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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, the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meetings of the Group of 77, held in New York respectively in September 1994 and September 1995, and the Ninth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-IX), held in Manila on 9-12 February 1996, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its eleventh meeting in New York from 8 to 10 July 1996.
2. The meeting was attended by five of the six members of the Committee, representing the three regions of the Group of 77. A representative of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York also attended the meeting. Dr. Eduardo Praselj was elected chairman of this session. The list of participants appears as annex I.
3. The Deputy Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP was invited by the Committee to provide information on matters related to UNDP relevant to the deliberations of the Committee.
4. The Committee adopted the following substantive agenda:
  1. Changes to the operations of the PGTF;
  2. Consideration of new project proposals;
  3. Assessment of the implementation of approved projects;
  4. Other matters.
5. The Committee had before it the following documents:
  1. Thirty-one (31) project proposals;
  2. Eight (8) project progress and financial 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 1996 are approximately US\$800,000, including interest projected to be earned until 31 December 1996. 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\$160,000.

## II. CHANGES TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE PGTF

7. The Committee was informed at this meeting that a significant modification in the procedures for implementation of approved projects had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee, immediately after the Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in September 1995. To the best of the knowledge of the Committee, this issue was not considered nor approved by the Ministerial Meeting.

8. The Committee noted paragraphs 54 and 55 of the final report of IFCC-IX which made reference to the PGTF, in particular regarding some proposals for structural changes to the operations of the PGTF that would be submitted for further consideration at the Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 to be held in New York in September 1996.

9. In this connection, it was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Group of 77 as such could no longer be considered as an executing organization for implementation of approved projects, i.e., the Chairman of the Group of 77 in his capacity as Chairman could no longer be considered a valid signatory bearing financial responsibility regarding the funds disbursed for a given project. As a result of this development, the regular procedure followed since 1989 where the Chairman of the Group of 77 has been the signatory of the vast majority of project documents corresponding to approved projects, was changed into a new one where the signatories could only be individual governments or intergovernmental institutions.

10. In order to address the issue of the financial accountability for funds disbursed from the PGTF that led to the foregoing modification of procedures, the Committee recommended that two alternative modalities be utilized when project documents are to be signed by individual governments:

- (a) Signature of project documents by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in his double capacity of Chairman of the Group and representative of an individual country; and
- (b) Co-signature of project documents by authorized representative(s) of an individual country or countries in which a project is to be implemented, and by the Chairman of the Group of 77.

The choice of the first or second modality would depend on the features of each specific project and should be left to the discretion of the Chairman of the Group of 77.

11. As a result of nine years of operating experience in assessing and implementing projects, the combined efforts of the Office of the Chairman, the Committee of Experts and the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP have resulted in operational arrangements that translated into a significant reduction in the time lag between the approval of projects and signature of project documents or sub-contracts, as well as the beginning of disbursement of funds. It is fundamental

to preserve the achievements of this long process and maintain the flexibility and expeditiousness in the implementation of approved projects.

12. The Committee was of the view that the UNDP through the Special Unit for TCDC, the regional bureaux and the field offices could make a substantial contribution to a better preparation of the meetings of the Committee and hence to an improved process of project review and appraisal. This assistance would be extremely useful and effective in the following three areas:

- (a) providing background information on the sponsors of the project proposals, including their fields of expertise and relevant experience;
- (b) checking for possible duplication and overlap with existing projects in developing countries, as well as with the activities carried out by the United Nations agencies in favour of ECDC or TCDC; and
- (c) providing any relevant substantive inputs that would facilitate the review and appraisal of projects by the Committee of Experts.

13. Given that the guidelines for the utilization of PGTF establish a period of two to three months between the deadline for submission of proposals (normally 31 March) and the date of the regular meeting of the Committee of Experts (around the last week of June), there should be enough time for UNDP to gather and compile this information through its field and headquarters offices, and make it available on time for consideration by the Committee.

14. On the basis of the experience gained so far, the Committee considered that it is of the utmost importance that the monitoring and follow-up of the implementation of approved projects be done in a centralized manner so as to ensure the necessary focus, visibility, and drive in this most important endeavour of the Group of 77. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 should remain the focal point for monitoring and follow-up of implementation given its central role in the activities of the Group and its excellent performance over the years. It would be beneficial to reinforce this centralized monitoring with the assistance and collaboration of the National Focal Points for ECDC/TCDC and the UNDP field offices, but it would be detrimental to the objectives of the PGTF to dilute the monitoring responsibility which would inevitably take away much of the focus and visibility that has been a salient feature of the Fund up to now.

15. The Committee was informed that a modification in the approving process of projects submitted to the PGTF had also been raised in certain discussions, aimed at shifting from the Ministerial Meeting or the IFCC to the Chairman of the Group of 77 the authority for approving projects. The Committee was of the view that this will place an undue and unfair burden on the Chairman of the Group of 77 who would have to add to his numerous and delicate responsibilities as leader of the Group a number of decisions of a fairly technical nature that might result in unnecessary criticism.

16. It has also been pointed out that, should these ideas be adopted, the final approving authority regarding projects to be funded from the PGTF would not be the Group of 77 but the Administrator of UNDP as a result of his financial accountability in managing trust funds. The present arrangement where projects are approved at the highest level by the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, coupled with the signing of project documents by using one of the modalities suggested in paragraph 10 above, should provide enough ground for a clear definition of roles between the Group of 77 and the UNDP with regard to the PGTF.

17. Paragraph 54(b) of the report of IFCC-IX states that one of the difficulties experienced by the PGTF is “that a considerable amount of its resources is being allocated to the annual evaluation of project proposals by the Committee of Experts as compared to the allocation for feasibility studies.” The Committee noted with concern that this totally inaccurate statement was probably due to the lack of factual information during the deliberations of IFCC-IX. As evidenced by the first nine years of operation of the PGTF, total allocation of funds for projects have been in excess of US\$4.2 million while the total expenditures from PGTF resources to support the holding of meetings of the Committee of Experts are around US\$100,000, that is slightly over 2% of total disbursements.

18. There have also been some suggestions that the Committee of Experts be replaced by a “permanent” body based in New York, such as a Core of Assistants of the Chairman of the Group of 77, with a view to reducing expenses and being in a position to meeting whenever required. The Committee found itself in a difficult and uneasy position to debate on this point for obvious reasons. However, the Committee would like to indicate that one of the strengths of the PGTF throughout the years has been the consistency in interpreting the guidelines and building the necessary jurisprudence regarding the utilization of the PGTF. This has been possible as a result of the dedication and professional experience of the eighteen experts who have served on the Committee since its establishment in 1987. Even though a Core of Assistants of the Chairman may be constituted by a number of brilliant representatives appointed by the Missions of member countries, they do not necessarily have the experience and the expertise in appraising projects that may have a Committee constituted by members specifically selected according to this profile.

19. Finally, the Committee recommended that any future modifications to the established procedures for implementation of approved projects should be submitted to and approved by the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 prior to being applied.

### Mobilization of additional resources for the PGTF

20. IFCC-VIII, held in Panama City from 30 August to 3 September 1993, requested the Committee of Experts to examine options available to expand the resources of PGTF. The Committee carried out this task at its ninth meeting in April 1994 and recommended a number of ways and means to this end. Options available fall within one of the following three categories: (a) increase of the core capital; (b) increase of the yield of the PGTF portfolio; and (c) increase of the multiplier effect. The main features of these options were described in paras. 16-25 of the Report of the Ninth Meeting of the Committee.

21. The Committee felt that concrete action should be undertaken as soon as possible with a view to making operational several of these options and recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the assistance of UNDP in this regard. This assistance would include:

- (a) identification of the various categories of institutions that could be interested in and capable of providing resources to:
  - expand the core capital of the PGTF through suitable trust fund arrangements;
  - fund jointly with PGTF some of the projects submitted to the PGTF;
  - finance specific components of ECDC/TCDC projects with resources earmarked to this end.
- (b) design a strategy to approach these institutions and enlist their support; and
- (c) assisting in the actual mobilization of the resources.

### III. CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

22. The Committee had before it thirty-one (31) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of the PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) *All Domestic Repair & Training Opportunities for Southern Africa Youth (A Pilot Project)*
- (2) *Entrepreneurial Strengthening of Industrial and Artisanal Cooperatives in Central America*
- (3) *Evaluation & Management of Agro-Ecological Resources and of the Biodiversity of Plant Species with Food Potential in the Amazon State of Venezuela*
- (4) *Pilot Plant for Processing Minerals in Syria*

- (5) *Building of Storing and Refrigerating Capacity for Agricultural Products at the Homs Province in Syria*
- (6) *Revamping of Existing Refrigerating Units in Syria*
- (7) *Building of Storing and Refrigerating Capacity for Agricultural Products at the Hamah Province in Syria*
- (8) *Equipment Substitution and Renewal in Ice-Making Factories in Syria*
- (9) *Development & Facilitation of Trade through the Establishment of a Caribbean Regional Laboratory Testing Network*
- (10) *Development of a Regional Laboratory for In-Vitro Cytotoxicity Assays of Natural Products in the Philippines*
- (11) *Caribbean Regional Technical Support Programme to Promote the Equalization of Training & Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities*
- (12) *Capacity Enhancement Facility in Information Technology & Management in Tunisia*
- (13) *Training in the Fields of Standardization & Metrology for the Conformity Assessment among Developing Countries in some NAM member countries*
- (14) *Plan of Cooperation on Training & Development of Technology to Support Health Policies in Primary Care in the Portuguese Speaking African Countries (PSAC)*
- (15) *Sustainable Rural Community Development: Entrepreneurship, Tourism & Credit*
- (16) *Cooperation Agreements & Strategic Alliances between MERCOSUR-based firms*
- (17) *South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development*
- (18) *New Rural Cooperative Poultry Development Project in Zimbabwe*
- (19) *A Panel on: Africa Beyond the Year 2000 and OSSREA Fifth Congress on: Political & Economic Transformation & Socio-economic Development Responses in Africa*
- (20) *Administration and Follow-up of Agricultural Components in International Agreements in Venezuela*
- (21) *Follow-up, Evaluation and Studies of the Agrarian Reform in Venezuela*
- (22) *Rural Agro-Industry Network in Venezuela*
- (23) *Plan for Education in the Agriculture and Livestock Sectors in Venezuela*
- (24) *Modular Training Program for Negotiators in the Field of Agriculture in the Andean Group*
- (25) *Africa Natural Resources Catalogue (World Wide Web-Based)*
- (26) *Regional Culture and Tourism Information Highway*
- (27) *"Information Highway" Professional Development Programme*
- (28) *Rural Education and Agricultural Extension Facility for the Nomads of the Sahel and Sahara Regions*
- (29) *Feasibility Study for the Reconstruction of Road 78 in Cambodia*
- (30) *Emergency Humanitarian Aid to Burundi*

(31) ***Updating of a Feasibility Study for Fuel-Alcohol from Molasses Production Facilities in the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries***

23. The following four (4) project proposals were received after the established deadline of 31 May 1996 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session:

- (1) ***Environmental Resource Assessment and Management for Sustainable Development using Remote Sensing in Malaysia***
- (2) ***Emergency Control Measures of the Moroccan Locust and Other Pests in Iraq***
- (3) ***Development of Services and Methodologies to Improve Participation of People with Disabilities in the Labour Market of Bahrain***
- (4) ***A Study on the Impact of Enhancing Environmental Standards on International Trade among South-Asian Countries***

**Project Proposal No. 1- All Domestic Repair & Training Opportunities for Southern Africa Youth (A Pilot Project)**

24. This project proposal was submitted by the Children's Fund for Southern Africa, Inc., (CHISA), a non-governmental organization headquartered in New York, and endorsed by the Ministry of Public Works of Angola.

25. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project, to be carried out in three countries, namely Angola, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, are: (a) to assist in the overall development of human capacity building to enable the Southern Africa region to sustain its development; (b) to provide training and employment opportunities for young men and women; and (c) to create small sustaining service enterprises utilizing local goods and human resources.

26. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, could not be accurately ascertained from the information available. It was given a figure of US\$231,961, but it did not include inputs from sources other than PGTF. It was only possible to quantify one component of these other inputs relating to local salaries in Zimbabwe (US\$12,600). Other inputs for implementation of the project in Tanzania were not indicated in the proposal while the same elements for implementation in Angola could not be quantified since the proposal only referred to "land and buildings" without any indication of their value.

27. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$231,961. On a country basis, this contribution would be distributed as follows:

Country	PGTF Contribution (US\$)		
	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Angola	79,470	27,100	106,570
Tanzania	33,394	15,197	48,591
Zimbabwe	31,810	19,990	51,800
(3-country credit scheme)	-	25,000	25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,467</b>	<b>87,287</b>	<b>231,961</b>

28. The Committee was of the view that this proposal was incomplete and that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project. In addition, inputs from other sources were much lower than the contribution sought from PGTF, thereby not complying with guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF, which requires that inputs from other sources should be for an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

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

**Project Proposal No. 2 - Entrepreneurial Strengthening of Industrial and Artisanal Cooperatives in Central America**

30. The proposal was submitted directly by the International Cooperative Alliance, a non-governmental organization, through its American Regional Bureau headquartered in San José, Costa Rica.

31. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to provide support to opening and consolidation of marketing channels for Central American industrial and artisanal cooperatives; (b) to support the decision-making process in beneficiary cooperatives; (c) to support the obtaining and utilization of working capital credits from existing social and development programmes in the region; (d) to open up and strengthen possibilities for participation and advancement of women in the beneficiary cooperatives; (e) to enhance productivity through education and assistance in production, as well as support for development of human resources; and (f) to support the cooperatives in their relationship with other similar organizations and the economy in general.

32. The project beneficiaries would be ten cooperatives in each one of the following countries: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

33. The total cost of the project, to be carried out on one year is US\$144,000, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$65,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Cooperatives	Total
Regional expert	18,000	-	18,000
Local experts	36,000	36,000	72,000
Training	6,000	12,000	18,000
Travel	5,000	7,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	-	24,000	24,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>144,000</b>

34. In the light of the information provided, the Committee was of the view that this TCDC project complied with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, the Committee felt that the sponsors of the project should complement the supporting documentation with a formal endorsement from the Government of Costa Rica, which would be required to sign the respective project document, as well as from the beneficiary cooperatives. For the implementation of the project, a sub-contract agreement should be signed between the Government of Costa Rica and the International Cooperative Alliance. All this supporting documentation should be received by the Office of the Chairman not later than 31 August 1996.

35. The Committee recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF, with the provisos indicated in the foregoing paragraph, and in this regard recommended that US\$65,000 be allocated to this end.

***Project Proposal No. 3 - Evaluation & Management of Agro-Ecological Resources and of the Biodiversity of Plant Species with Food Potential in the Amazon State of Venezuela***

36. The proposal was submitted by the National Fund for Agricultural and Livestock Research (FONAIAP) through the Government of Venezuela.

37. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to carry out an evaluation of the agro-ecological and land-utilization systems in those areas where pressure for land utilization is the highest, as well as to define criteria for assessment of their potential for the development of sustainable production systems, and (b) to study, preserve and sustainably develop the genetic diversity of vegetable species with food potential utilized by the local indigenous communities.

38. The total cost of the project, to be implemented over three years, is estimated at US\$150,000. It includes a US\$48,000 in-kind contribution from FONAIAP, while the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$102,000.

39. 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.4 - *Pilot Plant for Processing Minerals in Syria*

40. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Syria.

41. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to design and build the necessary pilot plant facilities for upgrading and purifying medium- and low-grade ores.

42. There is no indication of the total cost of the project nor of the contribution sought from PGTF.

43. The Committee considered, in the light of the information available, that this incomplete proposal corresponded 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. 5 - *Building of Storing and Refrigerating Capacity for Agricultural Products at the Homs Province in Syria*

Project Proposal No. 6 - *Revamping of Existing Refrigerating Units in Syria*

Project Proposal No. 7 - *Building of Storing and Refrigerating Capacity for Agricultural Products at the Hamah Province in Syria*

Project Proposal No. 8 - *Equipment Substitution and Renewal in Ice-Making Factories in Syria*

44. These four proposals were also submitted by the Government of Syria.

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

46. The Committee recommended that project proposals No. 5-8 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 9 - *Development & Facilitation of Trade through the Establishment of a Caribbean Regional Laboratory Testing Network*

47. The proposal was submitted by the Jamaica Bureau of Standards, through the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations.

48. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are : (a) to support and complement ongoing efforts to develop a regional standards system through the work of the Caricom Standards Council; (b) to provide access to laboratory testing services within the Caribbean at reasonable cost and acceptable speed; (c) to improve employment opportunities for regional scientific and technological personnel; (d) to reduce the outflow of payments to developed countries for the provision of laboratory testing services; and (e) to enable the smaller national standards Bureaux to improve very significantly their capabilities.

49. It was not possible to ascertain the total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, since the information provided to the Committee did not include a quantification of inputs from sources other than PGTF. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$109,000. This does not meet the provisions of guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF, that requires that inputs from sources other than PGTF be of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF and be secured by the sponsors prior to the submission of the proposal to PGTF.

50. The Committee found that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there is no indication of the declared interest of nor of the explicit participation by potential beneficiaries of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

***Project Proposal No.10 - Development of a Regional Laboratory for In-Vitro Cytotoxicity Assays of Natural Products in the Philippines***

52. The proposal was submitted by the Department of Science and Technology through the Government of the Philippines.

53. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to strengthen the Cytotoxicity Laboratory established at the University of Santo Tomas with a view to enabling it to respond to the needs of the coordinating regions; (b) to conduct cytotoxicity assays for natural products and related compounds from local scientists and other coordinating developing countries such as Nepal and Sri Lanka; and (c) to conduct training programmes in cytotoxicity assays for scientists from coordinating regions.

54. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$270,000. It should be noted that there is only an indication that inputs from the sponsors would amount to US\$120,000 but there is no detailed information nor a breakdown of these inputs. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$150,000, a breakdown of this amount is as follows:

Item	PGTF Contribution (US\$)		
	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Personnel	12,000	12,000	24,000
Training	4,000	4,000	8,000
Travel	1,000	1,000	2,000
Equipment	80,000	-	80,000
Miscellaneous	20,500	15,500	36,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>150,000</b>

55. In the light of the information provided, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there is no endorsement by other developing countries as potential beneficiaries of the project. According to guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF, for nationally executed projects to be eligible, the cooperative element of the project has to be established through identification and declared interest of and explicit participation by other developing countries as potential beneficiaries in the activities of the project, as appropriate.

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

***Project Proposal No.11 - Caribbean Regional Technical Support Programme to Promote the Equalization of Training & Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities***

57. The proposal was submitted by the National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD), a non-governmental organization headquartered in San Fernando, Trinidad, through the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago.

58. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to facilitate access to equitable vocational training and employment opportunities for disabled youth and adults in the countries of the Caribbean. In this regard, the project aims at: (a) making accessible the facilities of vocational training institutions in six English-speaking countries of the Caribbean having adopted a policy concerning the integrated training of disabled trainees, and admitting disabled trainees for training, and (b) promoting and assisting the inclusion of disabled trainees in national training institutions in the region through the utilization of the NCPD as a resource, demonstration and training centre.

59. Total cost of the project, to be implemented over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$180,000, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$90,000. Inputs from other institutions include an in-kind contribution of US\$50,000 from the proposing institution

(NCPD) and US\$40,000 from the ILO regional programme funds. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	10,000	75,000	85,000
Travel	20,000	-	20,000
Training	56,000	5,000	61,000
Equipment	-	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	-	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>

60. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponded to an important initiative at the regional level, to be implemented through TCDC modalities. However, the Committee felt that the potential beneficiaries, even though being active participants in the proposed project, should explicitly indicate their endorsement of the project.

61. The Committee recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$90,000 be allocated to this end, provided that a formal endorsement of the potential beneficiaries is received by the Office of the Chairman not later than 31 August 1996.

**Project Proposal No. 12 - Capacity Enhancement Facility in Information Technology & Management in Tunisia**

62. The proposal was submitted by the Regional Institute for Information Science and Telecommunications (IRSIT) from Tunis through the Government of Tunisia.

63. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to promote the creation of favourable environmental conditions required for capacity building in information management and effective operation; (b) to strengthen the organizational arrangements required; (c) to develop human resources through on-the-job and formal training; and (d) to promote the exchange of experiences and know-how among developing countries and the effective application of the TCDC modality through the matching of participating countries' capacities and needs.

64. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is US\$420,000. The contribution sought from PGTF amounted to US\$100,000 while IRSIT would contribute US\$50,000. Inputs from other sources were not secured at the time of the submission of the proposal.

65. In the light of the information provided to the Committee, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there was no declaration of interest of nor explicit participation by other developing countries as potential beneficiaries, as required by guideline A(f). In addition, inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the contribution requested from PGTF were not secured prior to the submission of the proposal, as required by guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF.

66. The Committee considered that this incomplete proposal did not comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and therefore recommended that it should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project Proposal No. 13 - Training in the Fields of Standardization & Metrology for the Conformity Assessment among Developing Countries in some NAM member countries**

67. The proposal was submitted by the Committee for Standardization of Democratic People's Republic of Korea through its Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

68. According to the text of the proposal, the main objective of the project is to establish the most reasonable systems of standardization, metrology and quality control according to the need of collective self-reliance in the four beneficiary countries, namely Cambodia, Lao, Pakistan, and Zimbabwe. In this regard, the project aims at: (a) establishing well-organized national systems of standardization; (b) providing training in methodologies of standardization according to the national characteristics and level of economic development of the participating countries; (c) providing methodological guides and training so as to enable participating countries to draft, establish, publish and implement their own national standards; and (d) providing training to metrological experts, supplying basic measuring means and establishing well-organized calibration systems of metrological standards and reference instruments. Implementation of the project would facilitate the ISO 9000 certification (quality control systems) in the participating countries.

69. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$205,000. Inputs from the proposing institution amounts to US\$76,500 while the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$128,500.

70. The Committee considered that this proposal complied with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, the supporting documentation made available to the Committee only contained the formal endorsements of some of the countries beneficiaries of the project. The outstanding formal endorsements should be received by the Office of the Chairman not later than 31 August 1996.

71. In addition, the contribution sought from PGTF exceeded the inputs provided by other sources. The Committee therefore recommended that the PGTF contribution be adjusted in order to match the inputs from the proposing institution, i.e., US\$76,500.

72. The Committee recommended, with the provisos indicated in the foregoing paragraphs, that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$76,500 be allocated to this end.

***Project Proposal No. 14 - Plan of Cooperation on Training & Development of Technology to Support Health Policies in Primary Care in the Portuguese Speaking African Countries (PSAC)***

73. This proposal was submitted by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) through the Government of Brazil for consideration by the Committee of Experts at its tenth meeting in 1995.

74. 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).

75. 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>59,300</b>	<b>119,300</b>

76. On that occasion, the view of the Committee was that the 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 of the activities of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

77. This proposal was resubmitted by FIOCRUZ through the Government of Brazil for consideration of the Committee at its eleventh meeting in 1996. The revised supporting documentation included declarations of interest by the Governments of Angola, Cape Verde, and Guinea-Bissau, thereby fulfilling the outstanding condition for compliance with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

78. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$59,300 be allocated to this end.

Project Proposal No. 15 - *Sustainable Rural Community Development: Entrepreneurship, Tourism & Credit*

79. The proposal was submitted by the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Associates International, a non-governmental organization headquartered in Trinidad and Tobago and endorsed by the Caribbean Centre for Administration and Development (CARICAD), an intergovernmental agency based in Barbados.

80. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to promote sustainable rural community development through tourism activity that involves greater participation of rural residents; (b) to identify and analyze the demand for credit and the conditions that would increase accessibility and utilization of credit for tourism activities in rural areas; (c) to identify and analyze microenterprises within the tourism sector that are economically viable and address the social, economic and environmental needs of sustainable rural community development; and (d) to promote a tourism product that bridges the social and cultural gaps between the visiting and the host community so that tourism can expand both as a North-South activity and a South-North activity.

81. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$157,600. Inputs from the proposing institution and other sources amount to US\$80,000 while the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$77,000.

82. In the light of the information made available to the Committee, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of this nationally executed project since there was no declaration of interest of the potential beneficiaries of the project as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

83. The Committee therefore considered that this proposal did not comply with the guidelines and recommended therefore that it should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 16 - *Cooperation Agreements and Strategic Alliances between MERCOSUR-based firms*

84. The project was submitted by the Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT), a non-governmental organization headquartered in Buenos Aires, through the Government of Argentina.

85. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to examine the nature of agreements, associations and alliances among Argentinian and Brazilians enterprises within Mercosur, their contribution to the ongoing process of restructuring and their eventual redefinition in the light of the macroeconomic and policy framework in force

in the region since 1995, and (b) to assess the instruments and policy actions needed to strengthen the cooperation agreements as strategic alliances among firms and to enhance their development contribution.

86. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$120,000. Inputs from CENIT and the contribution sought from PGTF amount each one to US\$60,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	CENIT	Total
Project Coordinator	18,000	18,000	36,000
Economist	36,000	-	36,000
Other supporting staff	6,000	18,000	24,000
Documentation/data processing	-	8,400	8,400
Mscellaneous	-	15,600	15,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>

87. The text of the proposal seemed to indicate that it corresponded to a bilateral project that is not eligible for funding as indicated in guideline A(g) for utilization of PGTF. In addition, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there was no declaration of interest of the other Mercosur member countries as potential beneficiaries, in accordance with the provisions of guideline A(f).

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

***Project Proposal No.17 - South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development***

89. The proposal was submitted by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), headquartered in San Jose, Costa Rica, and endorsed by the Ministries of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs of Guyana.

90. This proposal addresses one of the conclusions and recommendations of the Sectoral Review Meeting of the Group of 77 and China on Food and Agriculture, held in Georgetown, Guyana, on 15-19 January 1996. The sharing of practical experiences (case studies) by Haiti, Jamaica, Guyana, Costa Rica, Venezuela and the Republic of Korea was one of the highlights of the meeting and contributed to making the review meeting an invaluable and rewarding experience for participants. The relevant paragraph of the report of this meeting states that “case studies presented at the meeting provided important lessons for promoting agricultural and rural

development. These and more case studies should be compiled and disseminated in ways that ensure they reach the key information users for the benefit of developing countries.”

91. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to identify, document and transfer to members of the Group of 77 around the world the most important experiences and success stories in sustainable agricultural development of 20 Caribbean countries. The lessons drawn from these experiences are intended to contribute to development processes in the G-77 countries in order to increase sustainability and competitiveness.

92. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$177,000. Inputs from IICA and other sources amount to US\$84,000 while the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$93,000. The breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	42,000	84,000	126,000
Travel	19,600	-	19,600
Materials	21,000	-	21,000
Administration and other	10,400	-	10,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,000</b>	<b>84,000</b>	<b>177,000</b>

93. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponded to an important initiative but found that IICA could not be an executing agency for the project as established in guideline A(b) for utilization of PGTF. The Committee was of the view that the project could comply with the guidelines if the Government of Guyana becomes the executing organization and signs a sub-contract agreement with IICA.

94. However, inputs secured by the proposing institution are lower than the contribution sought from PGTF. Therefore, the maximum contribution by PGTF could be US\$84,000 as required by guideline A(m) and the Fund’s contribution should be adjusted accordingly.

95. The Committee recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF, with the provisos indicated in the foregoing two paragraphs, and in this regard recommended that US\$84,000 be allocated to this end.

**Project Proposal No. 18 - New Rural Cooperative Poultry Development Project in Zimbabwe**

96. This proposal was submitted directly by the Rural Poultry Development Company of Zimbabwe, a private enterprise headquartered in Harare, Zimbabwe.

97. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to start up a new rural cooperative poultry development project in Zimbabwe. In this regard, the enterprise is seeking a US\$500,000 medium-term loan to finance capital equipment and working capital.

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

***Project Proposal No. 19 - A Panel on: Africa Beyond the Year 2000 and OSSREA Fifth Congress on: Political & Economic Transformation & Socio-economic Development Responses in Africa***

99. The proposal was submitted directly by the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), headquartered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

100. According to the text of the proposal, the primary objective of the panel is to start a scholarly discourse on the future of the African continent, in the face of the challenges that it is now facing, promote long-term prospective thinking, and search for inward looking perspective.

101. The OSSREA Fifth Congress intends to take stock and to contribute to the debate on the reforms regarding political and economic liberalization which have been undertaken so far and to assess the nature, impacts and implications of the future development of the region.

102. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$133,077. There is no indication of inputs from other sources and the totality of this amount is the contribution sought from PGTF.

103. The Committee considered that this proposal did not comply with guideline A(m) since inputs from other sources should be at least equal to the contribution requested from the PGTF, and these inputs should be secured prior to the submission of the proposal. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

***Project Proposal No. 20 - Administration and Follow-up of Agricultural Components in International Agreements in Venezuela***

104. This proposal was submitted by the Central Office of Coordination and Planning of Venezuela.

105. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to provide support to the design and operationalization of a unit for the administration and follow-up of agricultural components in international agreements within the Government of Venezuela.

106. Total cost of the project, to be implemented over a four-year period, is estimated at US\$270,000. No indication is given of inputs from other sources and the totality of this amount is the contribution requested from PGTF.

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

Project Proposal No. 21 - *Follow-up, Evaluation and Studies of the Agrarian Reform in Venezuela*

Project Proposal No. 22 - *Rural Agro-Industry Network in Venezuela*

Project Proposal No. 23 - *Plan for Education in the Agriculture and Livestock Sectors in Venezuela*

108. These three proposals were also submitted by the Central Office of Coordination and Planning of Venezuela.

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

110. The Committee recommended that project proposals No. 21-23 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 24 - *Modular Training Program for Negotiators in the Field of Agriculture in the Andean Group*

111. This proposal was submitted by the Central Office for Coordination and Planning of Venezuela.

112. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to train, within the scope of the Andean Group countries and with emphasis on Venezuela, a team of qualified negotiators on international policy and agreements, with priority being given to the field of agriculture.

113. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in ten modules over a five-week period, is estimated at US\$233,000. There is no indication of inputs from other sources and the totality of this amount is the contribution sought from PGTF.

114. In the light of the information provided, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there were no declarations of interest of other Andean countries as potential beneficiaries of the project, according to the provisions of guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF. In addition, the proposal did not comply with guideline A(m), which requires that inputs from other sources should be of an amount at least equal to the contribution sought from PGTF.

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

Project Proposal No. 25 - *Africa Natural Resources Catalogue (World Wide Web-Based)*

116. This proposal was submitted by the Government of Egypt.

117. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to consolidate scattered databases and Internet Web sites into a central node that will act as a pointer; and (b) to focus on the wealthy national parks in two African countries and develop Web sites for them to be linked to the central node.

118. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is US\$150,000. There is no indication of inputs from other sources and the totality of this amount is the contribution requested from PGTF.

119. In the light of the information provided, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there were no declarations of interest of other Andean countries as potential beneficiaries of the project, according to the provisions of guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF. Moreover, since there are no inputs from other sources, the proposal did not comply with guideline A(m).

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

Project Proposal No. 26 - *Regional Culture and Tourism Information Highway*

121. This proposal was submitted by the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Centre (IDSC), through the Government of Egypt.

122. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to support cultural preservation and facilitate dissemination of cultural information in developing countries; (b) to promote international and local tourism to developing countries by providing a channel for the exchange of information on tourist attractions and services; and (c) to develop local capacities and human resources in the area of information technology.

123. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$223,000. In-kind inputs from the proposing institutions amount to US\$75,000 while the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$148,000.

124. In the light of the information provided, it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project since there were no declarations of interest of other African countries as potential beneficiaries of the project, according to the provisions of guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF. In addition, inputs from other sources were much lower than the contribution requested from PGTF. According to guideline A(m), the maximum contribution by PGTF could be US\$75,000.

125. The Committee in conclusion considered that this proposal did not comply with the guidelines and therefore recommended that it should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No.27 - "Information Highway" Professional Development Programme

126. This proposal was submitted by the Government of Egypt.

127. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to create a group of professionals and experts capable of using the "information highway" paradigm exploring its potential managerial and technological tools and techniques, with a view to adopting them into their respective organizations as well as transferring the knowledge acquired, to the end of improving their organizational performance.

128. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in fifteen working days, is estimated at US\$133,630. No indication is given of inputs from other sources and the totality of this amount is the contribution sought from PGTF.

129. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that even if some participating institutions are suggested, there is no evidence of their declared interest in the project as potential beneficiaries, according to the provisions of guideline A(f). In addition, since there are no inputs from sources other than PGTF, the proposal did not comply with guideline A(m).

130. The Committee therefore considered that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 28 - Rural Education and Agricultural Extension Facility for the Nomads of the Sahel and Sahara Regions

131. The proposal was submitted by the Foundation for Social Peace, headquartered in Niamey, Niger, with endorsement of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), headquartered in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

132. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to develop the project including its master plan into a viable regional undertaking, on the basis of systematic consultations with appropriate representatives of the beneficiaries; (b) to establish a workable twinning relationship with a comparable rural development programme in a developing country; (c) to initiate preliminary operational activities of the education component; and (d) to establish effective contacts with relevant international governmental and non-governmental organizations with a view to enlisting their support for the gradual expansion of the activities of the project over the next three to five years until it becomes fully operational and self-reliant.

133. The cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$744,340. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$85,000 while inputs from other sources amount to US\$659,340. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	Other	PGTF	Total
Land and buildings	530,000	-	530,000
Furniture	31,290	-	31,290
Personnel	59,800	-	59,800
Travel	-	20,000	20,000
Training	-	15,000	15,000
Equipment	-	49,000	49,000
Miscellaneous	38,250	1,000	39,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>659,340</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>744,340</b>

134. In the light of the information provided, the Committee had written evidence of the declared interest of Burkina Faso and Niger as potential beneficiaries of the project. The Committee was informed that the other countries of the Sahel region supported the project but the formal endorsements did not arrive in time. These outstanding endorsements should be received by the Office of the Chairman not later than 31 August 1996.

135. The Committee recommended that, with the provisos indicated in the foregoing paragraphs, this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$85,000 be allocated to this end.

Project Proposal No. 29 - Feasibility Study for the Reconstruction of Road 78 in Cambodia

136. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation of Cambodia.

137. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a feasibility study that would enable the reconstruction of road 78 to an all weather road of appropriate standard and in the most cost-efficient way. Such a reconstruction would break the isolation of the Stung Treng and Rattanakiri provinces and open up the trade routes to Viet Nam.

138. The total cost of the project, to be implemented in four months, is estimated at US\$75,000. Inputs from the proposing institution amount to US\$13,000 while the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$62,000.

139. The Committee considered that both the scope and beneficiaries of this proposal are of a bilateral character, and therefore not eligible for funding from PGTF according to guideline A(g).

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

**Project Proposal No. 30 - Emergency Humanitarian Aid to Burundi**

141. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Burundi.

142. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to provide basic shelter and equipment for at least 50,000 households; (b) to support the Burundi government's efforts to stabilize the movement of populations; and (c) to bring about peace and reconciliation in a war-torn community.

143. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$11.2 million. There is no indication of inputs from other sources.

144. The Committee considered that even though the prevailing difficult situation in Burundi deserved the highest support and understanding, this proposal went well beyond the means and purview of the PGTF and that therefore it could not be supported.

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

**Project Proposal No. 31 - Updating of a Feasibility Study for Fuel-Alcohol from Molasses Production Facilities in the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries**

146. This proposal was submitted by the Energy Organization of the Great Lakes Countries, an intergovernmental organization headquartered in Bujumbura, Burundi, with the approval of its governing body constituted by the Energy Ministers of Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire.

147. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to update a feasibility study carried out originally in 1986 and updated in 1988. The feasibility study addresses the design and building of facilities for producing fuel alcohol from molasses in sugar factories located in each one of the three member countries.

148. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in six months, is estimated at US\$172,500. Inputs from the proposing institution amount to US\$22,500 while the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$150,000.

149. The Committee considered that this proposal did not comply with guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF, that requires that all project proposals submitted to PGTF should include

inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

150. In summary, the Committee recommended that the following six (6) project proposals avail from the financing of PGTF and resources allocated to this end amount to US\$459,800. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation (US\$)</i>
1) <i>Entrepreneurial Strengthening of Industrial and Artisanal Cooperatives in Central America</i> .....	65,000
(2) <i>Caribbean Regional Technical Support Programme to Promote the Equalization of Training &amp; Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities</i> .....	90,000
(3) <i>Training in the Fields of Standardization &amp; Metrology for the Conformity Assessment among Developing Countries in some NAM member countries</i> .....	76,500
(4) <i>Plan of Cooperation on Training &amp; Development of Technology to Support Health Policies in Primary Care in the Portuguese Speaking African Countries (PSAC)</i> .....	59,300
(5) <i>South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development</i> .....	84,000
(6) <i>Rural Education and Agricultural Extension Facility for the Nomads of the Sahel and Sahara Regions</i> .....	85,000
<i>Total</i>	459,800

151. The Committee took note that project INT/90/K08 aimed at providing support to the Committee of Experts had been extended for the year 1996. It further recommended that since around half of the allocated resources remained unspent, the project be extended for another five years.

152. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 1996 amount to approximately US\$800,000. This amount includes the interest expected to be earned from 1 June to 31 December 1996. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

153. 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 and Nineteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs held in New York respectively in September 1994 and September 1995.

154. 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*

155. 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.

156. The Committee recalled that it had established 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.

157. The Committee noted that there has been an improvement in the submission of progress reports for approved projects and the corresponding financial statements in a timely manner. However, this has been only possible as a result of significant efforts developed by the Chairman of the Group of 77 through forwarding numerous requests and reminders of the outstanding reports. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman continue to closely follow-up on this matter with a view to identifying and implementing remedial action whenever necessary.

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.

158. 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.

159. 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.

160. 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.

161. 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.

162. 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.

163. 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.

164. 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.

165. 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.

166. 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.

167. 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.

168. 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.

169. 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.

170. 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.

171. 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.

172. 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.

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

174. 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.

175. The terminal report of the project was forwarded by NLVPC 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 submitted its financial statement.

176. 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, while the financial

statement of expenditure was submitted by CENIT to the Office of the Chairman on 6 April 1994.

(16) ***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 submitted its financial statement.

177. ICPE transmitted the terminal report of the project on 29 March 1994 and the financial statement of expenditure on 4 January 1996.

(17) ***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 its financial statements.

178. 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.

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

180. The terminal and financial reports were submitted by FUNA to the Office of the Chairman on 9 December 1994.

- (18) ***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 its financial statements.

181. The terminal report in Spanish and in English was forwarded by CERID respectively on 15 February 1995 and 20 April 1995, while the financial statement of expenditure was submitted on 4 December 1995.

- (19) ***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 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 MARDI) is dated 8 March 1991.  
Status of submission of financial report: MARDI has submitted its periodic financial statement.

182. 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.

183. 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.

- (20) ***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, the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon, and by the Bogota Chamber of Commerce.

184. 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.

185. Terminal reports were received from the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 25 May 1994; from the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon on 28 March 1994; and from the Bogota Chamber of Commerce on 15 June 1994.

(21) ***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: The Raul Prebisch Foundation submitted its financial statements.

186. Complete sets consisting of four volumes were distributed in 1994 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.

187. The statement of expenditure was submitted to the Office of the Chairman on 23 December 1994.

(22) ***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.

188. 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.

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

190. 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.

(23) ***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.

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

192. 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.

(24) ***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

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

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: The sub-contractor has submitted its financial reports.

193. 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.

194. 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.

195. 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.

196. The Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 received the terminal report and financial statement of expenditure from SUNS/TWN on 10 December 1995.

(25) ***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: The sub-contractor submitted its financial reports.

197. Implementation of this project began in January 1993 and the activities pertaining to this project were completed in December 1994.

198. IPS News Agency submitted a financial statement of expenditure to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 20 December 1995.

B. Projects under implementation

(1) ***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.

199. 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.

200. 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.

201. A progress report and a statement of expenditure were received by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 8 July 1995.

(2) ***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.

202. 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.

203. 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.

204. 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.

(3) ***African Agency for Biotechnology (Phase I)***

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.

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

206. The disbursement of US\$150,000 was made by UNDP to the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations for SERSA.

207. 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.

208. 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.

209. The Government of Algeria informed on 24 November 1995 that it will submit in 1996 the outstanding progress and financial reports on this project. On 22 May 1996, the Government of Algeria informed that these reports will be forwarded during the second half of 1996.

210. The Committee recommended that due note be taken of this information and that the Office of the Chairman closely follow up on this matter.

(4) ***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.

211. 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.

212. The financial reports have not yet been submitted to the Office of the Chairman.

213. The Government of Algeria informed on 24 November 1995 that it will submit in 1996 the outstanding progress and financial reports on this project. On 22 May 1996, the Government of Algeria informed that these reports will be forwarded during the second half of 1996.

214. The Committee recommended that due note be taken of this information and that the Office of the Chairman closely follow up on this matter.

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

Submitter: Government of Brazil

PGTF input: US\$120,000

Duration: 8 months

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

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

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.

215. 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.

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

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

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

Submitter: Government of Panama

PGTF input: US\$38,500

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

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.

218. 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.

219. 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.

220. By letter dated 8 May 1996, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations to submit urgently the outstanding final report and financial statement of expenditure.

(7) ***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: One year

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.

221. The Sub-contract Agreement dated 21 April 1995 was signed on behalf of the Group of 77 and the sub-contracting agency. The UNDP field office in Jakarta made the disbursement to the sub-contractor.

(8) ***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.

222. 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.

223. By letter dated 22 November 1994, the Office of the Chairman notified UNCTAD of an overexpenditure of US\$7,737 for a previous phase (INT/90/K07) of the project that had to be recovered from the present approval amount of \$80,000.

224. 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.

225. 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.

(9) ***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

226. 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.

227. The project document was signed on behalf of the Group of 77 and UNDP. The sub-contract agreement dated 23 August 1995 was also signed. UNDP made the disbursement for the project.

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

Submitter: Government of India

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/K06/A/95/99

228. 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.

229. The project document was signed on behalf of the Group of 77 and UNDP. The sub-contract agreement was also signed. The UNDP field office in New Delhi made the disbursement to the sub-contractor.

(11) ***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

230. 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.

231. 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.

232. The project document was signed on behalf of the Government of Cuba and UNDP on 4 and 5 March 1996. The sub-contract agreement was signed on 6 May 1996 and the UNDP field office in Havana made the disbursement to the sub-contractor.

(12) ***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.

233. The UNDP field office in Ougadougou, Burkina Faso, made the disbursement to the subcontractor.

234. By letter dated 20 May 1996, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations that the progress report and the cumulative statement of expenditure were outstanding from the sub-contractor.

(13) ***Productive internationalization in Mercosur: Foreign direct investment and regional transnational corporations***

Submitter: CPC Consultora Internacional Ltd. through the Government of Uruguay.

PGTF input: US\$140,000

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

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1995)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on behalf of the Government of Uruguay on 4 March 1996 and by UNDP on 9 April 1996. The sub-contract agreement between the Government of Uruguay and the sub-contractor was signed on 5 June 1996 and the UNDP field office in Montevideo made the disbursement to the sub-contractor.

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.

235. 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.

236. 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.

237. 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.

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

239. 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.

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

241. Given that the project document was signed on August 1993 and still it has not been possible to sign the sub-contract agreement and start the implementation of the project, the Committee was concerned on whether this project could be implemented at all.

242. In this regard, the Committee recommended that a final notice be sent by the Office of the Chairman to the sub-contractor indicating that if the project implementation had not started by 31 December 1996, the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF as required by guideline F(c) for utilization of PGTF.

(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.

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

244. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman send a final notice to the sub-contractor indicating that if the project implementation had not started by 31 December 1996, the allocated funds would be reverted to PGTF as required by guideline F(c) for utilization of PGTF.

(3) ***Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction***

Submitter: Biological Pharmaceutical Laboratories (LABIOFAM) through the Government of Cuba

PGTF input: US\$165,000

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

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, \_\_ September 1995)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on behalf of the Government of Cuba on 24 May 1996 and is in the process of being signed by UNDP. The sub-contract agreement for the project is in the process of being finalized.

(4) ***ECDC/TCDC Information Support to Group of 77 Chapters (Phase III) - Journal of the Group of 77***

Submitter: Inter Press Service (IPS) Third World News Agency through the Government of Costa Rica as current Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$51,120

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

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, \_\_ September 1995)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on 15 April 1996 by the Chairman of the Group of 77 also on behalf of the Government of Costa Rica and on 22 April 1996 by UNDP. The sub-contract agreement is in the process of being finalized.

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

245. 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

246. 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.

247. 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.

248. The meeting of the panel of experts on MSIN which was to have considered the project document related to the feasibility report, has 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

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

250. 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.

251. 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.

252. 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

253. 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.

254. 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.

255. 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.

256. 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.

257. 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.

258. 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.

259. 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.

260. 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.

261. 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.

262. 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.

263. 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

264. 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.

265. 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.

266. 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.

267. 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.

268. 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.

269. 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.

270. 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.

(7) *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.

271. 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.

272. 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.

273. 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.

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

275. 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.

276. 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.

277. By letter dated 13 October 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations that the project was placed under query and requested that the necessary arrangements be made to reimburse the amount of US\$50,000 to PGTF.

278. By letter dated 11 March 1996, the Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, West Indies, informed UNDP that the Government of Saint Lucia will refund the monies paid for the execution of the above project.

279. The Committee recommended that due note be taken of the foregoing letter and requested the Office of the Chairman to follow up on this matter. Following the actual reimbursement of the monies, these resources would revert to the PGTF.

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

Submitter: Government of Saint Lucia

PGTF input: US\$60,800

Duration: Six months

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

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

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

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

280. 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.

281. 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.

282. 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.

283. 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.

284. 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.

285. By letter dated 13 October 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations that the project was placed under query and requested that the necessary arrangements be made to reimburse the amount of US\$60,800 to PGTF.

286. By letter dated 11 March 1996, the Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, West Indies, informed UNDP that the Government of Saint Lucia will refund the monies paid for the execution of the above project.

287. The Committee recommended that due note be taken of the foregoing letter and requested the Office of the Chairman to follow up on this matter. Following the actual reimbursement of the monies, these resources would revert to the PGTF.

E. Projects under query

288. The Committee noted that satisfactory solutions were worked out for the four (4) projects that were under query on the occasion of its tenth meeting in 1995.

(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.

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

290. 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.

291. 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).

292. 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.

293. Since it had not been possible to obtain the outstanding reports, the Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the assistance of the UNDP with a view to obtaining the outstanding financial reports and any other relevant information on the follow-up of this project. The Committee also recommended that a close scrutiny be kept on this matter.

## V. OTHER MATTERS

294. 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 eleventh meeting.

295. 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 seven percent per annum. Over 60 per cent of these resources has been invested by UNDP in high-yield medium-term instruments maturing in 1998, while the rest have been invested both in short- and longer-term instruments. The best forecasts available indicate that interest rates will increase by the end of this year, thereby providing an opportunity to increase the weighted average yield of the PGTF portfolio. The combined effect of this investment strategy would ensure a yield of around 7.2 per cent per annum for 1997 and 1998. Accordingly, the additional resources available to PGTF in the next two years would be in the order of US\$420,000 to 480,000 per annum.

296. 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 1997. 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. 23 of this report.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR ECDC/TCDC  
AS OF 31 MAY 1996

Opening balance as per financial statement of 1/1/96 (UNDP Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements)	\$6,179,193.00
Add: Adjustments to unencumbered funds reported as unspent allocations	<u>\$29,114.14</u>
Unexpended resources as of 1 January 1996 (bal./funds)	\$6,208,307.14
Add: Interest Income as at 31 May 1996	<u>\$164,670.00<sup>1</sup></u>
Total resources	\$637,299,714.0
Less: Project disbursements recorded in 1996:	
INT/94/K01 - Program Dev. Com. (AELAC)	\$30,000.00
INT/94/K03 - TIN II	\$60,000.00
INT/94/K06 - Low Cost Housing	\$30,000.00
INT/95/K02 - MERCOSUR: Foreign Direct Investment	<u>\$140,000.00</u>
	\$260,000.00
Balance of funds (Total resources less disbursed funds)	\$6,112,977.14
Less: Reserved resources (Fund's capital)	<u>\$5,000,000.00<sup>2</sup></u>
Remaining funds	\$1,112,977.14

Consisting of obligated/earmarked funds as follows:

(i) Obligated<sup>3</sup>

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

INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	\$117,264.40
INT/92/K07 - SADC	\$90,000.00
INT/93/K02 - ECDC/TCDC Info, Phase II	\$1,000.00 <sup>4</sup>
INT/93/K07 - CEPGL, Agricultural Machinery	\$43,000.00

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<sup>1</sup>1996 Interest Income received and accrued that has been adjusted for the amortization of premiums and discounts on bonds as at 31 May 1996.

<sup>2</sup>Deposited in long-term high-yield bonds.

<sup>3</sup>Commitments based on signed project documents/subcontract documents.

<sup>4</sup>These residual funds (\$1,000) of Project INT/93/K02 have reverted to the PGTF.

INT/94/K02 - GSTP, IV	\$72,363.00 <sup>5</sup>
INT/95/K03 - ECDC/TCDC Info. Support to G-77 Chapters Phase III	<u>\$51,120.00</u>
	\$364,747.40

(ii) Earmarked funds approved:<sup>6</sup>

INT/95/K01- Optimization of Crude PMSG Animal Reprod.	<u>\$165,000.00</u>
	\$529,747.40

Total obligated/earmarked funds ( $\$364,747.40 + \$165,000.00 = \$529,747.40$ )

Available for new projects ( $\$1,112,977.14 - \$529,747.40 = \$583,229.74$ )

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<sup>5</sup>Originally approved at \$80,000, this figure reflects the adjustment made for the overexpenditure of \$7,637 under related project INT/90/K07. UNCTAD has accordingly submitted a budget for \$72,363.

<sup>6</sup>Approved projects where the project documents are under preparation.