



REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR ECDC/TCDC
New York, 24-26 June 1991

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

1. In pursuance of 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, of the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VII) held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, and of the First Annual Meeting of the Group of 77, held in New York in September 1989, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its sixth meeting in New York from 24 to 26 June 1991.

2. The meeting was attended by five of 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. The list of participants appears as Annex I.

3. The Regional Officer for Africa also responsible for PGTF in 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. Fifty-one (51) project proposals;
2. Note by the UNDP on the status of implementation of approved projects and the financial status of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund.

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, the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held respectively in New York in September 1989 and October 1990.

7. Since the adoption of the guidelines for utilization of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund in 1986, a total of 26 projects have

been approved. The allocations from the Fund for these projects totalled USD 2,564,877.

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

- A. Projects completed;
- B. Projects under implementation;
- C. Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF;
- D. Projects under preparation still to be implemented.

A. Projects completed

- a. Feasibility study on development of developing countries' consultancy and engineering capacities;
- b. Action Committee of G-77 for Cooperation in Consultancy, Construction and Engineering among Developing Countries;
- c. Feasibility study on information system on technologies and projects (ISTP);
- d. Establishment of a Maghreb Unit in the National Center for Information and Economic Documentation (CNIDE) of Algeria;
- e. The Caribbean into the Twenty-first Century;
- f. Regional symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean;
- g. Assistance to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund.

B. Projects under implementation

- a. Group of 77 Information Bulletin;
- b. Artificial insemination and embryo transplant;
- c. Export promotion and cooperation in favor of less developed countries within the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI);
- d. Provision of consultancy services by CARICAD;
- e. South-North Development Monitor (SUNS);
- f. 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;
- g. Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN countries;
- h. Organic rice farming system;
- i. 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;
- j. Support to the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund.

Group of 77 Information Bulletin

9. In accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 9 of the report of the Fifth Meeting of the Committee, a representative of the Chairman of the Group of 77 made an oral assessment of the implementation of this project. The representative considered that the Journal was of great importance for the activities of the Group in its various chapters as well as for coordination among the various chapters.

10. The Committee took note of the views expressed but was not in a position to give any further consideration to the subject because of the lack of data regarding the implementation of the project.

C. Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF

- a. Interregional Trade Financing Facility;
- b. Facilitating the implementation of the Multisectoral Information Network

D. Projects still to be implemented

- a. Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation;
- b. Monetary Cooperation Fund of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries;
- c. Feasibility study for establishing a raw materials research and development center information system;
- d. Regional programme for cooperation and coordination on plant germ plasm;
- e. Integrated management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America;
- f. 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;
- g. Upgrading of veterinary field health services through development of an animal disease information center;

Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation

11. The PGTF contribution of USD 35,000 was allocated to this project under the condition that a matching contribution of USD 35,000 be mobilized by the members of the Action Committee. As of now, the matching contribution has not been made and according to the decision of the Fourteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of

the Group of 77, the allocated funds would revert to PGTF by December 31, 1991 if the matching funds are not mobilized by that date.

Monetary Cooperation Fund of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries

12. The Committee was informed that the project document has not been submitted by Madagascar thus far. The Committee invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to undertake the necessary consultations with the Government of Madagascar with a view to expediting the preparation of the project document and subsequent implementation of the project.

Feasibility study for establishing a raw materials research and development center information system

13. The Committee was informed that the project document was signed in June 1991. The Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 is the executing agency of the project with the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), Lagos, Nigeria, responsible for project implementation. The preparation and signature of a sub-contract agreement is required to initiate the implementation of the project. The Committee recommended that efforts be made with a view to a prompt signature of the sub-contract agreement.

Regional programme for cooperation and coordination on plant germ plasm

14. The Committee was informed that the executing organization, SELA, has not yet submitted the project document. The Committee recommended that the SELA secretariat be approached with a view to expediting conclusion and submission of the project document.

Integrated management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America

15. The Committee was informed that the project document is being reviewed by UNDP and should be submitted this month for signature. A sub-contract agreement has to be drawn up thereafter between the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the National Autonomous University of Costa Rica which will be responsible for the implementation of the project. The Committee recommended that efforts be made with a view to a prompt signature of the sub-contract agreement.

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

16. The Committee was informed that the project document has been submitted by UNDP for signature. The project will be executed by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 with a sub-contract to the National Library of Venezuela Preservation Center for implementation of the project. A sub-contract agreement has to be drawn up after signature of the project document. The Committee recommended that efforts be made with a view to a prompt signature of the sub-contract agreement.

Upgrading of veterinary field health services through development of an animal disease information center

17. The Committee was informed that the project document was being reviewed by UNDP. A request to the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP for providing the catalytical financial support required for the training courses and workshops was presented by the Government of Malaysia and is being considered by the Special Unit.

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

18. The Committee was informed that all projects whose final approval were subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions had met these conditions. Therefore, the Committee was not required to address this issue.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

19. The Committee had before it fifty-one (51) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

1. Hydro-agricultural development upstream of the Bagré dam
2. Establishment of 500 water supply points in the Provinces of Boulkiemdé and Sanguié in Burkina Faso
3. Program for the Development and Utilization of Water Resources in the Provinces of Comoé, Kéné Dougou and Houet in Burkina Faso
4. Development of eleven (11) shelter zones for livestock
5. Establishment of an agricultural and livestock farm in the Province of Séno in Burkina Faso
6. Installation of fences in eighteen (18) vegetable growing lots of twenty-five (25) hectares each
7. Milk production unit

8. Feasibility study for establishing a freight market research center in developing countries
9. Optimization of the process of obtaining raw pregnant mares' seric gonadotropine (PMSG) for animal breeding
10. Program for the development of communication and cooperation between the Latin American and Caribbean educators (AELAC)
11. 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
12. Fiji National Transport Sector Plan
13. Biogas-Galope
14. Rice production Technique Course
15. Training for journalists from developing countries in reporting on ECDC and TCDC
16. Lubricating Base Oil Manufacturing Plant Project
17. Establishment of facilities for a Research and Development Centre in Myanmar Agricultural Mechanization
18. Strengthening of Training Facilities in Myanmar Agricultural Mechanization
19. Post-harvest Technology in Fruits and Vegetables Project
20. Upgrading of Surveying and Mapping Project
21. Establishment of a Regional Trade Information Center for the Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Developing Countries of Asia & Pacific Region
22. Regional Seminar on Income Generating Activities in Rural Areas
23. Organization and development of Cotton Farmers' Associations (CFAs) and Cotton Farmers' Cooperatives (CFCs)
24. Development of two pilot projects sericultural communities in the Philippines
25. The open university as an alternative graduate program for agricultural technicians
26. The Transformations in the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union, and their Impact on the World Economy and Implications for Third World Countries, especially from Latin America
27. Public Enterprises Rationalization Project
28. The Environmental Development Planning of the Mae Klong Basin
29. The Development of Coastal Shipping Legislation Project
30. The Feasibility Study of the Railway Extension. Bua Yai - Roi Et - Mukdahan
31. Forest Information System Development Project for the Management of Tropical Forests
32. Risk Management
33. Internationalization of Higher Education

34. Feasibility Study for the micro hydropower plants of Manon, Thialea, and Bougoulou
35. Establishment of ASTRO Countertrade and Other Special Trade Transactions Facilitation Centre (ASTRACO)
36. Programme of Development of Ecological Agriculture in Undeveloped Regions of East Slovenia
37. Programme for the Agricultural Cooperative Panonka in the Period from 1991-1995
38. Establishment of a Meteorological System in the Republic of Slovenia
39. Establishing of Regional Center for Research of Materials and Environmental Protection
40. Industrialization and Production of the New City Bus SG 213 NN/VO
41. Draft Programme for the Feasibility Study for Reconstruction and Modernization of 24 ha Green House Complexes
42. Draft Programme for the Feasibility Study for Rabbit Meat Production
43. Study for Water Pollution Control of the Vardar Valley
44. Vardar Valley
45. Essential Elements for a Policy of Conversion of Military Potential for Civil Purposes in Developing Countries
46. Assistance to South-South Partnership Promotion Centre
47. Technical cooperation to promote international standards of accounting and reporting and to promote training in accountancy development
48. Technical cooperation to promote international standards of accounting and reporting and to promote training in accountancy development
49. Establishment of the African Regional Business and Trade Information Network for Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCIs) of Developing Countries, Members of G.77. A Pilot Project
50. Latin American and Caribbean Trade Information Network
51. Masters Programme in Business Administration in Public Enterprise Management

Project proposal No. 1: Hydro-agricultural development upstream of the Bagré dam

20. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Water Resources of Burkina Faso.

21. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to offset the negative effects of the Bagré lake by planning the implementation of lots especially oriented towards the production of onions using modern agricultural techniques; (b) to compensate losses in fruit production; (c) to increase awareness of farmers and provide them with support; and (d) to preserve the zones suitable for traditional irrigation.

22. The project would have a duration of one year. Total estimated cost is 695 million francs CFA (about USD 2,570,000) the totality of which represents the contribution requested from PGTF.

23. 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.

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

Project proposals No. 2 and 3

25. These project proposals were also submitted by the Ministry of Water Resources of Burkina Faso. According to the text of the proposals, the projects correspond to the development of water resources and water supply in various provinces of Burkina Faso.

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

Project proposal No. 4: Development of eleven (11) shelter zones for livestock

27. This proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Burkina Faso.

28. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to supply potable water to livestock on a permanent basis; (b) to provide close and permanent sanitary protection to livestock; and (c) to establish zones officially dedicated to breeding in eleven selected locations in Burkina Faso.

29. Overall estimated cost of the project is 1,556 million francs CFA (about USD 5.8 million) the totality of which is the contribution requested from PGTF.

30. 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.

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

Project proposals No. 5 to 7

32. These project proposals were also submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Burkina Faso. According to the texts of the proposals, the projects aim at developing agricultural and milk production in various selected locations in Burkina Faso.

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

Project proposal No. 8: Feasibility study for establishing a freight market research center in developing countries

34. This proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Transportation of Cuba.

35. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to undertake a feasibility study for establishing a center for researches and studies related to maritime freight market. In this context, the economic feasibility of the center as well as ways and means of cooperation would be evaluated, a report on the maritime activity of the countries members of the Group of 77 would be prepared, and an international workshop on the researches and studies about the development of maritime freights would be organized.

36. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 248,350. The contribution requested from PGTF is USD 113,300. 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	31,400	-	31,400
Consultants	-	17,800	17,800
Travel	-	13,500	13,500
Equipment	2,750	20,000	22,750
Office facilities	46,000	-	46,000
Interregional workshop	30,000	60,000	90,000
Other	<u>24,900</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>26,900</u>
	135,050	113,300	248,350

37. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that the subject of this proposal falls within the purview of activities regularly undertaken by UNCTAD, with the financial assistance of the United Nations agencies and other sources of financing. Therefore, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with the guideline stating that PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the

United Nations agencies for undertaking activities in favor of economic cooperation among developing countries.

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

Project proposal No. 9: Optimization of the process of obtaining raw Pregnant Mares' Seric Gonadotropin (PMSG) for animal breeding

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

40. 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.

41. 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>Local</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</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

42. 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. Given that the text of the proposal calls for dissemination and sharing of results as the international cooperative dimension of the project, the Committee felt that for such a project to be considered as one of cooperation among developing countries, explicit participation of or declared interest by other countries as potential beneficiaries would be required.

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

Project proposal No. 10: Program for the development of communication and cooperation between the Latin American and Caribbean educators

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

45. 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.

46. The duration of the project is three years and total estimated cost of the project is USD 477,534. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to USD 150,000. 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	45,000	-	45,000
Consultants	-	13,500	13,500
Training	72,000	67,200	139,200
Travel		-	44,160
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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>
	327,534	150,000	477,534

47. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that the subject of this proposal falls within the purview of activities regularly undertaken by UNESCO. Therefore, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with the guideline stating that PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the United Nations agencies for undertaking activities in favor of economic cooperation among developing countries.

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

Project proposal No. 11: 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

49. This project proposal was submitted by the Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of developing countries members of the Group of 77.

50. According to the text of the proposal the objective of the project is to create and operate a functioning trade and information network at the level of the regional focal points on a pilot basis. The proposed pilot project would be implemented by the three regional focal points: (a) the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Karachi, Pakistan, as focal point for Asia and the Pacific; (b) the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines (CCIM), Douala, Cameroon, as focal point for Africa; and (c) the Bogota Chamber of Commerce, Bogota, Colombia, as focal point for Latin America and the Caribbean.

51. Total estimated cost of the project for a two-year duration is USD 420,000 (USD 140,000 for each regional focal point). Local contribution amounts to USD 180,000 (USD 60,000 for each regional focal point) and inputs to be provided by UNDP amount to USD 90,000 (USD 30,000 for each regional focal point). Contribution requested from PGTF is USD 150,000 (USD 50,000 for each regional focal point). A breakdown of contribution requested to PGTF is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (USD)</u>
Consultants	54,000
System managers and operators	45,000
Advanced training in software	
system maintenance	20,000
Subregional training	25,000
Miscellaneous sundries	6,000
Total	<u>150,000</u>

52. 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 USD 150,000 be allocated to this end.

53. The Committee recommended that the executing organization should submit, on a regular basis, progress reports to the Office of the Chairman with a view to sharing information on the implementation of this important initiative.

Project proposal No. 12: Fiji National Transport Sector Plan

54. This project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities of Fiji.

55. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to prepare a comprehensive plan for the development of all modes of transport in Fiji and to improve transport planning capacity within government.

56. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 600,000 the totality of which is the contribution requested from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 13: Galope biogas project

58. This project proposal was submitted by the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), headquartered in Quito, Ecuador.

59. The proposal is a resubmission of a project submitted for consideration of the Committee at its third meeting in July 1989.

60. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to develop a pilot project for treatment of a manure at the Galope ranch, located in Cuba, with a view to reducing the country's energy dependence on imported oil, by substituting oil for new and renewable sources of energy and using ecologically beneficial technologies that can ensure sustainable development. The project would also serve as a means to disseminate to other countries and regions of the sub-continent the adoption of integral energy-environmental solutions.

61. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 619,000 of which the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 125,000. A breakdown of this cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>OLADE</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	
Engineering and supervision	20,000	8,000	-	28,000
Construction and assembling	350,000	-	125,000	475,000
Seminars	40,000	36,000	-	76,000
Technical assistance program	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>
	430,000	64,000	125,000	619,000

62. Even though the resubmitted proposal includes some differences with regard to the original one, such as a seminar for disseminating results and a technical assistance program for interested countries, the Committee considered that, in the light of the information presented, the proposal still corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

63. The Committee reiterated its view that for such a project to be considered as a regional one, explicit participation of or declared interest by other countries as potential beneficiaries would be required. Dissemination of results to interested countries by itself cannot be considered as a rationale for the regional character of the project.

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

Project proposal No. 14: Rice production Technique Course

65. This project proposal was submitted by the Agency for Agriculture and Education, from the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia.

66. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to organize a training course of rice production techniques with a view to improve the skills and knowledge of participants in these techniques; to exchange views, information and experience in this regard; and to train agricultural personnel from developing countries for in-service training, including problem-solving exercises.

67. Total estimated cost for a five-year period is USD 369,865 of which the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 200,000. A breakdown of this cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (USD)</u>	
	<u>Per annum</u>	<u>Total</u>
International travel	21,010	105,050
Training expenses	<u>18,990</u>	<u>94,950</u>
	40,000	200,000

68. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that as formulated this proposal could not be considered as a regional or interregional project of cooperation among developing countries. The Committee felt that for such a proposal to be considered of a regional or interregional character, explicit participation of or declared interest by other countries as potential beneficiaries would be required.

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

Project proposal No. 15: Training for journalists from developing countries in reporting on ECDC and TCDC

70. This project proposal was submitted by Inter Press Service (IPS) Third World News Agency, headquartered in Rome.

71. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are to provide professional training for six journalists from developing countries, to improve reporting opportunities for ECDC and TCDC and demonstrate to media editors in the developing countries the value of such reporting.

72. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 223,620 of which the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 114,120. A breakdown of this cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Contribution (USD)</u>		
	<u>IPS</u>	<u>PGTF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuition	30,000	-	30,000
Office space and equipment	9,000	-	9,000
Telecommunication links	30,000	-	30,000
Editing and translation	27,000	-	27,000
Monitoring press clips	4,500	-	4,500
Travel	-	9,000	9,000
Allowances for trainees	-	90,600	90,600
Medical insurance	-	7,920	7,920
Communications costs	-	3,000	3,000
Project management	9,000	-	9,000
Miscellaneous	<u>-</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
	109,500	114,120	223,620

73. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the project falls within the purview of the activities undertaken by UNESCO and the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. Therefore, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with the guideline stating that PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the United Nations agencies for undertaking activities in favor of economic cooperation among developing countries.

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

Project proposal No. 16: Lubricating Base Oil Manufacturing Plant Project

75. This project proposal was submitted by the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise of Myanmar.

76. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project would be to build a lubricating base oil manufacturing plant at the Thanlyin refinery.

77. The duration of the project would be three years and total estimated cost is USD 16.36 million of which USD 9.05 million would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

78. 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.

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

Project proposal No. 17: Establishment of facilities for a Research and Development Centre in Myanmar Agricultural Mechanization

80. This project proposal was submitted by the Agricultural Mechanization Department, of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of Myanmar.

81. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project would be to establish a research and development center for agricultural mechanization in Myanmar. The project would have a duration of two years.

82. Total estimated cost is USD 88,500 of which 38,500 is the contribution sought from PGTF.

83. 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.

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

Project proposals No. 18 to 20

85. These project proposals were also submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of Myanmar. According to the texts of the proposals, the projects correspond to training in agriculture mechanization, post-harvest technology in fruits and vegetables, and upgrading of its surveying and mapping project.

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

Project proposal No. 21: Establishment of a Regional Trade Information Center for the Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Developing Countries of Asia & Pacific Region

87. This project proposal was submitted by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

88. The Committee noted that this proposal has been embodied in project proposal No. 11 submitted by the Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of countries members of the Group of 77, where the present proposal would represent one of the regional pilot projects.

89. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should be consolidated with project proposal No. 11.

Project proposal No. 22: Regional Seminar on Income Generating Activities in Rural Areas

90. This project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development of Pakistan.

91. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to organize a regional seminar aimed at looking in detail into all issues and related problems confronted by rural people and formulate guidelines/recommendations for feasible and sustainable rural employment strategy. The proposal foresees that the collaboration of the SAARC secretariat would be sought after obtaining support from PGTF.

92. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 34,000.

93. In the light of the information presented, the Committee noted that this project could not be considered as a regional one since there is no explicit participation of or declared interest by other countries that would be potential beneficiaries of the project. In addition, according to the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, prior approval from the governing body of SAARC would be required before submitting the project proposal.

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

Project proposal No. 23: Organization and development of Cotton Farmers' Associations (CFAs) and Cotton Farmers' Cooperatives (CFCs)

95. This project proposal was submitted by the Philippine Cotton Corporation of the Philippines.

96. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project would be to mobilize potential cotton farmer leaders towards developing their associations (CFAs) and eventually into their cooperatives (CFCs) to become active participants in rural development.

97. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 188,200 the totality of which is sought as contribution from PGTF.

98. 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.

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

Project proposal No. 24: Development of two pilot projects
sericultural communities in the Philippines

100. This project proposal was submitted by the Fiber Industry Development Authority of the Philippines.

101. According to the text of the proposal, the objective is to establish two national pilot projects on the development of sericultural communities in selected regions of the country, that would serve as models with maximum multiplier effect for other regions to emulate. The project would enable for institutionalization of the cocoon production, distribution and utilization.

102. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 2,036,682 of which USD 878,566 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

103. 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.

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

Project proposal No. 25: The open university as an alternative
graduate program for agricultural technicians

105. This project proposal was submitted by the Agricultural Training Institute of the Philippines.

106. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project would be to implement a site-assignment and off-campus career development program for 3,900 field extension workers from the Department of Agriculture of the country; build on existing linkages between the Department of Agriculture and state universities and colleges for agricultural and rural development; re-energize a critical mass of 3,900 agricultural technicians within 5 years, and accelerate agri-based development projects in 3,900 farm and fishing communities within 5 years.

107. The project has a duration of 5 years and total estimated cost is USD 4,350,000. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 372,000.

108. 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.

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

Project proposal No. 26: The Transformations in the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union, and their Impact on the World Economy and Implications for Third World Countries, especially from Latin America

110. This project proposal was submitted by the Raul Prebisch Foundation, headquartered in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

111. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the proposal would be: (a) to identify the most important changes taking place in Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union; (b) to ascertain the implications of these developments on the relations between these countries and the developed world; (c) to attempt an appraisal of the derived changes in international economic relations, especially in trade, financing and investment flows that affect or might affect the economies of developing countries; (d) to prepare a preliminary study on the foregoing subject; and (e) to organize a meeting of experts and eminent persons from the Third World to discuss these subjects and prepare proposals on policy guidelines for developing countries in this new world scenario.

112. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 69,300.

113. The Committee was of the opinion that given the number of activities that are currently underway at the intergovernmental level within and outside the United Nations system, the proposed project might represent a duplication with existing activities. The Committee recommended that the terms of reference of the study be viewed in the light of such activities and in particular the outcome of the deliberations of the High-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with ministerial participation on the impact of the recent East-West evolution on the world economy, in particular on the growth of developing countries.

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

Project proposal No. 27: Public Enterprises Rationalization Project

115. This project proposal was submitted by the government of Saint Lucia.

116. Background of the project is the decision taken by the governments of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Saint Lucia to politically unify their countries by the end of 1992.

117. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to prepare an action-oriented document which would be a blueprint for the integrated, privatization or liquidation of

the many public enterprises in the four countries as part of the process of political unification.

118. Total estimated cost is USD 80,800 of which USD 60,800 is the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of this cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (USD)</u>
Personnel	22,800
Travel	18,000
Publications/reproduction	15,000
Communications	4,000
Other	<u>1,000</u>
	60,800

119. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. However, the Committee felt that formal endorsement of participating countries should be received by the Office of the Chairman before disbursement of funds.

120. The Committee recommended that USD 60,800 be allocated to this end with the condition stated above.

Project proposal No. 28: The Environmental Development Planning of the Mae Klong Basin

121. This project proposal was submitted by the National Economic and Social Development Board of Thailand.

122. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project would be to carry out a study aimed at creating a vision for building up a new economic and social system for regional development, and identifying appropriate planning and implementing, as well as approaches to national cooperation for local economic and social development in specific parts of the country.

123. Total estimated cost is USD 500,000 of which USD 457,800 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

124. 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.

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

Project proposals No. 29 to 33

126. These project proposals were submitted by various government institutions of Thailand. According to the texts of the

proposals, the objectives of the projects are respectively to develop coastal shipping legislation; carry out a feasibility study for railway extension; develop a forest information system for the management of tropical forests; develop a risk management system and internationalized the higher education system.

127. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that all these proposals correspond to national projects that are thus not eligible for financing from PGTF.

128. The Committee therefore recommended that these proposals should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 34: Feasibility Study for the micro hydropower plants of Manon, Thialea, and Bougoulou

129. This project proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Planning and Mines of Togo.

130. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are to carry out feasibility studies with a view to building micro hydropower plants in three selected locations of Togo. The studies would determine the site for building the micro hydropower plants, describe civil works and equipment to be installed and estimate power production costs.

131. 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.

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

Project proposal No. 35: Establishment of ASTRO Countertrade and Other Special Trade Transactions Facilitation Centre (ASTRACO)

133. This project proposal was submitted by the International Association of State Trading Organizations of developing countries (ASTRO), headquartered in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

134. The proposal is a resubmission of a project submitted for consideration of the Committee at its fifth meeting in July 1990.

135. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project would be to establish an ASTRO Countertrade and Other Special Trade Transactions Facilitation Centre (ASTRACO) in Manila, Philippines, with a view to helping developing countries in expanding their trade development objectives.

136. The total estimated cost of the project for the first year of operation would be USD 470,000 of which the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 125,000.

137. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the subject of the project, namely the building of a new institution, falls outside of the purview of PGTF and therefore does not comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In addition, the Committee felt that other sources of financing should be approached for this project.

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

Project proposal No. 36: Programme of Development of Ecological Agriculture in Undeveloped Regions of East Slovenia

139. This project proposal was submitted by the enterprise Mikrokozmos from Slovenia, Yugoslavia.

140. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a programme of development of ecological agriculture in selected undeveloped regions of Eastern Slovenia.

141. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 5,278,000 of which the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 1,055,000.

142. 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.

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

Project proposals No. 37 to 44

144. These project proposals were also submitted by various organizations and institutions from Yugoslavia.

145. According to the texts of these proposals, the objectives of the projects are respectively: (a) to carry out a programme for agricultural development for an agricultural cooperative; (b) to establish a meteorological system in the Republic of Slovenia; (c) to establish a regional center for research of materials on environmental protection in Macedonia; (d) to implement the production of new city buses in Macedonia; (e) to carry out a feasibility study for reconstruction and modernization of greenhouse complexes; (f) to carry out a feasibility study for rabbit meat production; (g) to carry out a study for water pollution control of the Vardar Valley; and (h) to carry out a feasibility study for ecology in the Vardar Valley.

146. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that all these proposals correspond to national projects that are not eligible for funding from PGTF. The

Committee therefore recommended that these proposals should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 45: Essential Elements for a Policy of Conversion of Military Potential for Civil Purposes in Developing Countries

147. This project proposal was submitted by the Center for Strategic Studies from Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

148. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to analyze, using multidisciplinary approaches, the economic, developmental, technological, security related and other aspects of the issue. The project aims at identifying the scope and level of the conversion policy and essential factors influencing this policy with a view to recommending elements for policy of conversions in developing countries.

149. Total estimated cost of the project is USD 173,600 of which the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 73,600.

150. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the subject of the project falls within the purview of activities of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs. Therefore, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with the guideline stating that PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the United Nations agencies for undertaking activities in favor of economic cooperation among developing countries.

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

Project proposal No. 46: Assistance to South-South Partnership Promotion Centre

152. This project proposal was submitted by the African Development Bank, headquartered in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

153. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the proposal is the establishment of a framework, to be known as the South-South Partnership Promotion Centre, which would enable the private sector of the developing countries to play a more decisive and dynamic role in the economic recovery of their respective countries.

154. Total contribution sought from PGTF amounts to USD 1,000,000.

155. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that under the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, the African Development Bank is not eligible as an executing

organization. In addition, the size of the project goes well beyond the scope of PGTF, in particular with regard to the amount of resources and to the nature of the request, since it encompasses the full implementation of the project instead of calling for seed resources for facilitating such implementation.

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

Project proposal No. 47: Technical cooperation to promote international standards of accounting and reporting and to promote training in accountancy development

157. This project proposal was submitted by the Instituto Mexicano de Contadores Públicos (Mexican Institute of Public Accountants), from Mexico.

158. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to organize a regional meeting in Mexico with a view to formulating pilot projects in accountancy development which could meet long-term needs of developing countries, and finance the participation of regional experts in the ninth session of the International Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR).

159. Total contribution sought from PGTF is USD 55,250. A breakdown of this cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution</u>
Experts	11,250
Travel	17,500
Participation of regional experts in the ninth session of ISAR	<u>26,500</u>
Total	55,250

160. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the subject of the proposal falls within the purview of regular activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC). Therefore, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with the guideline stating that PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the United Nations agencies for undertaking activities in favor of economic cooperation among developing countries.

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

Project proposal No. 48: Technical cooperation to promote international standards of accounting and reporting and to promote training in accountancy development

162. This project proposal was submitted by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya.

163. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to organize a regional meeting in Mexico with a view to formulating pilot projects in accountancy development which could meet long-term needs of developing countries, and finance the participation of regional experts in the ninth session of the International Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR).

164. Total contribution sought from PGTF is USD 55,250. A breakdown of this cost is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution</u>
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Travel	17,500
Participation of regional experts in the ninth session of ISAR	<u>26,500</u>
Total	55,250

165. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the subject of the proposal falls within the purview of regular activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC). Therefore, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with the guideline stating that PGTF should not be used as a substitute for resources available to the United Nations agencies for undertaking activities in favor of economic cooperation among developing countries.

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

Project proposal No. 49: Establishment of the African Regional Business and Trade Information Network for Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCIs) of Developing Countries, Members of G.77: A Pilot Project

167. This project proposal was submitted by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Douala, Cameroon.

168. The Committee noted that this proposal has been embodied in project proposal No. 11 submitted by the Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of countries members of the Group of 77, where the present proposal would represent one of the regional pilot projects.

169. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should be consolidated with project proposal No. 11.

Project proposal No. 50: Latin American and Caribbean Trade Information Network

170. This project proposal was submitted by the Bogota Chamber of Commerce, from Bogota, Colombia.

171. The Committee noted that this proposal has been embodied in project proposal No. 11 submitted by the Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of countries members of the Group of 77, where the present proposal would represent one of the regional pilot projects.

172. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should be consolidated with project proposal No. 11.

Project proposal No. 51: Masters Programme in Business Administration in Public Enterprise Management

173. This project proposal was submitted by the International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE), headquartered in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

174. The proposal is a resubmission of a project submitted for consideration of the Committee at its fifth meeting in July 1990.

175. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to launch a one-year Masters programme in business administration for public enterprises.

176. Total estimated cost for a three-year period is USD 2,060,000 of which USD 150,000 would be the contribution sought from PGTF.

177. In the light of the information presented, the Committee noted that this proposal is similar to the one originally submitted. The examination of additional documents submitted by the project sponsors led the Committee to reiterate its view expressed at the fifth meeting. Therefore, the Committee considered that the contents of the proposed MBA programme seems to duplicate MBA programmes 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.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

178. In summary, the Committee recommended that two projects avail from the financing of PGTF, and resources allocated to this end amount to USD 210,800. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation (USD)</u>
1. 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	150,000
2. Public Enterprises Rationalization Project	<u>60,800</u>
TOTAL	210,800

179. According to the information provided by UNDP, total estimated available resources for projects to be considered in 1991 amount to approximately USD 643,925. Such amount is the combined total of USD 343,925 corresponding to resources available for new projects as of 31 May 1991 and USD 300,000 corresponding to the estimated interest earnings until the end of 1991. A more detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

V. OTHER MATTERS

180. The Committee expressed its concern on the large number of project proposals that were not eligible for financing from PGTF because of their national character. Since this is likely to be an indication of a lack of information regarding the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, the Committee recommended that a vigorous effort be undertaken by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to disseminate the necessary information regarding the guidelines.

181. In this regard, the Committee recommended that the informative brochure prepared by the Office of the Chairman be translated, reproduced and distributed before October 1, 1991.

182. The Committee also recommended that organizations and institutions of developing countries should be approached and provided with information on PGTF and in particular on the guidelines for its utilization with a view to enhancing the submission of project proposals that would be eligible for financing from PGTF.

183. The Committee was of the opinion that a continuous effort is required so as to reduce delays in project implementation with a view to increasing their effectiveness. The Committee noted in this regard that there has been a sizable increase in the amount of resources disbursed since the beginning of 1991, which is indicative of a more expeditious processing of project documents following their approval.

184. However, the Committee felt that there is more room for improvement and in this connection invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to explore, in cooperation with the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP, ways and means for expediting the process of preparation of project documents with a view to reducing the time lag between approval of the projects and actual disbursement of PGTF contributions.

185. The Committee also recommended that executing organizations that are currently implementing projects be requested to present their progress reports as scheduled in the project documents with a view to effectively follow up such implementation.

186. A number of project proposals submitted after the March 31 deadline were referred to the Committee during its sixth session. 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 at its next session.

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FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND
FOR ECDC/TCDC AS OF 31 MAY 1991

Unexpended resources as of 1 January 1991	6,938,074
Add: Interest earned as of 31 May 1991	<u>226,031</u>
Total resources	7,164,105

Less: Project disbursement recorded thus far for 1991

INT/88/K01 -	Bulletin	13,280	
INT/89/K03 -	SELA	30,000	
INT/89/K05 -	ALADI	120,000	
INT/89/K11 -	ECRC, 21st Century	50,000	
INT/89/K13 -	SUNS	119,800	
INT/89/K14 -	PGTF, Phase I	10,000	
INT/90/K03 -	Land-locked	78,570	
INT/90/K04 -	Drug Traffic	78,000	
INT/90/K05 -	ASEAN	110,000	
INT/90/K06 -	Organic Rice	85,000	
INT/90/K07 -	GSTP	<u>250,000</u>	
		<u>944,650</u>	

	7,164,105
	<u>944,650</u>
	6,219,455

Balance of funds (total resources less disbursed funds)

Less: Reserved resources (Fund's capital)

5,000,000¹

Remaining funds

	<u>1,219,455</u>
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Consisting of obligated/earmarked funds as follows:

(i) Obligated:

Budgets of approved projects (balance as of 1991 and onwards)

INT/88/K01 -	Bulletin	27,380	
	(extension)		
INT/89/K03 -	SELA	18,700	
INT/89/K04 -	ASTRO	90,000	
INT/89/K09 -	Raw Materials	100,000	
INT/89/K13 -	SUNS	200	
INT/90/K01 -	Mangrove	84,800	
INT/90/K02 -	16th-18th Century	94,500	
INT/90/K03 -	Land-locked	17,150	
INT/90/K08 -	PGTF, Phase II	<u>214,800</u>	
		<u>647,530</u>	

(ii) Earmarked funds for approved proposals:

INT/89/K08 -	Monetary Fund	30,000	
INT/89/K12 -	SELA, Germ Plasm	58,000	
INT/90/K09 -	Veterinary	<u>140,000</u>	
		<u>228,000</u>	

Total obligated/earmarked funds (647,530 + 228,000)	=	875,530
Available for new projects: 1,219,455 - 875,530	=	343,925
Estimated interest earnings from 1 June to 31 December 1991	=	<u>300,000</u>
Total	=	<u>643,925</u>

¹Deposited in long-term high-yield interest account.