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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the High-level Meeting on ECDC held in Cairo in August 1986, the rules of procedure adopted at its first meeting held in Caracas in August 1987, the provisions of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VII) held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, the First Annual Meeting of the Group of 77, held in New York in September 1989, the Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VIII), held in Panama City in August-September 1993, and the provisions of the Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, held in New York on 30 September 1994, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its tenth meeting in New York from 17 to 19 May 1995.

2. The meeting was attended by the six members of the Committee, representing the three regions of the Group of 77. A representative of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York also attended the meeting. Dr. Eduardo Praselj was elected chairman of this session. The list of participants appears as annex I.

3. An officer of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP was invited by the Committee to provide information on matters related to UNDP relevant to the deliberations of the Committee.

4. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Consideration of new project proposals;
2. Assessment of the implementation of approved projects;
3. Other matters.

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

1. Twenty-five (25) project proposals;
2. Eight (8) project reports received by the Office of the Chairman
3. Note by the Office of the Chairman on the status of approved projects
4. Note by UNDP on the composition of the PGTF portfolio.
5. Note by UNDP on the financial status of PGTF

6. According to the information submitted by UNDP on the financial status of PGTF, total available funds for supporting project proposals in 1995 are approximately US\$880,000, including interest projected to be earned until 31 December 1995. Therefore, in line with guideline A(p) for utilization of PGTF the maximum support that could be given to any individual project would be US\$175,000.

II. CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

7. The Committee had before it twenty-five (25) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) *Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction*
- (2) *Productive internationalization in Mercosur: Foreign direct investment and regional transnational corporations*
- (3) *Hamad basin development project*
- (4) *Support for regional human resource development through training in geographical information systems*
- (5) *Plan of cooperation on training and development of technology to support health policies in primary care in the Portuguese speaking African countries (PSAC)*
- (6) *Upgrading of veterinary field health services through development of animal disease information system*
- (7) *Promotion of export-oriented agricultural crops, spices, ornamental and medicinal plants of the humid tropic*
- (8) *Promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit*
- (9) *Training workshop on promotion and intensification of application of integrated pest management (IPM) on vegetables for developing countries*
- (10) *Apprenticeship programme on agriculture for African and other developing countries of the Group of 77*
- (11) *African debt management technical cooperation project*
- (12) *Concerted action for combatting poverty and desertification in Africa (Niger)*
- (13) *Exploitation of underground waters in rural areas in Chad*
- (14) *Establishment of a cement factory in Mayo-Kebbi in Chad*
- (15) *Support for the protection of vegetables*
- (16) *Fish farming development project*
- (17) *Feasibility study for the renovation of textile mills*
- (18) *Pyinmana sugar factory No. 1 renovation project*
- (19) *Disposable syringe production project*
- (20) *Feasibility study for cement plant projects and for upgrading of existing mills production capacity*
- (21) *Technical expert for granite quarrying*
- (22) *Renovation of Myaungmya jute mill in Myanmar*
- (23) *Pilot project for the development of a land information system*
- (24) *Concerted action for combatting poverty and desertification in Africa (Benin)*
- (25) *Creation of an observatory post on desertification research in the Sudano-Sahelian region*

8. The following fourteen (14) project proposals were received after the established deadline of 30 April 1995 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session:

- (1) *Multinational geological mining project to promote economic and social development in the border areas between Bolivia, Peru and Argentina*

- (2) *Strengthening and upgrading the skills and capacities of the National Center for Rural Development of Pakistan*
- (3) *Integrated conservation-based development in small-holder farming systems in Ethiopia*
- (4) *Low-cost house construction using small diameter timber poles in Ethiopia*
- (5) *Strengthening the design and construction supervision capabilities of the Water Resources Development Authority of Ethiopia*
- (6) *Assessment of trade promotion opportunities between Ethiopia and the southern Africa region*
- (7) *Rehabilitation of the Angereb Catchment in Ethiopia*
- (8) *Strengthening and expansion of meteorological services for environment protection and sustainable development in Ethiopia*
- (9) *Strengthening and improvement of meteorological services in Ethiopia*
- (10) *Training for micro-hydro power design, operation and management*
- (11) *Study on the production of bio-coal and bio-coal stove furnace design for household and small-scale industries*
- (12) *Low-rank coal-water fuel (CWF) production*
- (13) *Survey of obsolete pesticides and empty containers for disposal in Ethiopia*
- (14) *Extension of seed treatment technology to small-scale farmers in Ethiopia*

Project proposal No. 1 - Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction

9. This project proposal was submitted by the Government of Cuba at the ninth meeting of the Committee of Experts. On that occasion the Committee considered that the project complied with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF but could not be given support because of the limited resources available, as stated in paragraph 189 of the report of the ninth meeting of the Committee. The Committee recommended that the allocation of resources should be examined at the tenth meeting of the Committee.

10. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to optimize the process of obtaining high quality blood plasma 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.

11. Total estimated cost of the project was US\$ 597,194. The contribution requested from PGTF was US\$ 165,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	Local	PGTF	Total
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	60,000	25,000	85,000
Total	432,194	165,000	597,194

12. Given that the proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, the Committee recommended that US\$165,000 be allocated to this project.

Project proposal No. 2 - *Productive internationalization in Mercosur: Foreign direct investment and regional transnational corporations*

13. This project proposal was submitted by the CPC Consultora Internacional Ltda., headquartered in Montevideo, through the Government of Uruguay at the ninth meeting of the Committee of Experts. On that occasion the Committee considered that the project complied with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF but could not be given support because of the limited resources available, as stated in paragraph 189 of the report of the ninth meeting of the Committee. The Committee recommended that the allocation of resources should be examined at the tenth meeting of the Committee.

14. According to the information provided, the objectives of the proposal are to provide the national and private institutions with the information and tools necessary to empower them to take the appropriate decisions in the field of foreign direct investment (FDI) that will lead to attracting and channeling FDI in such a way that it will contribute to the growth and development of the four countries members of MERCOSUR, both individually and as a region, thus strengthening integration. The project would contribute to enhancing the instruments and activities for technical, institutional and political cooperation among the MERCOSUR partners.

15. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve months, is US\$182,200. The contribution sought from PGTF amounted to US\$140,000 and the breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	Local	PGTF	Total
Personnel and experts	39,200	120,800	160,000
Travel	-	8,000	8,000
Documentation	1,500	2,500	4,000
Data processing	1,500	2,500	4,000
Other	-	6,200	6,200
Total	42,200	140,000	182,200

16. Given that the proposal complied with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF at the time of its approval in 1994 and therefore before the entry into force of guideline A(m), the Committee recommended that US\$140,000 be allocated to this project.

Project proposal No. 3 - *Hamad basin development project*

17. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Planning of Jordan.

18. According to the information submitted, the objective of the project is to formulate a long-term concept of Hamad basin development, within a framework of the regional development of the country. The cost of the project to be carried out in nine months would be US\$120,000. Contribution sought from PGTF was US\$60,000.

19. The Committee considered that this proposal was incomplete. In particular, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there was no explicit indication of interest of the potential beneficiary countries of the region. Moreover, there was no detailed indication of the utilization of the contribution sought from PGTF.

20. The Committee considered therefore that this proposal did not comply with the guidelines for utilization of the PGTF and should not avail from the financing of the Fund.

Project proposal No. 4 - *Support for regional human resource development through training in geographical information systems*

21. The project proposal was submitted by the University of the South Pacific (USP), headquartered in Suva, Fiji through the Government of the Republic of Fiji.

22. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to acquire support for a GIS (Geographical Information Systems) professional to be placed in a new GIS support position at USP to facilitate the development of training programmes in this field and applications at the Certificate diploma level. GIS is relatively new set of integrated computer-based technologies and methodologies dealing with spatial and associated non-spatial data,

including the latest graphics developments, databases, remote sensing, global positioning systems, and others.

23. The total cost of the project for one calendar year was estimated at US\$211,000, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$60,000. The sponsors indicated that the total duration of the project would be a minimum of three years, with costs for the second and third years being slightly lower than for the first year.

24. The Committee was of the view that, in the light of the information available, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project. Moreover, the Committee felt that this project falls within the regular budget activities of USP and therefore is not eligible for financing.

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

Project proposal No. 5 - Plan of cooperation on training and development of technology to support health policies in primary care in the Portuguese speaking African countries (PSAC)

26. The project proposal was submitted by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) through the government of Brazil.

27. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to define needs and suggest guidelines for a plan of cooperation between the FIOCRUZ and the Portuguese speaking African countries (Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde and Sao Tome and Principe) in the framework of ECDC. The project would be a feasibility study that should provide inputs and background information for the process of discussion and negotiation of a plan of cooperation in the health sector and would foster interaction among the different nations members of the Portuguese Speaking Countries community (PALOP).

28. Total cost of the project to be carried out in ten months was estimated at US\$119,300, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$59,300. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	Local	PGTF	Total
Personnel and experts	45,000	-	45,000
Travel and per diems	-	59,300	59,300
Seminar and working groups	13,000	-	13,000
Data processing and other	2,000	-	2,000
Total	60,000	59,300	119,300

29. In the light of the information available, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponded to an important initiative but it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative

element of the project since there was no declared interest or explicit participation of the potential beneficiaries in the activities of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 6 - Upgrading of veterinary field health services through development of animal disease information system

31. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Malaysia.

32. The Committee noted that this proposal is identical to the one submitted at the fifth meeting of the Committee in 1990, that was approved for funding and US\$140,000 were allocated to this end. This project was never implemented because the sponsors were not able to secure catalytic funding from the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP for a portion of the total project expenses. At its eighth meeting, the Committee of Experts indicated that if UNDP resources were not forthcoming the sponsors of the project should then identify other sources of financing for an early implementation of the project. Following repeated requests and follow-up initiatives from the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in this regard with no response, the Committee recommended at its ninth meeting that if the project implementation was not launched by 31 December 1994, the allocated funds should revert to PGTF, as it actually happened since there were no new developments by this deadline.

33. The new proposal submitted gives no indication that this situation has changed and provides no reasons for considering that the proposal would in fact be implemented at all. Following consultations with the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP, the Committee confirmed that the UNDP would not provide catalytical support for this project.

34. The Committee therefore considered that this proposal should not be reexamined in light of the above.

Project proposal No. 7 - Promotion of export-oriented agricultural crops, spices, ornamental and medicinal plants of the humid tropic

35. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Guatemala.
36. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are to promote the commercial production of traditional and non-traditional crops for the export market, to create the necessary conditions for an effective performance of small, medium and large producers, and to provide technical assistance to producers.
37. The cost of the project to be carried out over a five-year period was estimated at US\$45,900 the totality of which corresponds to the contribution sought from PGTF.
38. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for financing, and therefore recommended that it should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 8 - *Promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit*

39. The proposal was submitted by the University of Panama through the government of Panama.
40. According to the text of the proposal, the project objectives are to (a) create a permanent system of self-employment in the University of Panama; (b) establish a permanent system for the promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit at this university; (c) eliminate the social prejudice that limits students of the region to the non-liberal jobs; (d) introduce gradually the concept of entrepreneurial spirit in the academic curricula; and (e) develop a system that will contribute to closing the gap between the education received and the needs of the productive sector.
41. The cost of the project to be carried out in one year was estimated at US\$359,539, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$40,000.
42. The Committee was of the view that the proposal was incomplete, in particular since no detailed information was given regarding the utilization of the PGTF contribution and it was not possible to clearly ascertain the cooperative element of the project.
43. In light of the above, the Committee recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 9 - *Training workshop on promotion and intensification of application of integrated pest management (IPM) on vegetables for developing countries*

44. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia.
45. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project would be (a) to improve policies and strategies of integrated pest management (IPM) concepts on vegetables for developing countries, and (b) to increase the competence of farmers in developing countries in the utilization of IPM technologies.
46. The total cost of the project to be carried out over eighteen months was estimated at US\$1,430,345. Contribution sought from PGTF was US\$297,895, whereas the host country contribution amounted to US\$152,000 and the participating countries contribution was expected to be US\$980,450. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)			Total
	Host country	Participating	PGTF	
Personnel	-	-	8,000	8,000
Data collection &	-	-	23,000	23,000
Training workshops	45,000	630,000	126,925	801,925
Travel	2,000	10,450	98,470	110,920
Equipment	-	-	12,000	12,000
Office and training facilities	65,000	-	-	65,000
Documentation and other	20,000	280,000	29,500	329,500
Establishment of IPM	20,000	60,000	-	80,000
Total	152,800	980,450	297,895	1,430,345

47. In the light of the information available, the Committee felt that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative component of this nationally executed project since there was no evidence of the declared interest of and explicit participation by the potential beneficiary developing countries as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF. This element becomes crucial for the feasibility of implementing this proposal since the largest proportion of resources would have to be contributed by the beneficiary countries.
48. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 10 - *Apprenticeship programme on agriculture for African and other developing countries of the Group of 77*

49. This proposal was also submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia. The Committee recalled that according to guideline A(d) for utilization of PGTF, proposing organizations and institutions may submit no more than one project proposal per annum for funding from the PGTF.

50. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to enhance the knowledge, attitude and skills of the apprentice farmers to boost the productivity of agriculture especially on food crops; (b) to exchange ideas and information on agricultural development between apprentice-farmers and host farmers; (c) to strengthen cooperation among apprentice-farmers and host farmers, and (d) to develop creativity, analytical capability, self-reliance and entrepreneurship of both apprentice-farmers and host farmers.

51. Total cost of the project to be carried out in three years was estimated at US\$950,530. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$569,125 while the contribution of the host country would be US\$381,405.

52. Even though in the text of the proposal there is a list of twelve (12) prospective participating countries that would be part of six groups, there is no evidence of the declared interest of or explicit participation by these countries in the project. Therefore, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative component of the project as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF. In addition, the proposal did not comply with guideline A(m), which requires that inputs from sources other than PGTF should be at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 11 - *African debt management technical cooperation project*

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

55. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to create an institutional mechanism that allows for TCDC in the area of debt management information system, focusing primarily on the African countries members of the Group of 77; (b) to provide a selected number of African countries with technical assistance to establish their

debt management information systems; (c) to support those countries in identifying and determining their needs, requirements and plans to establish and implement debt management informations systems, and (d) to share and exchange the accumulated experience of the African countries in this field, focusing on transfer of the Egyptian successful experience.

56. Total cost of the project to be carried out in twelve months was estimated at US\$214,000, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$130,000. The breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	Project sponsor	PGTF	Total
Personnel and experts	48,000	40,000	88,000
Regional workshops	-	50,000	50,000
Travel	-	30,000	30,000
Equipment	12,000	-	12,000
Office and other facilities	24,000	-	24,000
Miscellaneous	-	10,000	10,000
Total	84,000	130,000	214,000

57. In light of the information available, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative component of the project since the potential beneficiaries are not identified. Moreover, the activities proposed represent a duplication with the regular activities of UNCTAD.

58. The Committee considered that the project is therefore not eligible for funding and should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 12 - *Concerted action for combatting poverty and desertification in Africa (Niger)*

59. The project proposal was submitted by the Government of Niger. The implementing organization would be Sahel Defis, a non-governmental organization in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

60. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to provide financial support in the form of short-term, low-interest loans to local groups in Niger, Burkina Faso and Algeria involved in small-scale economic activities.

61. Total estimated cost of the project to be carried out in three years was US\$120,000. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$50,000 while the project sponsors would contribute US\$45,000 and US\$25,000 were in the process of being secured from other sources, namely IFAD and UNEP.

62. The Committee recalled that at its ninth meeting it had recommended to provide support to a project entitled "Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa", submitted by the Government of Benin and implemented by the above-mentioned non-governmental organization, namely Sahel Defis. This project is still to be implemented. The Committee also recalled the guideline B(f) for project eligibility that establishes that no follow-up project would be considered until the previous one is implemented. Given that both the approved project "Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa" and project proposal No. 12 "Concerted action of struggle against poverty and desertification in Africa" are of the same nature and would be implemented by the same organization, the Committee was of the view that the latter proposal should not be considered until the former is implemented. Moreover, the Committee considered that project proposal No. 24 below, submitted by the Government of Benin and also to be implemented by Sahel Defis covers activities of the same nature, could be consolidated with project proposal No. 12.

63. The Committee therefore recommended that project proposal No. 12 should not avail of the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 13 - *Exploitation of underground waters in rural areas in Chad*

64. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Chad.

65. According to the information submitted, the objectives of the project are to repair 300 rural water wells and to revamp some 300 manual water pumps in the Kanem and Lac provinces of Chad.

66. Total cost of the project to be carried out in 30 months was estimated at 1,847,442,165 francs CFA (around US\$3,800,000), the totality of which was the contribution sought from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 14 - *Establishment of a cement factory in Mayo-Kebbi in Chad*

Project proposal No. 15 - *Support for the protection of vegetables*

Project proposal No. 16 - *Fish farming development project*

68. These three project proposals were also submitted by the Government of Chad.

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

70. The Committee recommended that project proposals Nos. 14-16 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 17 - *Feasibility study for the renovation of textile mills*

71. This project proposal was submitted by the government of Myanmar.

72. According to the information submitted, the objective of the proposal is to prepare a feasibility study for the renovation of three textile factories at a minimum cost, including increase of the production capacity and product quality through replacement of outdated machinery by new parts or devices.

73. Total cost of the project to be carried out in six weeks was estimated at US\$199,440. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$112,800.

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

Project proposal No. 18 - *Pyinmana sugar factory No. 1 renovation project*

Project proposal No. 19 - *Disposable syringe production project*

Project proposal No. 20 - *Feasibility study for cement plant projects and for upgrading of existing mills production capacity*

Project proposal No. 21 - *Technical expert for granite quarrying*

Project proposal No. 22 - *Renovation of Myaungmya jute mill in Myanmar*

Project proposal No. 23 - *Pilot project for the development of a land information system*

75. These six project proposals were also submitted by the Government of Myanmar.

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

77. The Committee recommended that project proposals Nos. 18-23 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 24 - *Concerted action for combatting poverty and desertification in Africa (Benin)*

78. The project proposal was submitted by the government of Benin. The implementing organization would be Sahel Defis, a non-governmental organization in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

79. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to provide financial support in the form of short-term, low-interest loans to local groups in Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali involved in small-scale economic activities.

80. Total estimated cost of the project to be carried out in three years was US\$110,000. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$50,000 while the project sponsors would contribute US\$35,000 and US\$25,000 were in the process of being secured from other sources, namely IFAD and UNEP.

81. The Committee reiterated its view expressed in para 62 of this report.

82. The Committee therefore recommended that project proposal No. 24 should not avail of the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 25 - *Creation of an observatory post on desertification research in the Sudano-Sahelian region*

83. The project proposal was submitted by the government of Mauritania.

84. According to the information submitted, the objective of the project is to establish an operational unit for observation and surveillance of soil degradation and the process of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

85. Total contribution sought from PGTF amounted to US\$100,000 with no indication of contributions from the project sponsors.

86. The Committee considered that the proposal was incomplete since there was no declared interest of the beneficiary countries that could serve as a basis for ascertaining its cooperative component, and there were no detailed budget figures nor indication of the contribution of the project sponsors, as required by the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

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

ECDC/TCDC Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters - Journal of the Group of 77

88. The Chairman of the Group of 77 submitted a written request to the Committee of Experts for extending the support that PGTF has been giving to the publication of the *Journal of the Group of 77*. This project was approved by IFCC-VIII in 1993 for a duration of two years (1993-1994) with a PGTF contribution of US\$51,120 (US\$25,560 per annum). The *Journal* is currently being published by the Office of the Chairman in collaboration with Inter Press Service (IPS).

89. The Chairman of the Group of 77 informed that it had been possible to ensure the publication of the *Journal* in 1995 at no charge through the IPS offering of cost-free editorial and distribution services for a one year period. The Chairman also stressed the general view that the *Journal* represented an important means of promoting closer cooperation among the Chapters of the Group of 77 through regular exchange of information as well as to provide relevant and timely news coverage of activities and events of interest to members of the Group of 77. Finally, the Chairman expressed his commitment to make the *Journal* a more useful and relevant information tool in the day-to-day work of the Group of 77 in all its Chapters.

90. The Committee considered that in the light of the above, a two-year extension should be given to this project for the 1996-1997 period, on the same basis and terms of reference as the original project. The Committee therefore recommended that US\$51,120 be allocated to this project, and disbursements made in two tranches of US\$25,560 each in 1996 and 1997.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

91. In summary, the Committee recommended that the following three (3) project proposals avail from the financing of PGTF and resources allocated to this end amount to US\$356,120. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation (US\$)</i>
(1) <i>Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction</i>	165,000
(2) <i>Productive internationalization in Mercosur: Foreign direct investment and regional transnational corporations</i>	140,000
(3) <i>ECDC/TCDC Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters - Journal of the Group of 77</i>	<u>51,120</u>
<i>Total</i>	356,120

92. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 1995 amount to approximately US\$880,000. This amount includes the interest expected to be earned from 1 June to 31 December 1995 and US\$234,000 that were reverted to PGTF because of the non-implementation of two approved projects within the required deadlines. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

III. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

93. The Committee examined the status of implementation of the projects adopted by IFCC-VI held in Havana in September 1987, by the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, by IFCC-VII held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, by the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held respectively in New York in September 1989, October 1990, September 1991 and October 1992, by IFCC-VII held in Panama City in August-September 1993 and by the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs held in New York in September 1994.

94. The following eight (8) progress and terminal reports on projects under implementation were made available to the Committee of Experts:

- (1) *African agency for biotechnology*
- (2) *A review of the actions of the international community in support of the special needs and problems of the land-locked developing countries and a new strategy to overcome them*
- (3) *Guidelines and tools of a common industrial policy for MERCOSUR*
- (4) *Organic rice farming system*
- (5) *South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)*

- (6) *Integrated management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America*
- (7) *Establishment of the Regional Business and Trade Information Network for Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Developing Countries members of the Group of 77 (Report by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry)*
- (8) *Technical, secretariat and other support to the Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries (GSTP), and technical assistance to countries participating in the GSTP*

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

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

96. The Committee noted with deep concern that in general the sub-contractors and executing organizations have failed to submit the progress reports for the approved projects and the corresponding financial statements in a timely manner. On most occasions it has been necessary for the Chairman of the Group of 77 to forward numerous requests and reminders on the outstanding reports. This places an undue and unacceptable burden on the Chairman of the Group of 77 and undermines the effectiveness of the follow-up of approved projects.

97. Given that one basic obligation of those organizations executing projects supported by PGTF resources is to timely and properly report on the progress of the substantive work and provide detailed statements of the utilization of funds, the Committee considered that immediate remedial action is necessary.

98. In this regard, the Committee recalled guideline B(e) for utilization of PGTF, that establishes that whenever feasible, disbursement of funds should take place in two or more tranches and that disbursement of subsequent tranches would be subject to the timely submission of the corresponding financial and progress reports, and recommended its strict enforcement. Moreover, the Committee recommended that those organizations that fail to comply with the reporting requirements lose their eligibility for submitting project proposals to PGTF.

99. The Committee has also deemed necessary to establish a new category of projects, namely "projects under query" that includes those where in spite of continued requests and reminders from the Chairman of the Group of 77, the executing organizations or sub-contractors have failed to comply with the reporting requirements beyond the reasonable extensions of deadlines granted to them. The Committee recommended that projects in this category be kept under close scrutiny for appropriate action by the Group of 77.

A. Projects completed

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

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

PGTF input: US\$109,520

Duration: Four years

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PGTF input: US\$70,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PGTF input: US\$38,500

Duration: Six months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 on 8 December 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Action Committee is dated 19 September 1990.

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

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

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

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

PGTF input: US\$45,450

Duration: Six months

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitter: South Commission

PGTF input: \$120,000

Duration: One year

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Duration: One week

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 on 29 May 1990.

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

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

106. A cash balance of \$972 was utilized to finance the participation of members attending the Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992), the remaining cost of which was covered by project INT/90/K08 - Support to the Committee of Experts of the PGTF. The financial report of the spent cash balance was submitted to UNDP on 19 August 1993.

(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***

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

PGTF input: \$78,000

Duration: Five and a half months

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$350,000

Duration: Sixteenth months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and the G-77 in December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and UNCTAD is dated 14 December 1990.

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

108. The terminal report of this project was distributed to Member States on 16 June 1993.

(9) ***Technical Cooperation among Member States of SELA in the Field of Artificial insemination and embryo transplant***

Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$83,700

Duration: Two years and four months

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

Number: INT/89/K03/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document signed by UNDP and SELA on 20 September 1989. Sub-contract agreement was not required.

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

109. Copies of the terminal and financial reports forwarded by SELA to UNDP on 12 February 1993 were made available by SELA to the Office of the Chairman.
- (10) ***Export promotion and cooperation in favor of less developed countries within the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)***
Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) in Uruguay
PGTF input: US\$120,000
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Number: INT/89/K05/A/95/99
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 21 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and ALADI is dated 18 December 1990.
Status of submission of financial report: ALADI submitted its financial statements.
110. The terminal report of this project was forwarded by ALADI on 7 April 1993.
- (11) ***Establishment of a Maghreb Unit in the National Center for Information and Economic Documentation (CNIDE) of Algeria***
Submitter: Government of Algeria
PGTF input: US\$65,450
Duration: One year
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Number: INT/89/K06/A/95/99
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 respectively on 13 and 12 October 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CNIDE is dated 9 November 1989.
Status of submission of financial report: CNIDE submitted its financial statement.
111. The project's analytical report and financial statement were forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 17 August 1993.
112. The analytical report was circulated at IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993) and distributed to all the Permanent Missions of Member States in New York on 15 December 1993.
- (12) ***Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN countries***
Submitter: Department of Agriculture of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$110,000

Duration: Two years

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PGTF input: \$45,000

Duration: Two years

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitter: Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$94,500

Duration: Three years

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitter: Government of Argentina

PGTF input: US\$88,000

Duration: One year

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

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

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

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

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

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

requirements. The financial statement of expenditure was submitted to the Office of the Chairman on 6 April 1994.

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

Submitter: National University of Costa Rica

PGTF input: US\$84,800

Duration: Two years

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

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

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

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

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

121. The Division of Finance, UNDP received and processed the request dated 3 March 1993 for disbursement of the second tranche of \$35,300.

122. The terminal report was submitted to the Office of the Chairman with the attachment letter dated 9 December 1994.

(17) ***Organic rice farming system***

Submitter: Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)

PGTF input: US\$85,000

Duration: Two years

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

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

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

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

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

124. The updated progress report and financial statement of expenditure were submitted to the Office of the Chairman by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations with its Note Verbale dated 1 March 1995.

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

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

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/91/K01/95/99

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

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

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

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

127. The terminal report and financial statement of expenditure were submitted to the Office of the Chairman by the Bogota Chamber of Commerce with attachment letters dated 15 June 1994 and 24 January 1995 respectively.

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

Submitter: Raul Prebisch Foundation

PGTF input: US\$60,700

Duration: 3 months

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

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

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

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

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

129. Complete sets consisting of four volumes were distributed by the Office of the Chairman to the Chairmen of the Group of 77 Chapters and to the Permanent Missions of the Group of 77 in New York.

130. By fax letter dated 23 December 1994, the statement of expenditure was submitted to the Office of the Chairman.

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

Submitter: Group of 77 in Geneva

PGTF input: US\$250,000

Duration: One year

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 16 November and 12 December 1992. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and UNCTAD is dated 14 December 1992.
Status of submission of financial report: No financial statements have been submitted.

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

132. The terminal report and financial statement were submitted to the Office of the Chairman by attachment letter dated 6 May 1994.

133. By letter dated 7 January 1995, the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested UNCTAD, Geneva to submit the final revision of the project reflecting the actual expenditure of US\$249,362.

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

Submitter: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia

PGTF input: US\$81,600

Duration: One year

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

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

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

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

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

135. The final report and statement of account were submitted to the Office of the Chairman by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations with its attachment letter dated 7 April 1994.

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

Submitter: Third World Network, Penang, Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$59,881

Duration: One year

Number: INT/93/K03

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

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

Status of submission of financial report: Provisional financial report has been submitted by the sub-contractor.

136. Implementation of this project began on 1 March 1994 and came to an end on 28 February 1995. An interim report and a provisional report of the statement of accounts were submitted to the Office of the Chairman by SUNS with attachment letter dated 8 August 1994.

137. The disbursements of US\$21,000 and US\$3,000 were made by UNDP to TWN by Fax letters dated 5 October 1994 and 2 February 1995 respectively. The disbursements of US\$3,240 and US\$200 were made by UNDP to the Group of 77 in New York for local distribution of SUNS bulletin as per memorandum dated 7 April 1994.

138. Upon completion of project activities, a letter from TWN was received, offering to continue distributing the SUNS in New York on an interim basis and at no charge to the Group of 77 pending the procurement of more lasting financial arrangements from various sources.

139. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the executing organization to submit the terminal report and outstanding financial statements not later than 31 December 1995.

(23) ***ECDC/TCDC Information Support to Group of 77 Chapters (Journal of the Group of 77)***

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

PGTF input: US\$51,120

Duration: Two years

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992) and IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)

Number: INT/93/K02

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

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

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

141. The disbursements of US\$20,760 and US\$4,800 were made by UNDP to IPS and to the Group of 77 in New York respectively on 23 March and 24 March 1994.

142. The activities pertaining to this project were completed in December 1994; and the Journal continues to be published. The request for disbursement for the second year (1994) is being processed by the Office of the Chairman.

143. A letter dated 28 December 1994 was received from IPS offering to provide editorial services for one year (1995) at no charge.

B. Projects under implementation

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

Submitter: Government of Nigeria

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Duration: 12 months

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

Number: INT/89/K09/95/99

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

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

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

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

146. By letters dated 29 April 1994 and 13 January 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations to submit the outstanding financial statement and the feasibility report in final version. These reports have not been submitted to the Office of the Chairman by the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC).

147. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 send a final notice to the executing organization requesting the submission of the outstanding reports before 31 December 1995.

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

Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$58,000

Duration: Two years

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

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

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

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

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

149. By letters dated 29 April 1994 and 30 November 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Secretary of SELA to submit the outstanding progress report and financial statement of expenditure. These reports were not submitted to the Office of the Chairman by SELA by the deadline of 31 December 1994 as recommended by the Committee of Experts at its ninth meeting.

150. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 send a final notice to the executing organization requesting the submission of the outstanding reports before 31 December 1995.

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

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$214,800

Duration: Five years

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

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

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

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

151. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for four members who attended the Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF in June 1993 were US\$15,746.30.

152. By letter dated 8 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested UNDP to disburse, to the Office of the Chairman, the amount of US\$20,480.00 to finance the participation of six experts attending the Special Meeting of PGTF on 4-8 April 1994. Actual travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for six members who attended the Ninth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF in April 1994 were US\$20,032.30.

153. By Fax letters dated 26 April 1995, the UNDP Field Offices were requested to disburse funds estimated at US\$24,687 to finance the participation of six experts attending the tenth meeting of PGTF on 17-19 May 1995.

(4) ***African Agency for Biotechnology***

Submitter: Government of Algeria

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Duration: One year

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

Number: INT/92/K06/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 16 and 20 April 1993. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Algeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Secretariat of State for Scientific Research of Algeria) is dated 3 May 1993.

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

154. A request for disbursement of funds was made on 7 May 1993.
155. The disbursement of US\$150,000 was made by UNDP to the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations for SERSA.
156. By letter dated 30 November 1994, the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations to submit the outstanding reports for the project. SERSA submitted a progress report on the project in May 1995, regarding phase I and II of the project.
157. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 requests the executing organization to submit the outstanding financial reports before 31 December 1995.

(5) ***African Agency for Biotechnology (Phase II)***

Submitter: Government of Algeria

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Duration: One year

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

Number: INT/93/K01/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 14 January 1994. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research of the Government of Algeria) is dated 15 December 1993.

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

158. A request for disbursement of funds was made on 14 February 1994. The disbursement of US\$150,000 was made by UNDP on 25 January 1995 to the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations for MDURSA.
159. The financial reports have not yet been submitted to the Office of the Chairman.

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

Submitter: Government of Brazil

PGTF input: US\$120,000

Duration: 8 months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 13 April and 19 April 1994 respectively.

160. By letter dated 18 July 1994, the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested UNDP to disburse the first tranche of US\$60,000 to FUNCEX. This amount was disbursed by UNDP as per cable dated 4 August 1994.

161. The preliminary report of the project was received by the Office of the Chairman with attachment letter dated 7 April 1995.

162. By letter dated 26 April 1995, the second tranche of US\$60,000 was disbursed by UNDP to FUNCEX.

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

Submitter: Government of Panama

PGTF input: US\$38,500

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

Number: INT/93/K06

Duration: 4 months

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 26 September and 27 September 1994 respectively.

163. By letter dated 26 October 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations to expedite the signature of the Sub-contract Agreement.

164. The Office of the Chairman requested UNDP to disburse US\$38,500 to the subcontractor as per letter dated 12 December 1994. The amount was disbursed as of 3 January 1995.

C. Projects under preparation still to be implemented

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

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

PGTF input: US\$90,000

Number: INT/92/K07

Duration: 16 months

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

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

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

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

167. By letter dated 29 April 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Secretariat of SADC to expedite urgently the submission of the draft Sub-contract Agreement.

168. The draft Sub-contract Agreement was submitted to the Office of the Chairman with its attachment letter dated 25 May 1994.

169. By letter dated 2 November 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 sent a revised original of the Sub-contract Agreement to the Permanent Mission of Botswana to the United Nations for signature and transmission to SADC for appropriate action.

170. The Sub-contract Agreement has not been returned duly signed to the Office of the Chairman.

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

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

PGTF input: US\$43,000

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

Duration: 81 days

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 31 October 1994.

171. By letter dated 17 April 1995, the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations to expedite the signature of the Executive Secretary of CEPGL on the Sub-contract Agreement.

172. This document has not yet been returned duly signed.

(3) ***Training on the Use of a Computer Simulation Model for Food Security Analysis in Developing Countries of the NAM***

Submitter: Government of Indonesia

PGTF input: US \$70,000

Duration: 6 months

Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)

Number: INT/94/K04/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 31 March 1995 and 14 April 1995 respectively.

173. The Sub-contract Agreement for the project will be signed shortly by the Chairman of the Group of 77.

(4) ***Technical Assistance to the Members of the Group of 77 participating in the Second Round of Negotiations within the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) and Seeking Membership in the GSTP, as well as Related Technical, Secretariat and Other Support to the GSTP***

Submitter: Chairperson of the Group of 77 in Geneva

PGTF input: US\$72,363

Duration: 1 year

Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)

Number: INT/94/K02/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 7 April and 14 April 1995 respectively.

174. By letter dated 26 October 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations, Geneva of the approval of the project for US\$80,000 and the need to produce a project document.

175. By letter dated 22 November 1994, the Office of the Chairman notified UNCTAD of an overexpenditure of US\$7,737 for the previous phase (INT/92/K03) of the project that had to be recovered from the present approval amount of \$80,000.

176. With its letter dated 15 December 1994 to the Office of the Chairman, UNCTAD agreed to reflect the recovery of the overexpenditure and the adjusted approval of \$72,363.

177. The Committee noted with deep concern that the executing organization had incurred in overexpenditures in a previously approved project that have been offset in the current project total budget. The Committee considered that proper procedures were not followed in this case and that no executing organization should be allowed to expend resources from PGTF beyond the approved allocation of funds without the prior approval of the Group of 77. The Committee recommended that this concern be duly taken into account in all future projects.

(5) ***Establishment of TIN Management Center to Coordinate the Global Establishment of the Network with a Project Coordination Committee***

Submitter: The Steering Committee Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Group of 77 (CCIs)

PGTF input: US\$60,000

Duration: 1 year

Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)

Number: INT/94/K03/A/95/99

178. By letter dated 26 October 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the President of the Steering Committee, CCIs, G-77 in Douala, Cameroon of the approval of the project for US\$60,000 and the need to produce a project document.

179. The draft project document has not yet been submitted to the Office of the Chairman.

(6) ***Low Cost Housing Technology Programme***

Submitter: Government of India

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Duration: 1 year

Number: INT/94/K06/A/95/99

180. By letter dated 26 October 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations of the approval of the project for US\$30,000 and the need to produce a project document.

181. By letter dated 21 December 1994, the Director, Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries requested the Office of the Chairman to send a copy of a model format for the preparation of the project document.

182. By letter dated 10 March 1995, the Director reported that they had moved to new premises and were in the process of preparing the draft project document. This document was submitted to the Office of the Chairman during the tenth meeting of the Committee of Experts..

(7) ***Program for the Development of Communications and Cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean Educators (AELAC)***

Submitter: Association of Educators of Latin America & the Caribbean (AELAC) through the Government of Cuba

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Duration: 1 year

Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)

Number: INT/94/K01/A/95/99

183. By letter dated 26 October 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations of the approval of the project for US\$30,000 and the need to produce a project document.

184. The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations in its Note Verbale attachment dated 25 February 1995 enclosed the budget for the project reflecting the PGTF allocation of US\$30,000.

185. By letter dated 4 May 1995, the Office of the Chairman requested the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations to review accordingly and finalize the project document.

(8) ***Employment and Income Generation in West and Central Africa***

Submitter: Sahel Defis through the Government of Bénin

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Duration: 2 years

Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)

Number: INT/94/K05/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 27 March 1995 and 14 April 1995 respectively. The Sub-contract Agreement was signed on 5 May 1995 by the Permanent Representative of Bénin to the United Nations, on behalf of the subcontractor, Sahel Defis.

186. The Office of the Chairman is in the process of making arrangements for the disbursement of funds to Sahel Defis.

D. Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF

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

Submitter: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$40,000

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

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

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

(2) ***Facilitating the implementation of the Multisectoral Information Network (MSIN)***

Submitter: Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS)/Inter Press Service (IPS)

PGTF input: US\$15,000

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

Number: INT/88/K05/A/95/99

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

189. IFCC-VI recommended in para. 72(1) of its report that: (a) the project document related to the feasibility report offered to be prepared by TIPS/IPS should be submitted for the consideration of the panel of experts on the MSIN pilot project scheduled to be convened

in the first half of 1988; and (b) the disbursement of the approved funds would be released after the meeting of the panel of experts on MSIN had expressed its views on the project document.

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

(3) ***Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation***

Submitter: International Center for Public Enterprises (ICPE)/Research Center for Cooperation with Developing Countries (RCCDC) of Yugoslavia

PGTF input: US\$35,000

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

Number: INT/89/K02/A/95/99

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

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

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

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

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

Submitter: Government of Madagascar

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Duration: To be determined

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

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

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

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

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

198. The Committee considered that if this project was not implemented by the next regular session of the Committee in 1994, the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF.

199. Since the project was not launched by the established deadline, the funds allocated to this project were reverted to PGTF.

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

Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$140,000

Duration: 18 months

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

204. By letter dated 29 April 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 communicated to the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations that the ninth meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF on 4-8 April 1994, recommended that the allocated funds of US\$140,000 should be reverted to PGTF if the project implementation did not start by 31 December 1994.

205. Since the project was not launched by the established deadline, the funds allocated to this project were reverted to PGTF.

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

Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$94,000

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/93/K04/A/95/99

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

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

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

209. At its ninth meeting, the Committee of Experts recommended that the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF if the project implementation did not start by 31 December 1994.

210. By letter dated 29 April 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations to expedite the elaboration and submission of the draft project document.

211. The Committee was informed that a draft project document was sent to the Office of the Chairman in June 1994. No further action was taken by any party and the implementation of the project has not been launched.

212. Given that the implementation of the project did not start by the established deadline, the Committee noted that the funds were reverted to PGTF, in accordance with the recommendation and decision of the Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77.

E. Projects under query

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

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

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Duration: Four days

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

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

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

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

213. ECRC submitted a written terminal report dated 3 May 1991. By letter dated 14 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations (who signed the sub-contract on behalf of ECRC) to submit the

outstanding audio and video reports of the project as well as a cumulative statement of expenditure of funds provided by PGTF for the implementation of the project.

214. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992), recommended that an extension be given to ECRC to deliver the reports by 31 December 1992. The Chairman of the Group of 77 communicated this decision to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations in a letter dated 26 October 1992. A follow-up letter dated 19 May 1993 was sent to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia requesting the outstanding reports.

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

216. Neither the video report nor the financial statement of expenditure have been submitted by ECRC.

217. By letters dated 29 April 1994 and 13 January 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations to submit the outstanding reports for the project. Despite these letters and follow-up telephone calls both by the Office of the Chairman and UNDP, the audio and video reports and the financial statement of expenditure have not been submitted by the ECRC.

218. Consequently, the appropriate steps will have to be taken to recover the funds disbursed as per the recommendation of the PGTF and the decision of the Eighteenth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77.

219. In this regard, the Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 urgently and formally request the sub-contractor to reimburse the funds unaccounted for. If the funds are not reimbursed, the sub-contractor should not be eligible for submitting any further proposals for funding from PGTF.

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

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

PGTF input: \$90,000

Duration: Eighteen months

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

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

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

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

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

221. By letter dated 30 November 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Executive Director of the International Center for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE) to submit the outstanding financial statement of expenditure. This statement has not yet been submitted to the Office of the Chairman by ICPE.

222. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 send a final notice to ICPE requesting the forwarding of the outstanding material before 31 December 1994. Should this last effort prove to be fruitless, the Chairman of the Group of 77 should be requested to approach ICPE and request the return of the funds unaccounted for.

(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***

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

PGTF input: US\$95,000

Duration: Nine months

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

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

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

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

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

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

225. By letters dated 29 April 1994 and 30 November 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Executive Director of CERID to submit the outstanding final report and the financial statement of expenditure.

226. The Office of the Chairman subsequently received copies of the final report in Spanish and in English with attachment letters dated 15 February 1995 and 20 April 1995 respectively.

227. The financial statement of expenditure was not submitted to the Office of the Chairman by CERID.

228. The Committee recommended that final notice be sent to the sub-contractor requesting the submission of the outstanding material not later than 31 December 1995.

(4) ***Public Enterprises Rationalization Project***

Submitter: Government of Saint Lucia

PGTF input: US\$60,800

Duration: Six months

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

232. By letters dated 29 April 1994 and 13 January 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations to submit the outstanding reports for the project. Despite these letters and follow-up telephone calls both by the Office of the Chairman and UNDP, the progress report and financial statement have not been submitted by GOSL.

233. Consequently, the appropriate steps will have to be taken to recover the funds disbursed as per recommendation of the PGTF, and the decision of the Eighteenth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77.

234. In this regard, the Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 urgently and formally request the sub-contractor to reimburse the funds unaccounted for. If the funds are not reimbursed, the sub-contractor should not be eligible for submitting any further proposals for funding from PGTF.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

235. Following the recommendations contained in paras. 20-23 of the report of the Committee at its ninth meeting, the situation of the interest rates and yield of PGTF resources was examined by the Committee at its tenth session.

236. According to the information submitted by UNDP, the average current yield of all PGTF interest-bearing resources, that include the core capital plus unexpended resources, was in the order of eight percent per annum. In the light of the current peak of interest rates, the majority of the funds have been invested by UNDP in medium-term instruments maturing

in 1998 and thus ensuring that the resources available to PGTF would be in the order of US\$400,000 to US\$500,000 per annum in the next three years.

237. The Committee agreed that the deadline for the submission of project proposals by Member States for consideration at its next regular session will be 31 March 1996. It is understood that the date of submission of proposals is the date when they are officially received by the Office of the Chairman. At this session, the Committee will also consider the project proposals referred to in para. 8 of this report.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR
ECDC/TCDC
AS OF 30 APRIL 1995

Unexpended resources as of 1 January 1995 (bal./funds)	\$6,236,800.14
Add: Projected interest for 1995	<u>\$520,732.00¹</u>
Total resources	\$6,757,532.14
Less: Project disbursements recorded in 1995:	
INT/93/K01 - African Agency Biotech, Phase II	\$15,000.00
INT/93/K03 - SUNS, Phase II	\$3,000.00
INT/93/K05 - MERCOSUL	\$60,000.00
INT/93/K06 - Cent. American Hydro. Coop. Programme	\$38,500.00
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	<u>\$24,687.00</u>
	\$276,187.00
Balance of funds (Total resources less disbursed funds)	\$6,481,345.14
Less: Reserved resources (Fund's capital)	<u>\$5,000,000.00²</u>
Remaining funds	\$1,481,345.14
Consisting of obligated/earmarked funds as follows:	
(i) <u>Obligated³</u>	
Budget of approved projects (balance as of 1991 and onwards):	
INT/89/K12 - SELA, Germ Plasm	\$38,000.00
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	\$111,276.40
INT/92/K07 - SADC	\$90,000.00
INT/92/K02 - ECDC/TCDC Info, Phase II	\$26,560.00
INT/93/K07 - CEPGL, Agricultural Machinery	\$43,000.00

¹Projected 1995 interest based on annual yields from bonds and time deposits to be posted in account.

²Deposited in long-term high-yield bonds.

³Commitments based on signed project documents/subcontract documents.

(i) Obligated (continued)

INT/94/K02 - GSTP, IV	\$72,363.00 ⁴
INT/94/K03 - TIN - II	\$60,000.00
INT/94/K04 - NAM Simulation Model	\$70,000.00
INT/94/K05 - Emp./Income Gen. W/C Africa	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
	\$541,199.40

(ii) Earmarked funds approved:⁵

INT/94/K01- Program. Dev. Com. (AELAC)	\$30,000.00
INT/94/K06 - Low-Cost Housing	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
	\$60,000.00

Total obligated/earmarked funds (\$541,199.40 + \$60,000.00 = \$601,199.40

Available for new projects (\$1,481,345.14 - \$601,199.40) = \$880,145.74

⁴Originally approved at \$80,000, this figure reflects the adjustment made for the overexpenditure of \$7,637 under related project INT/90K07. UNCTAD has accordingly submitted a budget for \$72,363.

⁵Approved projects where the project documents are under preparation.

NB.- Projects INT/90/K09 (\$140,000) and INT/93/K04 (\$94,000) have been cancelled and the funds reverted to the PGTF.