



REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR ECDC/TCDC

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with 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, and the provisions of the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VII) held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its fifth meeting in New York from 5 to 7 July 1990.

2. The meeting was attended by five of the six members of the Committee, representing the three regions of the Group of 77. Members of the Core of Assistants to the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York also attended the meeting. The list of participants appears as Annex I.

3. The Deputy-Director 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.

4. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Assessment of the implementation of approved projects;
2. Evaluation of projects whose final approval is subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions;
3. Consideration of the new project proposals;
4. Other matters.

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

1. Thirty (30) project proposals;
2. Note by the Office of the Chairman on the status of approved projects.

II. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

6. 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, IFCC-VII held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, and the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1989.

Facilitating the implementation of the Multisectoral Information Network (MSIN)

7. The Committee was informed by the representative of the Chairman of the Group of 77 that the project has not yet been implemented since the panel of experts that would consider the project as provided by in para. 72(1) of the Report of IFCC-VI has not yet been convened, mainly because the required number of fifteen countries participating in the project has not been

reached. Given that three years after its approval there are no clear prospects for the project to be implemented, the Committee recommended that the approved amount of USD15,000 be reverted to PGTF. The Committee suggested that this project proposal be resubmitted at an appropriate time.

Interregional Trade Financing Facility

8. The approved amount of USD40,000 was reverted to PGTF since UNCTAD has undertaken and financed a project having the same characteristics as the one approved for funding by PGTF.

Group of 77 Journal

9. IFCC-VII approved a one-year extension of this project beginning on January 1991 and authorized disbursement of USD27,380, so as to allow IFCC-VIII to undertake in 1991 a thorough examination of the project and decide on its future. The Committee noted that the quality of the information contained in the Journal as well as its presentation have shown a significant improvement along the lines of the provisions contained in para. 90(6) of the report of IFCC-VII. With a view to contributing to the deliberations of IFCC-VIII, the Committee invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to undertake an assessment of the project, with the collaboration of the cooperating agency, for the consideration of the Committee at its regular meeting in 1991.

Action Committee for Collaboration on Consultancy, Construction and Engineering among Developing Countries

10. The project would be executed by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Action Committee being a sub-contractor. The Committee was informed that the project document had been signed and that the approved amount of USD38,500 would be disbursed after signature of the sub-contract agreement between the Office of the Chairman and the President of the Action Committee.

Developing of Developing Countries' Consultancy and Engineering Capacities

11. This project has been completed and the final report was circulated to the members of the Group of 77. USD70,000 had been allocated to this project.

Information System on Technologies and Projects

12. This project has been completed and the final report has been forwarded to the Office of the Chairman for distribution to the members of the Group of 77. USD45,450 had been allocated to this project.

Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation

13. The Committee was informed that a matching contribution by the Action Committee of USD35,000 had not been made and therefore approved funds could not be disbursed.

Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transplant

14. The Committee was informed that the implementation of the project is underway. USD83,700 had been allocated to this project. The Committee recommended that information regarding implementation of this project be circulated to the member countries of the Group of 77 through the Office of the Chairman.

Export Promotion Cooperation in Favor of Less Developed Countries in Latin America

15. The Committee was informed that the project document was being finalized by ALADI and that disbursement of the approved amount of USD120,000 would take place upon completion and signature of the project document.

Establishment of the Maghreb Unit in the National Center for Information and Economic Documentation (CNIDE) of Algeria

16. The Committee was informed that the project is operational and that the approved amount of USD65,000 had been disbursed. CNIDE should submit to the Chairman of the Group of 77 an analytical report on the project not later than 1 February 1991. The Committee recommended that such report be circulated to the member countries of the Group of 77.

Feasibility Study for establishing a Raw Materials Research & Development Center Information System

17. As recommended by the Committee of Experts, UNIDO was requested to provide information on possible duplications regarding this project. UNIDO has confirmed that there is no such duplication. The Committee was informed that the project document was being finalized by the Raw Materials Research & Development Council from Lagos, Nigeria, and that approved amount of USD100,000 would be disbursed following completion and signature of the project document.

Provision of Consulting Services by CARICAD

18. The Committee was informed that the project document was signed by the Office of the Chairman and UNDP. A sub-contract agreement between the Office of the Chairman and CARICAD should be prepared and approved funds of USD45,000 would be released thereafter.

The Caribbean into the Twenty-first Century

19. The Committee was informed that the project document was being finalized by the Eastern Caribbean Research Center. Approved amount of USD50,000 would be disbursed upon completion and signature of the project document.

Regional Program for Cooperation and Coordination on Plant Germ Plasm

20. The Committee was informed that the project document was being finalized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA). Approved amount of USD58,000 would be disbursed following completion and signature of the project document.

III. EVALUATION OF PROJECTS WHOSE FINAL APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FULFILLMENT OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Cooperation among Developing Countries' Consultancy and Engineering Organization for Better Access and Position in the International Consultancy/Engineering Services Market

21. This project was adopted by IFCC-VII. Disbursement of the approved amount of USD90,000 would be made after:

- (a) The final report of the study entitled "Development of Developing Countries' Consultancy and Engineering Capacities" be presented by ICPE;
- (b) An analysis is made by the Committee of Experts of PGTF on possible duplication with the tasks undertaken by other institutions, including a review of the report referred to in (a) above and consultations with the Action Committee for Collaboration on Consultancy, Construction and Engineering;
- (c) Endorsement by the governing body of ICPE.

22. The final report was submitted by ICPE and examined by the Committee of Experts at its fourth meeting. The Committee considered that the feasibility report fulfills in general the terms of reference of the project as approved by IFCC-VI, and made a number of comments with a view to enhancing the usefulness of the report. The Chairman of the Committee of Experts carried out consultations with UNDP and the President of the Action Committee in order to ascertain duplications with the activities already undertaken by other institutions. In the light of the information provided, there is no evidence of such duplication. Finally, the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 was informed that the governing body of ICPE had endorsed the project.

23. The Committee considered that the three conditions set out for disbursing the approved funds had been met and therefore the approved amount could be made available for this project.

Special United Nations Service

24. The project was submitted by the South Commission and approved by the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77. USD120,000 were allocated for this project and disbursement of the first portion of USD60,000 would be made after a distribution plan is submitted to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, whereas disbursement of the second portion of USD60,000 be made only after a permanent arrangement is submitted by the publisher and assessed by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee of Experts for consideration and appropriate action by the Group of 77.

25. The Committee was informed that a distribution plan was submitted by the publisher and approved by the Chairmen of the various chapters of the Group of 77. Upon assessment and concurrence of the plan by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Chairman of the Committee of Experts, the condition for disbursing the first installment of USD60,000 has been met. The Committee noted that the Washington chapter had not been included in the distribution plan and recommended that the necessary adjustment be made accordingly.

26. The SUNS publisher had submitted the initiative of publishing a fortnightly edition of SUNS (to be called Third World Economics), to be distributed free of charge to the missions of the member countries of the Group of 77 in the various chapters and to the National Focal Points for ECDC, and marketed worldwide, as a means of providing a permanent arrangement that would ensure the continuous publication of SUNS beyond the one-year period of support by PGTF. According to the draft budget submitted by the publisher, estimated income generated by the fortnightly edition would be sufficient to ensure the financial balance of SUNS as a whole in 1991 and beyond. In addition, the publisher Third World Network has agreed to meet any possible deficits on the SUNS operation beginning with 1992 and onwards. The Committee was of the view that such an initiative could provide the basis for a permanent arrangement.

27. The Committee requested SUNS to include the Washington chapter in the distribution plan and recommended the disbursement of the second portion of USD60,000. The Committee recommended that the starting date for the one-year period of financial support to SUNS should be the date of signature of the project document.

Technical Secretariat and other Support to Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP), and Technical Assistance to Countries Participating or Seeking to Participate in GSTP

28. This project was adopted by the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77. USD100,000 were released immediately in order to ensure continuity of the project. Disbursement of additional funds up to a maximum of USD250,000 would be made only after fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (a) Assessment of the results of the first phase of the project;
- (b) Review of the operating modalities of the project in order to ensure that its implementation incorporates the TCDC component to the fullest extent possible.

The Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, in consultation with the Chairman of the Group of 77 in Geneva and the Chairman of the Committee of Experts, was requested to assess the fulfillment of the foregoing conditions and bring it to the attention of the Committee of Experts for its consideration.

29. On the basis of the aforementioned assessments, the Committee of Experts considered that both conditions had been met and that disbursement of USD250,000 should be made immediately.

Feasibility Study for the Establishment of the Monetary Fund of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries

30. This project was adopted by the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77. Following the recommendation of such meeting the title of the project was amended in line with its main purposes; the new title will be as follows: "Monetary Cooperation Fund of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries".

31. The Committee recommended that in order to expedite the preparation of the project document and implementation of the project, a governmental institution of Madagascar be the executing organization of the project. In the light of the information provided by UNCTAD on their activities in the field of interregional trade financing, the Committee recommended that the terms of reference of the project be prepared so as to avoid duplication as far as possible.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

32. The Committee had before it thirty (30) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

1. Integrated Management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America
2. Caribbean Broadcast Media
3. 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
4. Training Program of Farm Management
5. Pilot Project for an integrated data and communications network for the Foreign Services of Small States in the Caribbean Basin Region
6. 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
7. Regional Symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean
8. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Empalme Via Mera-Puyo-Coop. Alvarez Miño", located in the Province of Pastaza, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
9. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Empalme Via Mera-Puyo-Coop. Pindo Mirador", located in the Province of Pastaza, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
10. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Rio Anzu (en la Puyo-Tena)-Flor del Bosque", located in the Province of Napo, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
11. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "KM.23 Via Lago Agrio-Quito-La Calderón", located in the Province of Sucumbios, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
12. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Sevilla de Oro-Palora", located in the Province of Morona Santiago, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
13. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Km.16 Via Lago Agrio-Quito-Recinto Agua Blanca-Chico", located in the Province of Sucumbio, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region

14. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Km.147 Via Quito-Lago Agrio-Sta. Rosa Alta Loma de los Olivos", located in the Province of Napo, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
15. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Km.12 Via Lago Agrio-Coca-Coop. Agrícola Yanzaza", located in the Province of Sucumbios, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
16. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "El Triunfo-Colonias Agrícolas (Via 10 de Agosto-Arajuno)", located in the Province of Pastaza, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
17. Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "KM.53 Via Lago Agrio-Quito-Puerto Libre", located in the Province of Sucumbios, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region
18. Development and integration of rapid detection and micropropagation techniques into a sugarcane white leaf disease control program in Northeast Thailand
19. The Business Information and Documentation Service Project
20. Professional Training Institute for Accountants and Auditors
21. Development of Fuel Oil System for Benefit of the Countryside
22. Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN Countries
23. Upgrading of Veterinary Field Health Services through Development of Animal Disease Information System
24. Organic Rice Farming System
25. Cooperative Arrangement for the Establishment of Common Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Small-Scale Metal Finishing Industries
26. TRAINFORTRADE- Design of a training package in the field of COUNTERTRADE
27. Establishment of ASTRO Countertrade and Other Special Trade Transactions Division (ASTRACO)
28. Masters Programme in Business Administration in Public Enterprise Management
29. Development of shellfish industry (Aquaculture and Fisheries) in Morocco
30. Indonesian Development and Population Activities: An International Collaborative Program for African Parliamentarians and Family Planning Program Managers

Project Proposal No.1: Integrated Management of the Associated Resources to the Mangrove Areas in the Pacific Coast of Central America

33. The proposal was submitted by the National Autonomous University of Costa Rica.

34. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the proposal are: (a) to gather basic information on the structure and functioning of the Nicoya Gulf mangroves with a view to formulate rational policies for management of the resources associated to mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America; (b) to assess the magnitude, quality and potential for exploitation of the resources associated with mangrove areas in the Nicoya Gulf, as a means of developing assessment techniques adapted to the regional situation; and (c) to provide governmental and non-governmental institutions related to the management of resources associated to mangrove areas in Central America with technical information and basic guidelines for management of resources compiled in a document of regional scope.

35. The project would have a duration of two years. Total estimate of cost is USD144,800. Of this amount USD60,000 would be the local contribution whereas USD84,800 would be the contribution sought from PGTF. A yearly breakdown of the disbursements is as follows:

	<u>Disbursement (USD)</u>		
	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Local contribution	45,000	15,000	60,000
PGTF contribution	<u>49,500</u>	<u>35,300</u>	<u>84,800</u>
TOTAL	94,500	50,300	144,800

36. The Committee concluded that this project has a regional scope and complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that USD84,800 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 2: Caribbean Broadcast Media

37. The proposal was submitted by the Caribbean Educational and Cultural Institute of New York.

38. According to the text of the proposal, the aim of the project is to improve the quality of business and financial reporting; assist Caribbean journalists in acquiring better knowledge of the different facets of economic news; broaden the scope of business reporting in the region; and improve the United States media understanding of the Caribbean while promoting more on-site coverage of the Caribbean.

39. The project consists of a one-week workshop in New York for broadcast and print journalists from twelve Caribbean countries. Total estimated cost is USD80,000.

40. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the nature of the project does not fall within

the purview of PGTF, i.e., the project does not comply with guideline (b) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project Proposal No. 3: 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

42. The project was submitted by the Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela. The national libraries of seven other Latin American countries, signatories of the Andres Bello Convention, also participate in the project. The project has received the endorsement of the respective Governments.

43. According to the text of the proposal, the global objectives of the project is to reinforce the physical and intellectual preservation of documented memoirs referring to the birth and development of Latin American societies, as a contribution to the study and research of regional history and as a means of broadening and deepening cooperation among national libraries in the region as well as with institutions in other regions.

44. The project comprises four sub-projects, namely (a) preparation of a union catalog of printed works of the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries of Andean countries; (b) preservation of collections from the same period; (c) edition of selected works from the same period; and (d) itinerant expositions as testimony of the origin of Latin American societies. Total estimated cost of the project is USD2,913,709. Contribution from national libraries and other sources amount to USD2,819,209. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>			
	<u>Local</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel	477,600	72,800	-	550,400
Equipment	21,000	640,500	-	661,500
Materials	-	159,460	-	159,460
Travel	-	94,800	-	94,800
Training	8,400	296,100	94,500	399,000
Dissemination	70,000	455,000	-	525,000
Miscellaneous	<u>358,366</u>	<u>165,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>523,549</u>
TOTAL	935,366	1,883,843	94,500	2,913,709

45. Support requested from PGTF relates to the training component for conservation and preservation of documents, to be carried out through the TCDC modality. It consists of the training of seventy staff members of the national libraries (ten per country) in techniques for conservation and preservation of

documents. Total estimated cost of the training for the three-year period is USD399,000 (USD133,000 per annum). Total local and other sources contribution would be USD304,500 (USD101,500 per annum), whereas contribution sought from PGTF would be USD94,500 (USD31,500 per annum).

46. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the project complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this project avail of the financing of PGTF and that USD94,500 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 4: Training Program of Farm Management

47. The project was submitted by the Simon Bolivar United World College of Agriculture of Venezuela.

48. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to train students from rural areas of developing countries in the management and carrying out of the whole production process in a way to increase production and productivity. The College offers a farm management course lasting a three-year period in which the student receives practical training on crop production, animal husbandry, agricultural mechanization, rural development and farm miscellaneous activities. The College awards a degree of Higher Technician in Farm Management. Support requested from PGTF consists of five scholarships for international students. Estimated cost per student amounts to USD23,000 for the three-year period, including costs of transportation from the home countries. Total financial support requested from PGTF would be thus USD115,000.

49. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the project represents a regular activity of the College that provides general education to students and not a training activity designed specifically to meet a developmental need as perceived by the beneficiary countries. Therefore, the project does not comply with guideline (b) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 5: Pilot Project for an Integrated Data and Communications network for the Foreign Services of Small States in the Caribbean Basin Region

51. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of External Affairs and International Trade of Trinidad and Tobago.

52. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project was to develop a regional communication network linking the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) secretariat and the foreign ministries of Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and member countries of OECS; to gain access to regional, international and multilateral data bases; to develop and enhance capacity to monitor and evaluate regional and international developments and to train the staff members of participating countries in information technology. Total estimated cost is USD225,000 of which USD28,000 would be the local contribution whereas USD197,000 would be the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		
	<u>Local</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Computer equipment	-	152,000	152,000
Communications	-	20,000	20,000
Training	-	25,000	25,000
Central coordinating center	22,000	-	22,000
Infrastructural development	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL	28,000	197,000	225,000

53. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF. On the other hand, the Committee was informed that there was a project on trade information being carried out by CARICOM under the regional IPF.

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

Project proposal No. 6: 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

55. This project was submitted by the Center for the Study of International Relations and Development from Bolivia, and endorsed by the Government of Bolivia.

56. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to assist the development efforts of the land-locked developing countries through specific actions related to their particular needs and problems. In particular, the project aims at carrying out an in-depth review of the actions taken by the international community in favor of the particular needs and problems of the land-locked developing countries, and to formulate a basis for a new strategy for cooperation to overcome the particular needs and problems of those countries. Total estimated cost of the project would be USD118,700 of which USD22,800 would be the local contribution, whereas USD95,900

would be the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of the total costs would be as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		
	<u>Local</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Consultants	-	63,000	63,000
Other personnel	9,800	-	9,800
Travel	-	19,400	19,400
Equipment	5,000	10,000	15,000
Miscellaneous	<u>8,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>11,500</u>
TOTAL	22,800	95,900	118,700

57. The Committee considered that the proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. However, the Committee considered that prior to giving final approval to the project, consultations should be undertaken with the interested land-locked developing countries in order to take fully into account their concerns and interests when carrying out the study. The terms of reference should be adjusted in the light of the outcome of these consultations.

58. The Committee recommended that this project proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that USD95,900 be allocated to this end, upon fulfillment of the aforementioned condition.

Project proposal No. 7: Regional Symposium on the Economic and Social Impact of Money derived from Illicit Drug Trafficking in the Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

59. The project proposal was submitted by the Center for the Study of International Relations and Development from Bolivia, and endorsed by the Government of Bolivia.

60. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to contribute to the international community's campaign to overcome the problem of the abuse and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. In particular, the project consists of preparation and holding of a regional symposium whose immediate objective would be to provide, from a multidisciplinary perspective, a substantive input that could allow for an evaluation of the socio-economic impact of the money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and to begin to propose practical solutions and strategies in the area of alternative development. As an outcome of the symposium, a book containing the proposals and the results of the discussions of the symposium would be published.

61. Total estimated cost of the project is USD154,000 of which USD49,000 would be the local contribution, USD27,000 would be the contribution from the Organization of American States and

USD78,000 would be the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of the total costs is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>Other</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	
Consultants/other personnel	30,000	12,000	30,000	72,000
Travel	-	-	27,500	27,500
Equipment	5,000	-	-	5,000
Miscellaneous	<u>14,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>49,500</u>
TOTAL	49,000	27,000	78,000	154,000

62. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. The Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that USD78,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 8: Environmental, feasibility and final engineering design studies of the local road named "Empalme Via Mera-Puyo-Coop. Alvarez Miño", located in the Province of Pastaza, Amazonic Ecuadorian Region

63. This proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Public Works and Communications of Ecuador.

64. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out design studies necessary for the building of a local road in Ecuador. Total estimated cost is USD32,143 of which USD28,929 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

65. The Committee considered that the proposal corresponds to a national project and is thus not eligible for financing from PGTF. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposals Nos. 9 to 17:

66. These project proposals were also submitted by the Ministry of Public Works and Communications of Ecuador. According to the text of the proposals, the projects correspond to design studies of local roads in various other locations of Ecuador.

67. The Committee considered that these proposals correspond to national projects that are not eligible for financing from PGTF. The Committee thus recommended that these projects should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 18: Development and integration of rapid detection and micropropagation techniques into a sugarcane white leaf disease control program in Northeast Thailand

68. The project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Thailand.

69. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to develop a controlled strategy for the sugarcane white leaf disease (SCWLD) caused by a mycoplasma like organism, which is the major factor affecting growth and yields of sugarcane in various regions of Thailand. Total cost of the project is USD239,900 of which USD32,800 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 19: The Business Information and Documentation Service

71. This project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand.

72. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to improve and develop the systems of business data collection and processing and the rendering of the business data service of the Department of Commercial Registration for greater efficiency; (b) to provide for perfect administration of business data in both collection and analysis so as to be able to efficiently meet the needs of private individuals and government agencies; (c) to enable quick and up-to-date dissemination of data; (d) to enable private and government administrators to use correct, analyzed and estimated data; and (e) to promote and support foreign businessmen's knowledge of basic business data of Thailand. Total estimated cost of the project is USD253,846 the totality of which is the contribution sought from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 20: Professional Training Institute for Accountants and Auditors

74. The project proposal was submitted by the Department of Commercial Registration of Thailand.

75. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to serve as a general training center; (b) to promote and improve auditors' quality and efficiency in performing audit work; (c) to contribute to increase the number of qualified auditors; and (d) to cooperate with government and other agencies in training their staff. Total estimated cost of the project is USD808,600 of which USD42,000 would be the local contribution, USD42,000 would be provided by other sources and USD766,600 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 21: Development of Fuel Oil System for Benefit of the Countryside

77. The project proposal was submitted by the Department of Commercial Registration of Thailand.

78. According to the text of the proposal, the main objective of the project is to give better understanding about types, examination, use, maintenance and quality of fuel oil to the people in rural areas. Total estimated cost of the project over a three-year period is USD701,580 of which USD306,080 would be the local contribution whereas USD395,500 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 22: Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN Countries

80. This project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Malaysia.

81. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are to increase the competence of officers in ASEAN countries in the use of operations research techniques, and to identify the utilization of such techniques in the management of mini-estates and group farms. Total estimated cost of the project is USD361,800 of which USD191,000 would be the local contribution whereas USD170,800 would be the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		
	<u>Local</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel	8,000	20,000	28,000
Training	168,000	16,800	184,800
Travel	5,000	50,000	55,000
Computing facilities	-	84,000	84,000
Miscellaneous	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	191,000	170,800	361,800

82. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. However, the Committee considered that PGTF contribution should be adjusted as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF Contribution (USD)</u>
Personnel	10,000
Computing facilities	70,000
Travel	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL	110,000

83. The Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that USD110,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 23: Upgrading of Veterinary Field Health Services through Development of Animal Disease Information System

84. This proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Malaysia.

85. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to assist selected member countries of the Group of 77 to develop their own capabilities to manage information on veterinary field health services. The respective national organizations or implementing agencies would thus be able to improve the advice and assistance needed by their livestock industries. The final goal of the project would be the harmonization of the systems of gathering, analyzing and reporting information on animal health among the participating member countries of the Group of 77. Total estimated cost of the project is USD984,150 of which USD677,168 would be the local contribution, whereas USD306,982 would be the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of the costs is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		
	<u>Local</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel	49,628	30,000	79,628
Training	115,615	121,338	236,953
Workshops	4,148	95,644	99,792
Computers	<u>507,777</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>567,777</u>
TOTAL	677,168	306,982	984,150

86. The Committee considered that this project proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. However, PGTF contribution should be adjusted since a portion of the cost would be borne by UNDP.

87. In this connection, the Deputy-Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP informed that the Special Unit would be prepared to consider a request from the Government of Malaysia for providing the catalytical financial support required for the training courses and workshops, covering the international travel expenses and a portion of the living allowances.

88. The adjusted PGTF contribution would be as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF Contribution (USD)</u>
Personnel	30,000
Living allowances	50,000
Computer equipment	<u>60,000</u>
	TOTAL
	140,000

89. The Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that USD140,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 24: Organic Rice Farming System

90. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Malaysia and would be executed by the Malaysian Agricultural Research & Development Institute (MARDI).

91. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project, to be carried out over a six-year period are the following: (a) to conduct basic studies on the rice ecosystem in Southeast Asia; (b) to substitute the use of chemicals with organic recycling of crop residues, legume intercropping and appropriate cultural practices; (c) to design a rice farming system that is in harmony with the natural environment; (d) to eliminate the use of chemicals which are hazardous to health; and (e) to consolidate efforts in creating awareness on the importance of chemical free environment among the rice growing countries of Southeast Asia.

92. Total estimated cost of the project is USD278,000 of which USD78,000 would be the local contribution, whereas USD200,000 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

93. The Committee considered that the project proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. However, the Committee considered that the project objective should be focused on stated objective (b), i.e., to substitute the use of chemicals with organic recycling of crop residues, legume intercropping and appropriate cultural

practices. Project outputs and activities should refer only to such objective. This implies that the total duration of the project would be two years.

94. The meeting recommended that PGTF contribution would be adjusted as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (USD)</u>
Personnel	30,000
Travel	30,000
Equipment	<u>25,000</u>
	TOTAL 85,000

95. The Committee recommended that this project should avail from the financing of PGTF and that USD85,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 25: Cooperative Arrangement for the Establishment of Common Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Small-Scale Metal Finishing Industries

96. This project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Malaysia.

97. According to the text of the proposal, the project objectives are (a) to assist selected developing countries by providing an innovative approach to address the problems of indiscriminate discharge of waste waters from small-scale metal finishing industries; (b) to collect and review current, alternative solution or options available in tackling environmental pollution problems imposed by small-scale industries; and (c) to minimize the constraints faced by small-scale metal finishing operators in selected developing countries when engaging in waste treatment. Total estimated cost is USD264,000 of which USD134,000 would be the local contribution, whereas USD145,000 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

98. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project, and is thus not eligible for funding from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 26: TRAINFORTRADE- Design of a training package in the field of COUNTERTRADE

100. The project proposal was submitted by the International Association of State Trading Organizations (ASTRO), headquartered in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

101. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to develop a countertrade training module with a view to improving the trade performance of developing countries through the enhancement of skills of selected senior trade practitioners as trainers in countertrade operations and offer specifically developed training material for enhancing the indigenous trading capability. Total estimated cost of the project is USD155,000.

102. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that a large number of workshops and training programs in the field of countertrade are readily available, providing developing countries with sufficient exposure to the subject. In this context, the output of this project proposal would constitute a duplication of such workshops and training programs.

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

Project proposal No. 27: Establishment of ASTRO Countertrade and Other Special Trade Transactions Division (ASTRACO)

104. The project proposal was submitted by the International Association of State Trading Organizations (ASTRO), headquartered in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

105. According to the text of the proposal, the object of the project would be to establish an ASTRO countertrade and other special trade transaction division (ASTRACO) with a view to providing advice and assistance in structuring countertrade and other special trade transactions initiated by ASTRO members, non-members or by itself, and offer necessary support facilities to realize the transaction. In addition, ASTRACO would act as an intermediary/consultant and develop competence to innovate and advise on countertrade transactions for the interested clientele. Total estimated cost of the project is USD340,000 the totality of which is sought as a contribution from PGTF.

106. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the project proposal does not comply with guideline (b) for utilization of PGTF since the support requested does not correspond to seed money for facilitating the implementation of a project but to the implementation of the project itself.

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

Project proposal No. 28: Masters Programme in Business Administration in Public Enterprise Management

108. The project proposal was submitted by the International Center for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE), headquartered in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

109. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to launch a one-year Masters Program in Business Administration for Public Enterprises. Graduates of the program would be awarded a Masters degree in Business Administration (M.B.A.) jointly by ICPE and the Faculty of Economics of the University of Ljubljana. Total estimated cost of the project for a three-year period is USD2,060,000 of which USD150,000 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

110. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the contents of the proposed M.B.A. program seems to duplicate M.B.A. programs readily available in a number of universities and other educational institutions in developing countries. The Committee therefore recommended that this project proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 29: Development of shellfish industry (Aquaculture and Fisheries) in Morocco

111. This project proposal was submitted by the Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II from Morocco, and endorsed by the Government of Morocco.

112. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are to enable Morocco to develop technological capacities in shellfish culture and to produce marketable marine food on a pilot plant scale; and to improve the management of molluscan fisheries which have not so far been benefited from research.

113. The project would be implemented over a three-year period. Total estimated cost of the project is USD293,500 of which USD208,000 would be the local contribution, USD10,500 would be the contribution from other sources and USD75,000 would be the contribution requested from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 30: Indonesian Development and Population Activities: An International Collaborative Program for African Parliamentarians and Family Planning Program Managers

115. This project proposal was submitted by the Indonesian National Family Planning Coordinating Board and endorsed by the Government of Indonesia.

116. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project would be to carry out a ten-day observation seminar for Parliament members and family planning program leaders from four sub-Saharan African countries, with a view to developing a strategy for each country's Parliament concerning population and development issues, as well as to promoting awareness of the structure, philosophy, approaches and problems of Indonesia's population and development programs and the relationship of the Parliament to these programs.

117. Total estimated cost of the project is USD260,740 of which USD166,500 would be the local contribution, whereas USD104,240 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

118. The Committee considered that the project proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. However, the Committee considered that financial support could be provided by other sources.

119. In this connection, the Deputy-Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP informed that the Special Unit would be prepared to consider a request from the Government of Indonesia for providing the catalytical financial support required for carrying out this project, covering international travel expenses and living allowances of participants in the observation seminar.

120. The Committee recommended that this proposal be submitted to the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP for funding.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

121. In summary, the Committee recommended that seven projects avail from the financing of PGTF, and resources allocated to this end amount to USD688,200. Taking into account that USD250,000 were recommended for disbursement as the second portion of PGTF contribution to the GSTP project, total allocated resources amount to USD938,200. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation (USD)</u>
1. Integrated Management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America	84,800

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation (USD)</u>
2. 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	94,500
3. 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	95,900
4. Regional Symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean	78,000
5. Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN Countries	110,000
6. Upgrading of Veterinary Field Health Services through Development of Animal Disease Information System	140,000
7. Organic Rice Farming System	85,000
8. Second installment of GSTP project	<u>250,000</u>
TOTAL	938,200

122. According to the information provided by UNDP, total estimated available resources for projects to be considered in 1990 amount to approximately USD1,218,000. Such amount is the combined total of USD882,168 corresponding to resources available for new projects as of 30 June 1990 and USD336,000 corresponding to the estimated interest earnings until the end of 1990. A more detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

123. The Committee reviewed the draft informative brochure prepared by the Office of the Chairman in compliance with the provision contained in para. 86 of the report of IFCC-VII. The Committee invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to conclude a project document covering the cost of translation and printing of

the brochure in all languages of the Group of 77. The Committee recommended that a total of approximately 20,000 copies be issued.

124. The Committee took note of the project document prepared by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in compliance with the provision contained in para. 83(i) of the report of IFCC-VII, for providing financial support to the meetings of the Committee of Experts. The Committee recommended that a five-year project document, with indication of annual allocations, be prepared in order to ensure a permanent arrangement in this regard.

125. A number of project proposals submitted after the March 31 deadline were referred to the Committee during its fifth meeting. The Committee recommended that these proposals as well as other proposals that may be submitted should be forwarded to the members of the Committee of Experts for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

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FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND
FOR ECDC/TCDC AS OF 30 JUNE 1990

		<u>US\$</u>
Unexpended resources as of 30 June 1990		6,816,642
Add: Interest earned as of 30 June 1990		105,116
		6,921,758
Less: Project disbursement recorded thus far for 1990		
Project INT/84/KO2 - GSTP/UNCTAD	100,000	
INT/89/KO1 - ISTP	42,450	
INT/89/KO6 - Maghreb Unit	65,000	
	207,450	
Balance of resources as of 30 June 1990	6,921,758	
Less: Reserved funds	207,450	= 6,714,308
		5,000,000
Balance of funds		
1,714,308		
Consisting of obligated/expended funds as follows:		
i) Budgets of approved projects (balance as of 1990 and onwards)		
INT/88/KO1 - Bulletin	53,940	
INT/88/KO4 - Action Committee (Cuba)	38,500	
INT/89/KO1 - ISTP	3,000	
INT/89/KO3 - SELA	48,700	
INT/89/K10 - CARICAD	45,000	
INT/89/K14 - Asst. Com. Exps. PGTF	25,000	
	214,140	
ii) Earmarked funds for approved "inactive" projects		
INT/88/KO5 - MSIN	15,000	
INT/89/KO2 - Action Committee on Inter-Enterprise Cooperation	35,000	
INT/89/KO4 - ASTRO	90,000	
INT/89/KO5 - ALADI	120,000	
INT/89/KO8 - Monetary Fund	30,000	
INT/89/KO9 - Raw Materials	100,000	
INT/89/K11 - 21st Century	50,000	
INT/89/K12 - SELA	58,000	
INT/89/K13 - SUNS	120,000	
	618,000	
Less total obligated/expended funds (214,140 + 618,000)		= <u>832,140</u>
Available for new projects to be considered as of June 1990 (1,714,308 - 832,140)		= 882,168