of human resources in and for the Caribbean region. More specifically, this study will examine the assimilation process of West Indian immigrants into "host" societies of urban America and the significance of their cultural identity in nation-building.

161. The duration of the project would be fifteen months. Total estimated cost of the project is US\$190,000, the amount requested from PGTF being US\$120,000.

162. This proposal was originally submitted at the eighth meeting of the Committee of Experts in 1993. On that occasion the Committee considered that the issue of international migration was currently on the international agenda. The United Nations Conference on Population and Development to be held in Cairo in September 1994, would deal also with the issue of migration. Regional preparatory conferences would be held with a view to adopting action-oriented regional programmes of action. Therefore, the Committee considered that this project proposal should be viewed in the light of the outcome of such meetings. The Committee considered that this position still stands valid and that no action should be taken with regard to this proposal.

163. Moreover, the Committee considered that the proposal contains a certain amount of duplication with activities carried out by UNDP, in particular the TOKTEN project.

164. The Committee considered that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 32 - Catering and Tourism Training Institute Expansion Project**

165. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Ethiopia.

166. According to the information provided, the general objective of the project is to carry out the construction of a new, larger and improved Tourism Training Institute that could enhance the

development of the tourism sector of Ethiopia, the Sudan and Eritrea. The immediate objective of the project is to assess the type of training institute needed in view of its size, location, facilities, capacity, programmes and capital needed for construction and operation.

167. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out in six months, is US\$250,000. Contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$200,000.

168. The Committee considered that since the undertaking of a detailed study to create a new larger and improved tourism training center was a result of a recommendation made by the World Tourism Organization (WTO) in 1987, resources for this activity should be made available by this U.N. agency. Given that the resources of PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the U.N. agencies, the Committee concluded that this proposal is not eligible for funding from PGTF. Moreover, the Committee noted that tourism is not included in the priority sectors identified in the Caracas Programme of Action (CPA).

169. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 33 - *Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa*

170. This proposal was submitted by the Government of Benin.

171. According to the information provided, the objective of the project is to provide financial support in the form of short-term, low-interest loans to local groups involved in small-scale economic activities, as a means of providing employment, training and revenues to youth groups and women associations. Reimbursements are to be used to set up guaranty funds with local banks in order to facilitate local funding of new entrepreneurial activities.

172. The beneficiaries of the project would be twelve local groups in six African countries (Benin, Togo, Burkina Fasso, Mali, Senegal and Cameroon).

173. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$97,000, the totality of which is the contribution requested from PGTF.

174. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 34 - *The Latona Project (Honduras)*

175. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to prepare a feasibility study, preliminary to the installation of facilities for the disposal and processing, through biological agents, of municipal solid wastes and sewage sludge into non-polluting material (compost), in various locations of Honduras. The study includes surveys of prospective landfill sites, environmental impact studies, field management plans for each selected site,

evaluation of the waste streams and of all existing disposal practices, including their effect on health.

176. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a five-year period, is estimated at US\$7,890,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$4,960,000.

177. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. Furthermore, the Committee considered that the contribution sought from PGTF exceeds by far its current funding capacity.

178. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 35 - Control of eutrophication and pollution in Iraqi Lakes**

179. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Iraq.

180. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to prepare a programme for controlling eutrophication and pollution in Iraqi lakes, that includes estimating quality and quantity of pollutants, studying of accidental oil spills, recent sediments pollutants and probable changes in water quality, as well as making recommendations and control measures for suppressing the irrigation return flow to the lakes.

181. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$500,000, the totality of which is the amount sought from PGTF.

182. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project, that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption**

183. In summary, the following eight (8) project proposals comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF:

- (1) ***Training on the use of a computer simulation model for food security analysis in developing countries of the NAM***
- (2) ***Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction***
- (3) ***Technical assistance to members of the Group of 77 participating in the Second Round of Negotiations within the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) and seeking membership in the GSTP, as well as related technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP***
- (4) ***Program for the Development of Communications and Cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean Educators (AELAC)***

- (5) *Establishment of TIN Management Center to coordinate the global establishment of the network with a Project Coordinating Committee*
- (6) *Low cost housing technology programme*
- (7) *Foreign direct investment in MERCOSUR countries*
- (8) *Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa*

184. Since the contributions requested from PGTF in the foregoing project proposals exceed significantly the availability of resources for the present year, of the order of US\$300,000, the Committee of Experts had to address the subject of establishment of priorities for actual allocation of resources to projects. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in annex III.

185. Bearing in mind the need to strike an adequate balance between providing meaningful support to projects and ensuring the widest possible spread of the benefits of the resources available, the Committee noted that it was not possible to attain an equitable distribution while fully supporting any project proposal. Therefore, the Committee recommended that partial contributions be given to the four inter-regional projects, since they provide for the more general spread of benefits for the member countries of the Group of 77, as follows:

	<u>PGTF contribution (US\$)</u>	
	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
(1) <i>Training on the use of a computer simulation model for food security analysis in developing countries of the NAM</i>	155,850	70,000
(2) <i>Technical assistance to members of the Group of 77 participating in the Second Round of Negotiations within the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) and seeking membership in the GSTP, as well as related technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP</i>	177,000	80,000
(3) <i>Establishment of TIN Management Center to coordinate the global establishment of the network with a Project Coordinating Committee</i>	130,000	60,000
(4) <i>Low cost housing technology programme</i>	65,000	30,000
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	Sub-total .....	240,000

186. The Committee recommended that disbursement of the PGTF contribution for the second project, namely "Technical assistance to members of the Group of 77 participating in the Second Round of Negotiations within the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) and seeking membership in the GSTP, as well as related technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP" should be made only after the executing organization submits the outstanding financial and terminal reports for the previous phase of the project.

187. In addition, the Committee recommended that a contribution of US\$30,000 be given to two of the regional projects that comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, selected on the basis of the widest coverage of countries in their respective regions.

	<u>PGTF contribution (US\$)</u>	
	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
(5) <i>Program for the Development of Communications and Cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean Educators (AELAC)</i>	150,000	30,000
(6) <i>Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa</i>	97,000	30,000
	Sub-total .....	60,000

188. The foregoing allocation of resources amounts to a total of US\$300,000 thereby exhausting the availability of resources for this year.

189. With regard to the two remaining projects that comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, but that could not be given support because of the limited resources available, namely "Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction" and "Foreign direct investment in MERCOSUR countries", the Committee recommended that the allocation of resources should be examined at the next session of the Committee, in the light of the availability of resources and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution.

**VI. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS**

190. The Committee examined the status of implementation of the projects adopted by IFCC-VI held in Havana in September 1987, by the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, by IFCC-VII held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, by the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held respectively in New York in September 1989, October 1990, September 1991 and October 1992, and by IFCC-VII held in Panama City in August-September 1993.

191. According to the status of their implementation, approved projects can be grouped into several categories:

- (a) Projects completed;
- (b) Projects under implementation;
- (c) Projects under preparation still to be implemented;
- (d) Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF

A. Projects completed

(1) ***Group of 77 Information Bulletin***

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77/Inter Press Service (IPS)

PGTF input: US\$109,520

Duration: Four years

Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987) and IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989) for one-year extension

Number: INT/88/K01/C/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 on 11 January 1988. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and Inter Press Service is dated 8 March 1988.

Status of submission of financial reports: IPS and G-77 submitted their financial statements.

192. The implementation of this project was completed on 31 December 1991 and all the required reports have been submitted.

(2) ***Feasibility study on development of developing countries' consultancy and engineering capacities***

Submitter: International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries(ICPE)/International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO)

PGTF input: US\$70,000

Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)

Number: INT/88/K03/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and ICPE respectively on 13 October 1988 and 8 November 1988. Sub-contract agreement was not required.

Status of submission of financial report: ICPE submitted its financial statements.

193. The feasibility report was circulated to Member States by the Office of the Chairman on 2 November 1989. The executing organization has submitted all the required reports.

(3) ***Action Committee of G-77 for Cooperation in Consultancy, Construction and Engineering among Developing Countries***

Submitter: Action Committee for Cooperation in Consultancy, Construction and Engineering (Havana, Cuba)

PGTF input: US\$38,500

Duration: Six months

Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)

Number: INT/88/K04/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-



77 on 8 December 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Action Committee is dated 19 September 1990.

Status of submission of financial reports: The Action Committee submitted its financial statement.

194. The project's terminal report was circulated to Member States on 16 June 1993.

(4) ***Feasibility study on information system on technologies and projects (ISTP)***

Submitter: Centre for International Cooperation and Development (CICD) of Yugoslavia

PGTF input: US\$45,450

Duration: Six months

Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28-30 September 1988)

Number: INT/89/K01/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 respectively on 4 and 28 August 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CICD is dated 14 September 1989.

Status of submission of financial report: CICD and the G-77 submitted their financial statements.

195. The feasibility report was circulated to Member States by the Office of the Chairman on 24 October 1990.

(5) ***The Caribbean into the Twenty-first Century***

Submitter: The Nation Organization of Barbados/Eastern Caribbean Research Center (ECRC) of Saint Lucia

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Duration: Four days

Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)

Number: INT/89/K11/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 11 and 13 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Government of Saint Lucia on ECRC's behalf is dated 12 December 1990.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial statements have been submitted by ECRC.

196. The written report of the project was submitted by ECRC in May 1991. By letter dated 14 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations (who signed the sub-contract on behalf of ECRC) to submit the outstanding audio and video reports of the project as well as a cumulative statement of expenditure of funds provided by PGTF for the implementation of the project.

197. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992), recommended that an extension be given to ECRC to deliver the reports by 31 December

1992. The Chairman of the Group of 77 communicated this decision to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations in a letter dated 26 October 1992. A follow-up letter dated 19 May 1993 was sent to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia requesting the outstanding reports.

198. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1993) expressed its concern that two letters from the Chairman of the Group of 77 had not been acknowledged and recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 reiterate his request for the outstanding reports. This was done by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in a letter addressed to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations dated 25 February 1994.

199. Both the video report and the financial statement of expenditure have not been submitted by ECRC.

200. The Committee noted with deep concern that in spite of the repeated efforts deployed by the Chairman of the Group of 77 to obtain the outstanding reports, no response has been received so far. The Committee recommended that a final notice be sent to the sub-contractor requesting the forwarding of the outstanding material before 31 December 1994. Should this last effort prove to be fruitless, the Chairman of the Group of 77 should be requested to approach the sub-contractor and request the return of the funds unaccounted for. In this case, the sub-contractor should not be eligible for submitting any further proposals for funding from PGTF.

(6) ***South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)***

Submitter: South Commission

PGTF input: \$120,000

Duration: One year

Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)

Number: INT/89/K13/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and the G-77 in December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and Third World Network (TWN) is dated 21 December 1990.

Status of submission of financial report: TWN and G-77 submitted their financial reports.

201. The implementation of this project was completed on 31 January 1992 and the sub-contractor has submitted all the required reports.

(7) ***Assistance to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund***

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Duration: One week

Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)

Number: INT/89/K14/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-

77 on 29 May 1990.

Status of submission of financial report:G-77 submitted its financial reports.

202. The cost of participation of Committee members at the fifth and sixth meetings was covered by this project. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for four members who attended the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 5-7 July 1990) was \$11,971. The financial report of expenditures for this meeting was submitted to UNDP on 27 December 1990. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for four members who attended the Sixth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 24-26 June 1991) was \$12,102. The financial report of expenditures for this meeting was submitted to UNDP on 20 May 1992.

203. A cash balance of \$972 was utilized to finance the participation of members attending the Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992), the remaining cost of which was covered by project INT/90/K08 - Support to the Committee of Experts of the PGTF.

The financial report of the spent cash balance was submitted to UNDP on 19 August 1993.

(8) ***Regional symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean***

Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia.

PGTF input: \$78,000

Duration: Five and a half months

Starting date:

Completion date:

Time to complete:

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (3 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K04/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 in December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CERID is dated 17 December 1990.

Status of submission of financial report: CERID submitted its financial reports.

204. The terminal report of the project was submitted by CERID on 13 August 1991.

(9) ***Technical, secretariat and other support to the Global System on Trade Preferences among developing countries (GSTP), and technical assistance to countries participating in the GSTP***

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$350,000

Duration: Sixteenth months

Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meetings (New York, 28 September 1989)

Number: INT/90/K07/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and the

- G-77 in December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and UNCTAD is dated 14 December 1990.  
Status of submission of financial report: UNCTAD submitted its financial statement.
205. The terminal report of this project was distributed to Member States on 16 June 1993.
- (10) ***Technical Cooperation among Member States of SELA in the Field of Artificial insemination and embryo transplant***  
Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela  
PGTF input: US\$83,700  
Duration: Two years and four months  
Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (28-30 September 1988)  
Number: INT/89/K03/A/95/99  
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document signed by UNDP and SELA on 20 September 1989. Sub-contract agreement was not required.  
Status of submission of financial report: SELA submitted its financial statements.
206. Copies of the terminal and financial reports forwarded by SELA to UNDP on 12 February 1993 were made available by SELA to the Office of the Chairman.
- (11) ***Export promotion and cooperation in favor of less developed countries within the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)***  
Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) in Uruguay  
PGTF input: US\$120,000  
Duration: Twelve months  
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)  
Number: INT/89/K05/A/95/99  
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 21 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and ALADI is dated 18 December 1990.  
Status of submission of financial report: ALADI submitted its financial statements.
207. The terminal report of this project was forwarded by ALADI on 7 April 1993.
- (12) ***Establishment of a Maghreb Unit in the National Center for Information and Economic Documentation (CNIDE) of Algeria***  
Submitter: Government of Algeria  
PGTF input: US\$65,450  
Duration: One year  
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)  
Number: INT/89/K06/A/95/99  
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 respectively on 13 and 12 October 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CNIDE is dated 9 November 1989.

Status of submission of financial report: CNIDE submitted its financial statement.

208. The project's analytical report and financial statement were forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 17 August 1993.

209. The analytical report was circulated at IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993) and distributed to all the Permanent Missions of Member States in New York on 15 December 1993.

(13) ***Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN countries***

Submitter: Department of Agriculture of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$110,000

Duration: Two years

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K05/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 20 and 21 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (on behalf of the Department of Agriculture of Malaysia) is dated 8 March 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: The Government of Malaysia submitted its financial statement.

210. The terminal report of the project with a financial statement of expenditures was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations on 17 August 1993.

(14) ***Provision of consultancy services by CARICAD***

Submitter: Caribbean Center for Development Administration (CARICAD) of Barbados

PGTF input: \$45,000

Duration: Two years

Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)

Number: INT/89/K10/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 1 and 27 June 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CARICAD is dated 5 October 1990.

Status of submission of financial report: CARICAD submitted its financial statement.

211. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 28-30 June 1993) expressed its concern on the unauthorized reallocation and expenditures of PGTF resources by CARICAD and recommended that the Chairman of the Group convey this concern to the CARICAD Secretariat and the concerned governments. The Committee of Experts was further of the view that these practices should not occur in the future.

212. The Chairman of the Group of 77 communicated the above concern to the Executive Director of CARICAD in a letter dated 14 March 1994.

213. In response to the Chairman's letter of 14 March 1994, the Executive Director of CARICAD transmitted the analytical report of the project in a letter dated 25 March 1994 thus fulfilling the project's reporting requirements.

(15) ***Recovery, preservation and dissemination of printed historical documentation of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries in the Americas, existing in signatory countries of the Andres Bello Convention***

Submitter: Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$94,500

Duration: Three years

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K02/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 19 and 20 June 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the National Library of Venezuela Preservation Center (NLVPC) is dated 17 July 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: NLVPC submitted its financial statements.

214. The terminal report of the project was forwarded by NVLVPC to the Office of the Chairman on 15 December 1993.

(16) ***Economic Integration in the Southern Cone Common Market***

Submitter: Government of Argentina

PGTF input: US\$88,000

Duration: One year

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)

Number: INT/92/K01/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 22 and 28 October 1992. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the President of the "Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT) of Argentina is dated 6 November 1992.

Status of submission of financial report: CENIT has not submitted its financial statement.

215. The terminal report of the project was forwarded by the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations to the Office of the Chairman on 3 March 1994.

216. In a letter dated 28 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested CENIT to forward the outstanding financial statement in order to fulfill the project's reporting requirements.

217. The requested report was received on 6 April 1994 by the Office of the Chairman, during the ninth meeting of the Committee of Experts.

(17) ***Cooperation among developing countries' consultancy and engineering design organizations for better access and position in international consultancy and engineering market***

Submitter: International Center for Public Enterprises of Developing Countries (ICPE)/International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO), in former Yugoslavia (Slovenia)

PGTF input: \$90,000

Duration: Eighteen months

Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)

Number: INT/89/K04/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by ICPE and UNDP respectively on 11 and 18 June 1991. Sub-contract agreement was not required.

Status of submission of financial report: ICPE has not submitted its financial statement.

218. ICPE transmitted the terminal report of the project on 29 March 1994.

219. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the outstanding financial report to be submitted not later than 31 December 1994.

(b) Projects under implementation

(1) ***Feasibility study for establishing a raw materials research and development center information system***

Submitter: Government of Nigeria

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Duration: 12 months

Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)

Number: INT/89/K09/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 19 and 20 June 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council of Nigeria) is dated 1 November 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial reports have been submitted by the sub-contractor.

220. A draft feasibility report was submitted by the executing organization in November 1993.

221. The Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to submit to the Office of the Chairman the feasibility report in its final version in a letter dated 14 March 1994.

222. The Committee of Experts recommended that the executing agency should be requested to submit the final feasibility report and the financial reports not later than 31 December 1994.

(2) ***Regional programme for cooperation and coordination on plant germ plasm***

Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$58,000

Duration: Two years

Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)

Number: INT/89/K12/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and SELA respectively on 2 and 19 October 1991. No sub-contract agreement was required.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial reports have been submitted.

223. This project began to be implemented by SELA in the second half of 1993 following a disbursement by UNDP of US\$20,000 from PGTF.

224. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the executing organization to submit a progress report and the outstanding financial reports not later than 31 December 1994.

(3) ***Integrated management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America***

Submitter: National University of Costa Rica

PGTF input: US\$84,800

Duration: Two years

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K01/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 respectively on 1 and 16 July 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Foundation of Science, Art and Culture of the National University of Costa Rica (FUNA) is dated 15 October 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: FUNA has submitted financial statements for Year 1 of the project only.

225. The Chairman of the Group of 77 requested FUNA to submit the terminal and outstanding financial reports of the project in a letter dated 14 March 1994. A request for disbursement of funds for Year 2 of the project was submitted to UNDP on 22 February 1993.

226. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the sub-contractor to submit a progress report and the outstanding financial statement not later than 31 December 1994.

(4) ***In-depth review of the actions taken by the international community in favor of the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries and a basis for a***



***new strategy to overcome these needs and problems in the future***

Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia

PGTF input: US\$95,000

Duration: Nine months

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K03/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 24 April and 6 May 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CERID is dated 24 April 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: CERID submitted a financial statement for expenditure of US\$78,750 on 24 April 1992.

227. The Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Director of CERID to submit the terminal report of the project as well as the cumulative financial statement of expenditure in a letter dated 14 March 1993.

228. The Director of CERID replied to the Chairman's letter on 29 March 1994 stating that the final output of the project together with the financial statements had been sent to the Office of the Chairman at the end of July 1993. CERID is making arrangements to resend the project reports.

(5) ***Organic rice farming system***

Submitter: Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)

PGTF input: US\$85,000

Duration: Two years

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K06/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 20 and 21 December 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (on behalf of MARDI) is dated 8 March 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: MARDI has submitted its periodic financial statement.

229. The Chairman of the Group of 77 requested MARDI to submit an updated progress report as well as a statement of expenditures in a letter dated 14 March 1994.

(6) ***Support to the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund***

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$214,800

Duration: Five years

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K08/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 18 March and 4 April 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: G-77 has submitted its financial statements.

230. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for four members who attended the Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF in June 1993 was US\$15,746.

231. By letter dated 8 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested UNDP to disburse, to the Office of the Chairman, the amount of US\$20,480 to finance the participation of six experts attending the Special Meeting of PGTF on 4-8 April 1994.

(7) ***Establishment of the Regional Business and Trade Information Network for Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77***

Submitter: Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Duration: Two years

Approval: 15th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1991)

Number: INT/91/K01/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 13 and 21 November 1991. Sub-contract agreements have been signed separately with chambers of commerce and industry of the following countries acting as regional focal points: Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon (23 January 1992), the Chamber of Commerce of Bogota (4 March 1992), and the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (14 December 1992).

Status of submission of financial report: financial reports have been submitted by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon. No financial statement has been submitted from the Bogota Chamber of Commerce.

232. The Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the heads of the three regional focal points of TIN to submit their respective progress and financial reports in a letter dated 14 March 1994.

233. Progress reports were received from the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon.

234. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the Bogota Chamber of Commerce to submit the progress report and the outstanding financial reports not later than 31 December 1994.

(8) ***Public Enterprises Rationalization Project***

Submitter: Government of Saint Lucia

PGTF input: US\$60,800

Duration: Six months

Approval: 15th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1991)

Number: INT/91/K02/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 13 and 21 November 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations (on behalf of the Government of Saint Lucia) is dated 4 December 1991.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial reports have been submitted to date by the sub-contractor.

235. By letter dated 15 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Government of Saint Lucia to submit a progress report. This request was reiterated in a letter from the Chairman of the Group of 77 dated 19 May 1993.

236. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts (New York, 28-30 June 1993) took note that no progress report had yet been submitted by the sub-contractor and recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the outstanding reportings on the status of implementation of this project.

237. The Chairman of the Group of 77 reiterated his request for a progress report in a letter addressed to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations dated 14 March 1994.

238. The Committee noted with deep concern that in spite of the repeated efforts deployed by the Chairman of the Group of 77 to obtain the outstanding reports, no response has been received so far. The Committee recommended that a final notice be sent to the sub-contractor requesting the forwarding of the outstanding material before 31 December 1994. Should this last effort prove to be fruitless, the Chairman of the Group of 77 should be requested to approach the sub-contractor and request the return of the funds unaccounted for. In this case, the sub-contractor should not be eligible for submitting any further proposals for funding from PGTF.

(9) ***Raul Prebisch: Completed Works, 1919-1948, Comparative Experiences of Monetary Policies of Developing Countries, Vols. III and IV***

Submitter: Raul Prebisch Foundation

PGTF input: US\$60,700

Duration: 3 months

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)

Number: INT/92/K02/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 6 November 1992 and 9 March 1993. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the President of the Raul Prebisch Foundation is dated 14 December 1992.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial statements have been submitted.

239. The executing organization informed the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 22 February 1994 that it was making arrangements to deliver sets of the vols. III and IV of the collected works of Raul Prebisch to the Office of the Chairman for distribution to all member states of the Group of 77.

240. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the sub-contractor to submit the outstanding financial statements not later than 31 December 1994.

(10) ***Technical, Secretariat and Other Support to the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP), and Technical Assistance to Countries Participating in the GSTP***

Submitter: Group of 77 in Geneva

PGTF input: US\$250,000

Duration: One year

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)

Number: INT/92/K03/A/90/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 16 November and 12 December 1992. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and UNCTAD is dated 14 December 1992.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial statements have been submitted.

241. The Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to submit the terminal report of the project in a letter dated 14 March 1994.

242. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the executing organization to submit the terminal report and the outstanding financial reports not later than 31 December 1994.

(11) ***The development and use of a computer simulation model for supply, demand and prices of agricultural commodities in ASEAN countries***

Submitter: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia

PGTF input: US\$81,600

Duration: One year

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)

Number: INT/92/K04/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP on 10 December 1992. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations (on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia) is dated 10 February 1993.

Status of submission of financial report: The Government of Indonesia has submitted a financial statement.

243. The executing organization submitted a progress report with a financial statement on 24 February 1994.

(12) ***African Agency for Biotechnology***Submitter: Government of AlgeriaPGTF input: US\$150,000Duration: One yearApproval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)Number: INT/92/K06/A/95/99Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 16 and 20 April 1993. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Algeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Secretariat of State for Scientific Research of Algeria) is dated 3 May 1993.Status of submission of financial report: No financial reports have been submitted.

244. A request for disbursement of funds was made on 7 May 1993.

245. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the sub-contractor to submit the progress and the outstanding financial reports not later than 31 December 1994.

(13) ***African Agency for Biotechnology (Phase II)***Submitter: Government of AlgeriaPGTF input: US\$150,000Duration: One yearApproval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)Number: INT/93/K01/A/95/99Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 14 January 1994. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research of the Government of Algeria) is dated 15 December 1993.Status of submission of financial report: No financial reports have been submitted.

246. A request for disbursement of funds was made on 14 February 1994.

247. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the sub-contractor to submit the progress and the outstanding financial reports not later than 31 December 1994.

(14) ***ECDC/TCDC Information Support to Group of 77 Chapters (Journal of the Group of 77)***Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77/Inter Press ServicePGTF input: US\$51,120Duration: Two yearsApproval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992) and IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)Number: INT/93/K02

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 13 January 1994. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Administrator of IPS for North America is dated 12 January 1994.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial reports have been submitted to UNDP either by IPS or G-77.

248. Implementation of this project began in January 1993. A request for disbursement of funds for Year 1 (1993) was made on 14 March 1994.

(15) ***Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters - South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)***

Submitter: Third World Network, Penang, Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$59,881

Duration: One year

Number: INT/93/K03

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 13 January 1994. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Geneva Representative of TWN is dated 12 January 1994.

Approval: Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VIII), Panama City, Panama, 30 August-3 September 1993.

Status of submission of financial report: No financial reports have been submitted.

249. Implementation of this project began on 1 March 1994.

(c) Projects under preparation still to be implemented

(1) ***Monetary Cooperation Fund of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries***

Submitter: Government of Madagascar

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Duration: To be determined

Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)

Number: INT/89/K08/A/95/99

250. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992) recommended that the allocated funds to this project would revert to PGTF if the Government of Madagascar did not identify the name of the executing organization by the next regular session of the Committee of Experts.

251. In a Note dated 9 June 1993, the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations communicated the name of the executing organization, stating that the proposed institution needed US\$150,000 to carry out the feasibility study.

252. In this connection, the Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 28-30 June 1993) considered that the terms of the project and the allocation of funds for this project had already been approved by the Fourteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in New York in 1989 and that, therefore, it was not within the Committee's competence to amend such a decision and the project should be implemented within the approved terms of reference and budget.

253. The Committee recommended that the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF, since the project had not been implemented by the Ninth Meeting of the Committee of Experts.

(2) ***Upgrading of veterinary field health services through development of an animal disease information center***

Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$140,000

Duration: 18 months

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1-2 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K09/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document signed by UNDP and G-77 on 21 November 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Government of Malaysia has to be drawn up.

254. According to information received from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations in a copy of a letter dated 21 April 1992 addressed to the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP, the project has not been implemented due to the decision of UNDP not to approve its request for financial support in the amount of US\$186,500.

255. The request of the Government of Malaysia to UNDP was made on the basis of information provided by the Deputy-Director of the Special Unit for TCDC to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 5-7 July 1990), that the Special Unit for TCDC would be prepared to consider a request from the Government of Malaysia for providing catalytic financial support.

256. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 28-30 June 1993) took note of the decision by UNDP not to provide catalytic financial support to this project and recommended that other sources of financing for the project be found by the sponsors of the project.

257. By letter dated 14 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to provide information on other sources of funding for the project.

258. The Committee recommended that the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF if the project implementation does not start by 31 December 1994.

(3) ***Development of Agriculture Database for ASEAN***

Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$94,000

Duration: Two years

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)

259. By letter dated 22 October 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations that the request for project funding had been approved.

260. The project document and sub-contract agreement, which are required to start the implementation of the project, have not been prepared in view that the Government of Malaysia has yet to take appropriate steps toward their preparation.

261. By letter dated 14 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to expedite the submission of the project document.

262. The Committee recommended that the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF if the project implementation does not start by 31 December 1994.

(4) ***Study of Production and Distribution of Pasture Seeds and Legumes to Smallholder Dairy Farmers***

Submitter: Southern African Development Community (SADC), Gaborone, Botswana

PGTF input: US\$90,000

Number: INT/92/K07

Duration: 16 months

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 26 August 1993.

263. By letter dated 14 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to expedite the submission of the draft sub-contract agreement which has been under review by SADC since July 1993.

264. SADC replied in a letter dated 17 March 1994 that the sub-contract agreement was receiving urgent attention and that they would revert on the subject again soon.

(5) ***Guidelines and tools for a common industrial policy for Mercosur***

Submitter: Government of Brazil

PGTF input: US\$120,000

Duration: 8 months

Number: INT/93/K05/A/95/99

Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)

265. The project document has already been submitted by the executing organization for



signature by the G-77 and UNDP.

(6) ***Feasibility study for establishing a Central American hydrographic cooperation programme***

Submitter: Government of Panama

PGTF input: US\$38,500

Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)

266. By letter dated 28 February 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to expedite the submission of the project document which is required to start the implementation of the project.

(7) ***Feasibility study for a subregional center for agricultural machinery in the CEPGL subregion***

Submitter: Communauté Economique des Pays des Grands Lacs (CEPGL)

PGTF input: US\$43,000

Number: INT/93/K07/A/95/99

Duration: 81 days

Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)

267. The Office of the Chairman received the draft project document from CEPGL on 22 March 1994. It is being reviewed by both G-77 and UNDP.

(8) ***Project implementation plan of development of Agriculture database for ASEAN in the utilization of operations research***

Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$94,000

Duration: To be determined

Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)

268. By letter dated 14 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to expedite the submission of the project document which is required to start the implementation of the project.

(d) Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF

(1) ***Interregional Trade Financing Facility***

Submitter: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$40,000

Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)

Number: INT/88/K02/A/95/99

269. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1989 in accordance with the recommendation of the Third Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (Kuala Lumpur,

27-29 July 1989). The Committee of Experts made such a recommendation following information received that UNCTAD had been mandated in June 1989 by the Trade and Development Board to undertake a project having the same characteristics as the one approved for funding by PGTF, and provide the necessary financing.

- (2) ***Facilitating the implementation of the Multisectoral Information Network (MSIN)***  
Submitter: Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS)/Inter Press Service (IPS)  
PGTF input: US\$15,000  
Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)  
Number: INT/88/K05/A/95/99

270. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1990 after the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 5-7 July 1990) considered that there were no clear prospects for the implementation of this project three years after its approval.

271. IFCC-VI recommended in para. 72(1) of its report that: (a) the project document related to the feasibility report offered to be prepared by TIPS/IPS should be submitted for the consideration of the panel of experts on the MSIN pilot project scheduled to be convened in the first half of 1988; and (b) the disbursement of the approved funds would be released after the meeting of the panel of experts on MSIN had expressed its views on the project document.

272. The meeting of the panel of experts on MSIN which was to have considered the project document related to the feasibility report, was not been convened given that the required number of 15 countries needed to launch the project could not be reached. The Committee of Experts of PGTF considered that this project proposal may be resubmitted at an appropriate time.

- (3) ***Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation***  
Submitter: International Center for Public Enterprises (ICPE)/Research Center for Cooperation with Developing Countries (RCCDC) of Yugoslavia  
PGTF input: US\$35,000  
Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28-30 September 1988)  
Number: INT/89/K02/A/95/99

273. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1992 as no matching contribution was received by 31 December 1991.

274. In accordance with the decision of the 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1-2 October 1990), the approved amount for this project would be reverted to PGTF if the matching contribution of US\$ 35,000 from the Action Committee was not received by 31 December 1991.

275. In accordance with the decision of IFCC-VI contained in paragraph 72(5) of its Report, the Action Committee would receive the matching amount of US\$35,000 from PGTF only after it has received a matching contribution of the same amount from its member countries.

276. The 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting decided that this project proposal could be resubmitted at an appropriate time if no matching contribution was received by 31 December 1991.

VII. OTHER MATTERS

277. The Committee agreed that the deadline for the submission of project proposals by Member States for consideration at its next regular session will be 31 March 1995. At this session, the Committee will also consider the project proposals referred to para. 41 of this report.

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SUMMARY OF THE UTILIZATION OF PGTF RESOURCES**PGTF PROJECTS  
SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION**

PGTF contribution in US\$ and (number of projects)

	Interregional	Regional	Subregional	Action Committees	TOTAL
Trade	790,000 (4)	120,000 (1)			910,000 (5)
Energy					
Finance	30,000 (1)	78,000 (1)			108,000 (2)
Technology	60,450 (2)	258,000 (3)			418,450 (5)
Food&Agricult.	140,000 (1)		682,400 (8)		822,400 (9)
Raw Mater.	100,000 (1)				100,000 (1)
Industrialization			120,000 (1)		120,000 (1)
TCDC (C\S) <sup>1</sup>	160,000 (2)		45,000 (1)	38,500 (1)	243,500 (4)
Other TCDC		83,700 (1)	155,300 (2)	35,000 (1)	274,000 (4)
Information	697,021 (6)		153,450 (2)		850,471 (8)
Other	120,000 (2)		88,500 (2)		208,500 (4)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,097,471 (19)</b>	<b>639,700 (6)</b>	<b>1,244,650 (16)</b>	<b>73,500 (2)</b>	<b>4,055,321 (43)</b>

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<sup>1</sup>TCDC (C\S): TCDC Consultancy/Services

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR ECDC/TCDC  
AS OF 31 MARCH 1994

Unexpended resources as of 1 January 1994 (Bal. of funds)	\$6,134,759.18
Add: Interest earned as of 31 March 1994	\$70,000.00 <sup>2</sup>
Total resources	\$6,204,759.18
Less: Project disbursements recorded in 1994:	
INT/89/K13 - SUNS	\$200.00
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	\$20,480.00
INT/93/K02 - ECDC/TCDC Information, Phase II	\$25,560.00
INT/93/K03 - SUNS, Phase II	\$31,399.00
	\$77,639.00
	\$6,204,759.18
	\$77,639.00
Balance of funds (Total resources less disbursed funds)	\$6,127,120.18
Less: Reserved resources (Fund's capital)	\$5,000,000.00 <sup>3</sup>
Remaining funds	\$1,127,120.18

Consisting of obligated/earmarked funds as follows:

(i) Obligated

Budget of approved projects (balance as of 1991 and onwards):

INT/89/K12 - SELA, Germ Plasm	\$38,000.00
INT/90/K01 - Mangrove	\$35,300.00
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	\$156,443.40

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<sup>2</sup>Estimated 1994 interest for period 1 Jan-31 Mar from bonds and time deposits; \$70,000.00 to be posted in account at the end of 1994.

<sup>3</sup>Deposited in long-term high-yield bonds.

INT/90/K09 - Veterinary	\$140,000.00
INT/92/K03 - GSTP	\$50,000.00
INT/92/K07 - SADC	\$90,000.00
INT/93/K01 - African Agency Biotechnology	\$150,000.00
INT/93/K02 - ECDC/TCDC Information, Phase II	\$25,560.00
INT/93/K03 - SUNS, Phase II	\$28,482.00
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	\$713,785.00

(ii) Earmarked funds approved:

INT/93/K04 - ASEAN, Agri Databank	\$94,000.00
INT/93/K05 - Mercosul, Industrial Policy	\$120,000.00
INT/93/K06 - Cen. America, Hydrographic Cooperation Programme	\$38,500.00
INT/93/K07 - CEPGL, Agrimachinery	\$43,000.00
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	\$295,500.00

Total obligated/earmarked funds (\$713,785.00 + \$295,500.00 = \$1,009,285.00)

Available for new projects (\$1,127,120.18 - \$1,009,285.00) = \$117,835.18<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> This does not include the interest earnings for 1994 for the April-December period estimated at \$200,000 to \$220,000 to be posted to the account at the end of the year.