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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, the Ninth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-IX), held in Manila on 9-12 February 1996, and the Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1996, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its twelfth meeting in New York from 6 to 8 August 1997.

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

3. A representative 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. Sixteen (16) project proposals;
2. Eleven (11) project progress, terminal 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 1997 are approximately US\$843,000, including interest projected to be earned until 31 December 1997. 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\$168,600.

II. REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE PGTF

7. The Committee examined a number of operational issues regarding the performance of the PGTF, namely dissemination of the guidelines, submission of substantive and financial reports for approved projects, and expansion of the PGTF resources.

Dissemination of the guidelines

8. The Committee noted that in spite of all efforts made to disseminate the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, still a substantial number of proposals presented do not comply with the criteria for eligibility. Three main reasons for non-compliance have been identified:

- (a) Projects are essential national in nature;
- (b) Cooperative element cannot be ascertained; and
- (c) Matching funds are not indicated.

(a) National projects

9. Almost one-half of all proposals presented for consideration by the Committee of Experts since the beginning of operations of PGTF (151 out of 315 up to 1996 and 7 out of 16 in 1997) corresponded to national projects that are not eligible for funding as stated in guideline A(f). This is clear indication that the project sponsors are not aware of this condition for eligibility.

(b) Cooperative element cannot be ascertained

10. For nationally executed projects to be eligible, guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF states that the cooperative component of the project has to be established through the identification and declared interest of and explicit participation by other developing countries as potential beneficiaries in the activities of the project, as appropriate. The Committee has noted that in the majority of proposals corresponding to nationally executed projects, there is no indication of interest by the beneficiaries. This is again an indication that sponsors are not aware of the conditions set in the guidelines.

(c) Matching funds

11. Guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF states that all project proposals submitted should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF. These inputs should be secured by the sponsors prior to submission of the proposal to PGTF. There is still a significant share of proposals where this condition is not being met by the project sponsors and is once more an indication of the lack of awareness of the guidelines.

12. On a number of previous occasions, the Committee has expressed this concern and action was taken by the Office of the Chairman with a view to improving the dissemination of the

guidelines and therefore to enhance the awareness of the potential project sponsors. In spite of these efforts, only moderate results have been achieved. With a view to addressing these shortcomings, the Committee recommended the following actions:

- (a) Direct communications to those institutions or countries that continue presenting large numbers of national projects;
- (b) Utilization of the e-mail and other suitable communication channels to disseminate information on the guidelines to developing country governments as well as institutions and organizations;
- (c) Posting and dissemination of relevant information on the PGTF, the guidelines for its utilization and the model format for submitting proposals in the homepage of the Group of 77 on the World Wide Web;
- (d) Request the Office of the Chairman to advance the initiation of each project cycle by sending invitations for submission of project proposals with indication of the ceiling per project in late November instead of mid-January;

13. With a view to deliver a clearer message regarding various elements of the guidelines, the Committee recommended that communications issued by the Office of the Chairman regarding the PGTF contain the following concepts:

- (a) The Fund has been established for the financing of cooperative projects and not other type of development projects;
- (b) In the case of nationally executed projects, i.e., cooperative projects carried out entirely in a given country, the cooperative elements of the project should be established by means of written evidence of the interest of or participation by other developing countries as potential beneficiaries;
- (c) In the case of large projects that go beyond the capacity of the PGTF, the Fund may be in a position to finance only a component of these projects.

14. In addition, the Committee recommended that as part of the operating procedures a summary report on the benefits resulting from the implementation of the project should be prepared by the sponsors and co-signed by the beneficiaries listed in the original project proposal upon completion of each project.

Submission of reports

15. The Committee noted that there has been an improvement in the submission of progress reports for approved projects and the corresponding financial statements. However, the results achieved are far from satisfactory, creating all sorts of accounting and auditing problems and hampering closing of the projects already completed.

16. In this regard, the Committee recommended that a new guideline be adopted that will make disbursements for the projects subject to the timely presentation of progress and financial reports. The proposed text would be added to guideline B(e) and would read as follows:

A token 10 percent of the funds allocated to each project will be withheld until the submission by the project sponsors of the relevant substantive and financial reports which are to be submitted upon completion of each project.

Expansion of PGTF resources

17. The Committee examined again practical ways to implementing its recommendations regarding the expansion of the PGTF resources as approved by the Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in 1996. In this connection, a number of actions will be taken in the near future towards this end in close coordination with the Chairman of the Group of 77, including:

- (a) Contributions by potential donors;
- (b) Co-financing;
- (c) Survey of the impact and benefits of the projects funded by the PGTF with a view to supporting the promotion of the Fund;

The outcome of these initiatives will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

III. CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

18. The Committee had before it sixteen (16) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of the PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) *Developing services and methodologies to improve the mainstream of disabled people into the workforce in Bahrain*
- (2) *Environmental resource assessment and management for sustainable development using remote sensing*
- (3) *Emergency control measures of the Moroccan locust and other insect pests*
- (4) *A study on the impact of enhancing environmental standards on international trade of South Asian countries*
- (5) *Cotton rehabilitation project in Myanmar*
- (6) *Vegetable development project in Myanmar*
- (7) *Seed certification project in Myanmar*
- (8) *Strengthening of women-owned food vending micro enterprises*
- (9) *Improving the legal and socio-economic situation in Namibia: Dissemination, consultation and plan of action*
- (10) *Transboundary livestock disease control and vaccine production*
- (11) *Biological control of pests and weeds for sustainable agriculture and biodiversity*
- (12) *Determination of priorities in science and technology for the Caribbean*
- (13) *Integrated planning and new technologies for sustainable development*
- (14) *Project for supporting the human resources development in cooperatives*

- (15) *Settlement of gender programme in cooperatives in the Andean region*
- (16) *Technical assistance to members of the Group of 77 participating in the second round of negotiations and seeking accession to the GSTP*

19. The following fourteen (14) project proposals were received after the established deadline of 31 March 1997 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session. These projects will be taken up at the next meeting of the Committee:

- (1) *Safety in biotechnology*
- (2) *Solar power in rural areas*
- (3) *Programme for the academic development and strengthening of marine sciences*
- (4) *Network of advisory centres for small and medium-sized enterprises in Mercosur*
- (5) *Monitoring of natural resources of Mekong catchment in eastern Myanmar: an approach towards sustainable development of the Mekong River Basin*
- (6) *Post training centre project*
- (7) *Strengthening of steel fabrication technology*
- (8) *Civil aviation master plan*
- (9) *Project for development of maritime training*
- (10) *Regional collaboration in the field of environmental education and research*
- (11) *Application of fuel-efficient stove and fuel wood substitutes*
- (12) *Modernization of village banks*
- (13) *Cotton rehabilitation project*
- (14) *Trade Information Network (TIN)*

Project Proposal No. 1 - *Developing services and methodologies to improve the mainstream of disabled people into the workforce in Bahrain*

20. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Bahrain.

21. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to develop the capacities of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs for expanding training in job related skills among low-income women; (b) to develop systems, training materials and methodologies for entrepreneurship and small-enterprise creation; (c) and to document and disseminate successful experiences in entrepreneurship and small enterprise creation systems.

22. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a fifteen month period, is estimated at US\$350,000. The contribution sought from the PGTF amounts to US\$200,000.

23. 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. 2 - *Environmental resource assessment and management for sustainable development using remote sensing*

24. The proposal was submitted by the Malaysian Centre for Remote Sensing (MACRES) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of Malaysia.

25. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are to develop a commercial viable and effective remote sensing technique and sensor in assessing, predicting and managing agriculture, forestry, water, marine and coastal resources and their impacts on sustainable development. Satellite image maps showing forest cover, agricultural land use, marine resources and the like, would be produced.

26. The information available to the Committee with regard to the cost of the project contains some inconsistencies that make it impossible to assess an exact figure. In some parts of the proposal it is indicated that the total cost is estimated at US\$65,000, while in others total figure amounts to US\$110,000. The contribution sought from the PGTF was US\$55,000. After examination, the Committee concluded that the most likely figure is US\$65,000 and therefore the contribution of sources other than PGTF would be US\$10,000. This does not meet the provisions of guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF, which requires that inputs from sources other than PGTF be of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

27. Even though the sponsors of the project claimed that other developing countries like China, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam and Brunei would benefit from the technology generated in the project, there is no evidence of the declared interest of an explicit participation by these potential beneficiaries as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of the PGTF. Therefore it has not been possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project.

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

Project Proposal No. 3 - Emergency control measures of the Moroccan locust and other insect pests

29. The proposal was submitted by the General Body for Agricultural Research, located at Abu-Ghraib, Iraq, and endorsed by the Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq.

30. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to evaluate and select for registration chemical insecticides suitable for the control of the Moroccan locust and other pests to minimize the potential environmental risks resulting from the empirical use of broad-spectrum chemical insecticides; (b) to determine the most efficient and economic techniques for the control of the aforementioned insect pests; (c) to assist in the continuous efforts to develop and implement an integrated pest management programme; and (d) to provide training to professional and technical staff.

31. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out over two years, is US\$430,000. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$60,000.

32. The Committee was of the view that this proposal addresses a problem that affects not only Iraq but many other developing countries since outbreaks of locust and other insect pests by their very nature are not limited within the boundaries of any given country. However, the proposal as formulated and presented corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for financing. In particular the proposal contains no cooperative component since there is no indication of interest or participation of other developing countries as potential beneficiaries of the project.

33. The Committee recommended that this proposal be reformulated as a cooperative project where the explicit interest of or participation by other developing countries is clearly indicated and documented. The reformulated proposal could be re-submitted for consideration by the Committee of Experts.

Project Proposal No.4 - A study on the impact of enhancing environmental standards on international trade of South Asian countries

34. The proposal was submitted by the Research and Information System (RIS) for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries, headquartered in New Delhi, and endorsed by the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

35. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to study the effect of increased product based environmental standards adopted by the developed countries on the trade of South Asian economies; (b) to analyze the nature and composition of environmentally sensitive industries of South Asia with a view to understanding whether such industries are migrating from countries having higher environmental standards; and (c) to examine the impact of and scope for external assistance in the region on environmentally sensitive commodities.

36. The text of the proposal indicates that the beneficiaries of the project would be India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the seven member countries of SAARC.

37. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is US\$49,700. Contribution sought from PGTF is US\$24,850. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total cost (US\$)		
Item	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Personnel	15,800	15,800	31,600
Training	8,600	-	8,600
Travel	2,000	4,500	6,500
Other	1,500	1,500	3,000

Total cost (US\$)				
	Item	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Total		27,900	21,800	49,700

38. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponded to an important initiative at the regional level. However, the Committee felt that the potential beneficiaries should explicitly indicate their endorsement of the project.

39. The Committee recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$24,850 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 15 September 1997.

40. Should the previous condition be fulfilled, the Committee recommended that disbursement of the PGTF contribution be made in tranches. Disbursement of each tranche would be subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 5 - *Cotton rehabilitation project in Myanmar*

41. The proposal was submitted by Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise and endorsed by the Ministry of Agriculture of Myanmar.

42. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to upgrade the cotton production technology in Myanmar; (b) to provide adequate raw materials for national textile industries; (c) to export lint and cotton byproducts; and (d) to upgrade the cotton byproduct industries in Myanmar.

43. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in a four year period, is estimated at US\$4.5 million. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$2.99 million.

44. The Committee considered that this 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. 6 - *Vegetable development project in Myanmar*

Project Proposal No. 7 - *Seed certification project in Myanmar*

45. These two proposals were also submitted by enterprises from Myanmar and endorsed by the Government of that country.

46. The Committee examined the foregoing two 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.

47. The Committee recommended that project proposals Nos. 6 and 7 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 8 - *Strengthening of women-owned food vending micro enterprises*

48. The proposal was submitted directly by the “Instituto de Promoción del Desarrollo Solidario” (INPET), a non-governmental organization headquartered in Lima, Peru. The project would be implemented in collaboration with the “Instituto de Innovación en Sistemas de Gestión” (INSIG), another non-governmental organization based in Peru.

49. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to strengthen the infrastructure and technological base so as to improve the working conditions of food vendors; (b) to provide training in management, civil rights, hygiene and environment preservation so as to improve competitiveness and quality of service in food vending; (c) to improve the development of food vending micro enterprises; and (d) to increase citizen participation in public policies aimed at health and environment preservation.

50. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out over an 18-month period, is US\$452,000. The contribution requested from PGTF was US\$384,168.

51. The Committee considered that this 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. 9 - *Improving the legal and socio-economic situation in Namibia: Dissemination, consultation and plan of action*

52. The proposal was submitted by the Namibia Development Trust, a non-governmental organization headquartered in Windhoek, and endorsed by the Government of Namibia.

53. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to further define and improve channels of communication and consultation between the Namibia Development Trust and fifteen pilot communities in the former “Owambo” regions in order to achieve community-directed, self-initiated development activities, and to gain the knowledge and self-confidence to undertake these activities and/or secure outside assistance.

54. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$454,044. There is no indication of the duration of the project nor of inputs from sources other than PGTF.

55. The Committee considered that this 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. 10 - *Transboundary livestock disease control and vaccine production*

56. The proposal was submitted by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), a subregional development organization headquartered in Djibouti.

57. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to undertake measures aimed at a subregional approach to the control of livestock diseases, supported by the establishment of community-based animal health worker extension systems in the member states.

58. The total cost of the project to be carried out over a three-year period is estimated at US\$13.2 million. Inputs from sources other than the PGTF amount to US\$2.2 million per year, i.e., a total of US\$6.6 million. The contribution sought from PGTF amounted to US\$6.6 million.

59. The Committee considered that the magnitude of this project goes well beyond the capabilities of the PGTF. However, given that the proposal corresponds to a very important initiative at the subregional level, the Committee recommended that this proposal be reformulated in a modular form with an indication of the project components that the sponsors would wish to re-submit for consideration by the Committee of Experts. In this regard, the Committee recalled that the maximum support that could be given to any individual project could not exceed one-fifth of the resources available to the PGTF in any given year.

Project Proposal No. 11 - *Biological control of pests and weeds for sustainable agriculture and biodiversity*

60. The proposal was submitted was submitted by the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries, headquartered in New Delhi. Thirty-five member states of the NAM and other developing countries are members of the Centre. The proposal was endorsed by the Governing Council of the Centre and the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

61. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to familiarize the participants with the latest developments and techniques in identification, evaluation and adoption of biological agents to control pests and weeds with a view to replace chemical pesticides and weedicides; (b) to identify areas for bilateral and multilateral cooperation and training; and (c) to work on collaborative projects so identified by exchange of biological agents/biocides and exchange data or their evaluation by fields trials and training. The project will be initiated with a project workshop which will also plan and identify components of the collaborative project.

62. The proposal contains a list of institutions from Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, DPR Korea, Egypt, Malaysia, Pakistan, Peru, Tanzania and Zambia that have indicated their interest in participating in the project.

63. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in three years, is estimated at US\$50,000. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$25,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	-	5,000	5,000
Project workshop	15,000	5,000	20,000
Report/workshop proceedings	-	10,000	10,000
Field trials and visits	10,000	5,000	15,000
Total	25,000	25,000	50,000

64. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is therefore eligible for financing.

65. The Committee therefore recommended that US\$25,000 be allocated to this project. The Committee also recommended that disbursement of the PGTF contribution be made in tranches. Disbursement of each tranche would be subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 12 - Determination of priorities in science and technology for the Caribbean

66. The proposal was submitted by the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), a subregional organization headquartered in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

67. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to obtain credible input to the determination of priorities in science and technology at the regional level for the Caribbean; and (b) to enhance action in those areas through increased use of the TCDC approach. As a first step the project envisages the establishment of a database on institutional capability in science and technology to be made available on the World Wide Web and maintained by the CCST. In addition, a workshop, to be attended by representatives of ministers responsible for science and technology, will be organized with a view to comparing needs with national priorities.

68. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$77,040. Contribution sought from PGTF amounted to US\$35,320. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Database design/construction	9,200	-	9,200
Travel and per diem	26,120	26,120	52,240
Facilitators	-	5,600	5,600
Other	-	10,000	10,000

		Contribution (US\$)		
	Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Total		35,320	41,720	77,040

69. The CCST has submitted a second proposal for consideration by the Committee of Experts. According to guideline A(d) for utilization of PGTF, proposing organization and institutions may submit no more than one project proposal per annum for funding from PGTF. Therefore, the Committee considered both proposals jointly.

Project Proposal No. 13 - Integrated planning and new technologies for sustainable development

70. The proposal was also submitted by the CCST.

71. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to improve integrated approaches to planning for sustainable development at the national level, by bringing together representatives of various ministries, the private sector, and other development actors to initiate an equitable dialogue, exchange experiences and foster more productive partnerships.

72. Total estimated cost of the project is US\$99,000. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$37,560. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

		Contribution (US\$)		
	Item	PGTF	Other	Total
	Facilitators	6,400	-	6,400
	Travel and per diem	31,160	46,740	77,900
	Secretariat	-	4,400	4,400
	Other	-	10,300	10,300
Total		37,560	61,440	99,000

73. The Committee considered that both projects proposals submitted by CCST complied with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, since only one of them could receive support from the PGTF, the Committee considered that proposal No. 13, namely “Integrated planning and new technologies for sustainable development”, seemed to have a larger impact and deserved to be given support.

74. The Committee therefore recommended that project proposal No. 13 avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$37,560 be allocated to this end. The Committee also recommended that disbursement of the PGTF contribution be made in tranches. Disbursement of each tranche would be subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 14 - Project for supporting the human resources development in cooperatives

75. The proposal was submitted by the International Cooperative Alliance, a non-governmental organization, through its American Regional Bureau headquartered in San Jose, Costa Rica. The proposal was endorsed by the Government of Costa Rica.

76. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to contribute to the capacity for competition, restructuring, adaptation, and managerial change through the development of human resources in cooperatives in the continent. This objective would contribute to creating the bases for revival of the cooperatives as an option for economic development with equity and personal growth. The beneficiaries of the project would be six hundred directors and officials from cooperatives in four countries, namely Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Uruguay.

77. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in a four-year period, is estimated at US\$1.088 million. Expenditures for the first year are estimated at US\$400,000, while the contribution sought from PGTF amounted to US\$100,000 for this first year. A breakdown of the cost for the first year is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	30,000	47,000	77,000
Travel and per diem	20,000	12,000	32,000
Activities	30,000	123,000	153,000
Other	20,000	118,000	138,000
Total	100,000	300,000	400,000

78. The Committee noted that there is no indication of how the second and third year of the project will be funded. Even though the proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, the foregoing observation introduces a certain degree of uncertainty regarding the viability of the proposal.

79. Moreover, the International Cooperative Alliance has submitted a second proposal for consideration by the Committee of Experts. According to guideline A(d) for utilization of PGTF, proposing organization and institutions may submit no more than one project proposal per annum for funding from PGTF. Therefore, the Committee considered both proposals jointly.

Project Proposal No. 15 - Settlement of gender programme in cooperatives in the Andean region

80. The proposal was also submitted by the International Cooperative Alliance.

81. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project would be to contribute to facilitating women's access to decision-making and gender equality through the development of women's organizations, as well as by institutionalizing the gender perspective inside cooperatives in particular and the cooperative movement in general.

82. Beneficiaries of the project would be women in fourteen cooperatives from seven countries in Latin America.

83. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$146,500. The contribution requested from PGTF amount to US\$61,500. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	20,000	32,000	52,000
Travel and per diem	8,000	6,000	14,000
National/regional committees	14,000	16,000	30,000
Training	5,500	7,500	13,000
Other	14,000	23,500	37,500
Total	61,500	85,000	146,500

84. The Committee considered that this project proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is therefore eligible for financing. In the light of the comments made with regard to project proposal No. 14, the Committee recommended that support be given to project proposal No. 15 and recommended that US\$61,500 be allocated to this end. The Committee also recommended that disbursement of the PGTF contribution be made in tranches. Disbursement of each tranche would be subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 16 - Technical assistance to members of the Group of 77 participating in the second round of negotiations and seeking accession to the GSTP

85. The proposal was submitted by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in Geneva. The implementing agency would be UNCTAD with the government ministries of developing countries participating in the GSTP and its negotiations and their Geneva-based permanent missions.

86. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to facilitate accessions to the GSTP Agreement by members of the Group of 77, including the least developed countries; and (b) to provide assistance to members of the Group of 77 in their

participation in the second round of negotiations and the implementation of its results, as well as the preparations for launching a third round of GSTP negotiations.

87. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$155,000. The totality of this amount is the contribution requested from PGTF. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	PGTF Contribution (US\$)
Experts/consultants	60,000
Support personnel	40,000
Travel	12,000
Meetings/workshops	40,000
Reproduction	3,000
Total	155,000

88. The Committee noted that this proposal does not comply with guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF, which requires that inputs from sources other than PGTF should be of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

89. Moreover, the Committee recalled the recommendations already made respectively in paras 149 and 99 of the reports of its seventh and ninth meetings regarding support to the GSTP process, as well as the recommendation contained in para. 59(a) of the Final Report of IFCC-VIII.

90. Taking into account that PGTF has already allocated around US\$2 million to the GSTP process and bearing in mind that the main objective of the PGTF is to provide catalytic support to cooperative activities and the guidelines prevent the use of PGTF resources for funding regular budget activities, the Committee wished to reiterate the recommendation referred to in the previous paragraph inviting the Chairmen of the Group of 77 in New York and in Geneva to explore other sources of funding for the GSTP process, specifically related to technical support to the GSTP.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

91. In summary, the Committee recommended that the following four (4) project proposals avail from the financing of PGTF and resources allocated to this end amount to US\$148,910. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation (US\$)</i>
(1) <i>A study on the impact of enhancing environmental standards on international trade of South Asian countries</i>	24,850
(2) <i>Biological control of pests and weeds for sustainable agriculture and biodiversity</i>	25,000
(3) <i>Integrated planning and new technologies for sustainable development</i>	37,560
(4) <i>Settlement of gender programme in cooperatives in the Andean region</i>	61,500
<i>Total</i>	148,910

92. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 1997 amount to approximately US\$863,000. This amount includes the interest expected to be earned from 1 June to 31 December 1997. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

93. The Committee examined the status of implementation of the projects adopted by IFCC-VI held in Havana in September 1987, by the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, by IFCC-VII held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, by the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held respectively in New York in September 1989, October 1990, September 1991 and October 1992, by IFCC-VII held in Panama City in August-September 1993 and by the Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs held in New York respectively in September 1994, September 1995 and September 1996.

94. The following eleven (11) progress, terminal and financial reports on projects under implementation were made available to the Committee of Experts:

- (1) ***Feasibility study for establishing a Raw Materials Research and Development Information Centre***
- (2) ***Low-cost housing technology programme***
- (3) ***Regional programme for cooperation and concerted action on plant germ plasm***

- (4) *Training on the use of a computer simulation model for food security analysis in developing countries of NAM*
- (5) *Journal of the Group of 77*
- (6) *Rural education and agricultural extension facility for the nomads of the Sahel and Sahara regions*
- (7) *Productive internationalization in Mercosur*
- (8) *Programme for the development of communication and cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean educators (AELAC)*
- (I) *Optimization of the process for obtaining raw PMSG hormone for animal breeding*
- (10) *African Agency for Biotechnology (Phases I and II)*
- (11) *Establishment of the Trade Information Network (TIN) Management Centre*

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

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

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 financial statements for the project.

96. 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 the financial statement for the project.

97. 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 the financial statement for the project.

98. 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 G-77 submitted the financial statement for the project.

99. 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 CommissionPGTF input: \$120,000Duration: One yearApproval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)Number: INT/89/K13/A/95/99Date 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 the financial statement for the project.

100. 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 77PGTF input: US\$25,000Duration: One weekApproval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)Number: INT/89/K14/A/95/99Date 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 the financial statement for the project.

101. 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.

102. 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 the financial statement for the project.

103. 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 the financial statement for the project.
104. 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 the financial statement for the project.
105. 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 the financial statement for the project.
106. 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 the financial statement for the project.
107. 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.
108. 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 the financial statement for the project.

109. 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 the financial statement for the project.

110. 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.

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

112. 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 the financial statement for the project.

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

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

Submitter: Government of Argentina

PGTF input: US\$88,000

Duration: One year

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

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

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

Status of submission of financial report: CENIT submitted the financial statement for the project.

114. 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 submitted the financial statement for the project.

115. 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 the financial statement for the project.

116. 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.

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

118. 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 the financial statement for the project.

119. 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 submitted the financial statement for the project.

120. 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.

121. 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 were 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.

122. 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.

123. 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 the financial statement for the project.

124. 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.

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

126. 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 submitted the financial statement for the project.

127. 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 submitted the financial statement for the project.

128. 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.

129. 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.

130. 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.

131. 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 the financial statement for the project.

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

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

(26) ***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.

Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor submitted the financial statement for the project.

134. 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.

135. 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.

136. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the UNCTAD

secretariat to submit a progress report and the statement of expenditure for funds disbursed from PGTF.

137. By letter dated 18 June 1997, the UNCTAD secretariat submitted the final report on the project and activities and the cumulative statement of expenditures for the funds provided by PGTF for the implementation of the project.

(27) ***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.

Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor has not submitted the financial statement for the project.

138. By fax message dated 7 July 1997, a copy of which was made available to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Director of CPC Consultora Internacional, sub-contractor of the project, informed the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC that the project had been completed and that the final report was ready to be submitted.

139. By fax message dated 28 July 1997, a copy of which was made available to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP advised that the final report of the project should be submitted to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York.

140. The final report was received by the Office of the Chairman on 7 August 1997.

141. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the sub-contractor to submit the financial statement no later than 31 October 1997.

(28) ***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: A statement of expenditure has been submitted for the first tranche of US\$20,000.

142. 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.

143. 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.

144. 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.

145. By letter dated 2 May 1997, the Permanent Secretary of SELA forwarded to the Chairman of the Group of 77 the second and final progress report on the project.

146. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 acknowledged receipt of the final progress report from SELA and requested the latter to submit the outstanding financial statement for the second tranche of (US) \$38,000 disbursed from PGTF.

147. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman should request the outstanding financial statement to be submitted no later than 31 October 1997.

(29) ***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: The sub-contractor submitted the financial statement for the project.

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

149. By letter dated 18 June 1996, the sub-contractor submitted the final version of the feasibility report. A copy of the cumulative statement of expenditure for funds provided by PGTF has also been received.

B. Projects under implementation

(1) ***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 submitted financial statements for the implementation of the project.

150. 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.

151. 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.

152. 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 the Committee of Experts of PGTF on 17-19 May 1995. Similar arrangements were made by UNDP at the request of the Office of the Chairman for the Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held on 8-10 July 1996 as well as for the Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held from 6 to 8 August 1997.

153. The Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts 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. This recommendation was endorsed by the Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in New York on 27 September 1996.

154. In the light of results of the past two years in terms of expeditiousness and cost, the Committee strongly recommended that the Office of the Chairman should resume implementation of this project as in previous years, in lieu of the country offices of UNDP.

(2) ***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 by the sub-contractor..

155. A request for disbursement of funds was made on 7 May 1993.
156. The disbursement of US\$150,000 was made by UNDP to the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations for SERSA.
157. 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.
158. The Committee of Experts of PGTF recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 requests the executing organization to submit the outstanding financial reports before 31 December 1995.
159. 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.
160. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 made a new request through the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations for the submission of the outstanding reports.
161. By letter dated 21 July 1997, the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations transmitted a progress report on the implementation of this project with a financial statement of expenditure.
162. The Committee noted with concern that four years after the disbursement of funds for Phase I of the project, the African Agency for Biotechnology has not become operational. The sponsors have indicated that a meeting of the Council of Governors of the Agency scheduled to be held in October 1997 will take the necessary decisions to overcome the existing obstacles and launch the operations.
163. In the light of this information, the Committee recommended that following the foregoing Council meeting a work plan be submitted by the Agency to the Office of the Chairman not later

than 31 December 1997. Should this plan fail to provide a satisfactory means of making the Agency operational, the Committee was of the view that the project should be considered as not implemented and that the disbursed funds should be reimbursed to the PGTF. The Committee will examine this matter at its next session in 1998 and make appropriate recommendations.

(3) ***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.

164. 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.

165. The Government of Algeria informed on 24 November 1995 that it intended to 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.

166. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 made a new request through the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations for the expeditious submission of the outstanding reports.

167. By letter dated 21 July 1997, the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations transmitted a progress report on the implementation of this project with a financial statement of expenditure.

168. The Committee noted with concern that two and a half years after the disbursement of funds for Phase II of the project, the African Agency for Biotechnology has not become operational. The sponsors have indicated that a meeting of the Council of Governors of the Agency scheduled to be held in October 1997 will take the necessary decisions to overcome the existing obstacles and launch the operations.

169. In the light of this information, the Committee recommended that following the foregoing Council meeting a work plan be submitted by the Agency to the Office of the Chairman not later than 31 December 1997. Should this plan fail to provide a satisfactory means of making the

Agency operational, the Committee was of the view that the project should be considered as not implemented and that the disbursed funds should be reimbursed to the PGTF. The Committee will examine this matter at its next session in 1998 and make appropriate recommendations.

(4) ***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.

170. 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 the "Fundacao Centro de Estudos do Comercio Exterior" (FUNCEX) of Brazil. This amount was disbursed by UNDP as per cable dated 4 August 1994.

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

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

173. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested through the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations the submission by FUNCEX of the terminal report of the project as well as the financial statement for the second tranche of funds disbursed from PGTF in 1995.

174. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman should request that the terminal report as well as the financial statement for the second tranche of funds should be submitted by the sub-contractor not later than 31 October 1997.

(5) ***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.

Status of submission of financial statement: No financial reports were submitted.

175. 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 with the "Instituto Geografico Nacional Tommy Guardia".

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

177. 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 the outstanding final report and financial statement of expenditure.

178. By letter dated 8 August 1996, the Office of the Chairman requested the Resident Representative of UNDP in Panama to contact the sub-contracting agency with a view to expediting the submission of the outstanding reports.

179. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 made an urgent appeal through the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations for the submission of the outstanding reports.

180. In a fax dated 26 May 1997, a copy of which was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the UNDP Resident Representative in Panama informed the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC that the project had not been implemented by the sub-contracting agency and that the latter had given to understand that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama had advised the Special Unit for TCDC accordingly.

181. In a letter addressed to the Resident Representative of UNDP in Panama dated 6 June 1997, a copy of which was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP expressed surprise to learn of this development. The communication stated that the Special Unit for TCDC had not received the letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama on this matter and requested clarification as to whether the project had been postponed or that the resources already disbursed would be refunded to the PGTF.

182. In a fax dated 26 June 1997, a copy of which was made available to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Officer-in-Charge of UNDP in Panama forwarded to the Special Unit for TCDC copies of two communications addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama which stated the reasons for the non-implementation of the project. The Office-in-Charge of UNDP stated that the Government of Panama had agreed to refund to PGTF the resources already disbursed.

183. The Committee recommended that the UNDP should take the necessary steps so as to ensure that the funds disbursed be reimbursed to the PGTF not later than 31 December 1997. In

this regard, the Committee recommended that this matter should be kept under close scrutiny by the Office of the Chairman.

(6) ***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.

Status of submission of financial statement: The financial statement for the project was submitted by the sub-contractor.

184. 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.

185. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested through the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations the submission of a progress report and the statement of expenditure.

186. By Note Verbale dated 24 May 1997, the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations forwarded to the Office of the Chairman a progress report and statement of expenditure for funds disbursed from PGTF.

(7) ***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

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on behalf of the Group of 77 and UNDP on 18 January 1995. The sub-contract agreement was signed on 23 August 1995.

Status of submission of financial report: A financial statement was submitted for the project.

187. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the sub-

contractor of the project, namely the Private Sector Development Programme of UNDP, to submit a progress report and statement of expenditure for the project.

188. A progress report and a financial statement was received by the Office of the Chairman on 6 August 1997. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the submission of the terminal report as well as of the financial statement.

(8) ***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

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on behalf of the Group of 77 and UNDP on 31 July 1995. The sub-contract agreement was signed on 26 September 1995.

Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor informed that no expenditures had been incurred as of June 1997.

189. In May 1996, the UNDP field office in New Delhi made the disbursement to the Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-aligned and other Developing Countries, sub-contractor of the project.

190. By letter dated 18 February 1997, the sub-contractor of the project submitted a progress report in accordance with the reporting requirements of PGTF-funded projects.

191. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 acknowledged receipt of the progress report and requested the submission of statement of expenditure for funded provided by PGTF. The sub-contractor replied to this request in a letter dated 4 June 1997.

(9) ***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

Date of signature of relevant documents: 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.

Status of submission of financial statement: The sub-contractor informed that 81 per cent of the funds disbursed have been spent as of July 1997.

192. By fax dated 19 May 1997, a copy of which was made available to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Resident Representative of UNDP in Cuba advised the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC that the sub-contractor had submitted for consideration a request for revisions in the project budget for 1997. In a reply letter dated 2 June 1997, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC stated that since the project was under the management of the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, "any proposal to increase budget amounts or to re-programme resource should, in principle, be brought to the attention of the Committee of Experts of PGTF."

193. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested through the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations the submission of a progress report and statement of expenditure for the project.

194. By letter dated 24 July 1997, the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations forwarded a progress report and information on expenditure of funds provided by PGTF with a request for an increase in the PGTF allocation to the project.

195. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman inform the sub-contractor that requests for funding from PGTF should be formally submitted for consideration by the Committee of Experts within the established deadlines (before 31 March of each year), and not as part of a report on implementation of an ongoing project. In this regard, the Committee recalled that a project proposal on a subject already benefitting from PGTF support should comply with guideline B(f) for utilization of PGTF resources, which states that "no follow-up project would be considered until the previous one is implemented."

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

Submitter: Sahel Defis through the Government of Benin.

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.

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

196. The UNDP field office in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, made the disbursement to the sub-contractor.

197. 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. No acknowledgment was ever received in response to this request.

198. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 made an urgent appeal through the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations for the submission of the outstanding reports. Receipt of these reports from the sub-contractor is still outstanding.

199. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman should request that the outstanding reports be submitted not later than 31 October 1997.

(11) ***Entrepreneurial Strengthening of Industrial and Artisan Cooperatives in Central America***

Submitter: International Cooperative Alliance, a non-governmental organisation, through its American Regional Bureau headquartered in San José, Costa Rica

PGTF input: US\$65,000

Number: INT/96/K01/A/95/99

Duration: One (1) year

Approval: Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document, a copy of which was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman, was signed on behalf of the Government of Costa Rica on 1 January 1997 and by UNDP on 6 March 1997. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Costa Rica and the Regional Office of the International Cooperative Alliance for the Americas was signed on 3 December 1996.

200. The Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Costa Rica to make an initial disbursement of US\$32,500 on 1 May 1997.

(12) ***Caribbean Regional Technical Support Programme to Promote the Equalization of Training and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities***

Submitter: National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) of Trinidad and Tobago, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago.

PGTF input: US\$90,000

Number: INT/96/K02/A/95/99

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document, a copy of which was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman, was signed on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on 31 January 1997 and by UNDP on 21 February 1997. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Ministry of Social Development of Trinidad and Tobago and NCPD for the implementation of this project was signed on 20 March

1997.

201. The Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Trinidad and Tobago to make an initial disbursement of US\$45,000 on 9 April 1997.

(13) ***Training of Personnel in the Field of Standardization and Meteorology for the Conformity Assessment among Developing Countries***

Submitter: Committee for Standardization of Democratic People's Republic of Korea through its Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

PGTF input: US\$76,500

Number: INT/96/K03/A/95/99

Duration: One (1) year

Approval: Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the President of the Committee for Standardization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 27 February 1997 and by UNDP on 17 March 1997. A sub-contract agreement was signed between the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Committee for Standardization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

202. The Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the UNDP Office-in-Charge in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to make an initial disbursement of US\$38,250. A copy of this payment request, dated 7 May 1997, was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77.

203. The Office of the Chairman was informed that the initial disbursement had been made.

(14) ***Program for Cooperation in Training and Development of Technologies to Support Primary Health Care in African Countries with Portuguese Official Language***

Submitter: Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) through the Government of Brazil.

PGTF input: US\$59,300

Number: INT/96/K04/A/95/99

Duration: One (1) year

Approval: Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on behalf of the Government of Brazil on 17 June 1997 and by UNDP on 24 June 1997. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Brazil and the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation was signed on 24 March 1997.

204. Disbursement of an initial tranche of US\$29,650 was made through the UNDP Resident Representative in Brazil.

(15) ***Rural Education and Agricultural Extension Facility for the Nomads of the Sahel and***

Sahara Regions

Submitter: Foundation for Social Peace of Niger, with endorsement of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

PGTF input: US\$85,000

Number: INT/96/K06/A/95/99

Duration: One (1) year

Approval: Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference on 16 December 1996 and by UNDP on 18 February 1997. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Foundation for Social Peace was signed on 1 March 1997.

205. An initial disbursement of US\$45,000 was made through the UNDP Resident Representative in Niger in May 1997.

206. A financial statement of expenditures for the first tranche was submitted to UNDP by the Organization of the Islamic Conference on 17 June 1997. A copy of this financial report was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77. No progress report on the activities of the project has been forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to date.

207. The Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Niger to make the second tranche of US\$40,000. A copy of this payment request, dated 24 June 1997, was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77.

(16) ***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. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Rwanda and CEPGL is dated 17 December 1996.

208. 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.

209. The Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF 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.

210. By decision of the Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in New York on 27 September 1996, the sub-contractor was granted an additional extension of six months beyond the deadline recommended by the Committee, namely until 30 June 1997, to start the implementation of the project.

211. This condition was fulfilled since signature of the sub-contract agreement took place on 16 December 1996. By letter dated 4 June 1997, a copy of which was made available to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC requested the Resident Representative of UNDP in Rwanda to make a payment of USD\$43,000 to the sub-contractor.

(17) ***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, 29 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 by UNDP on 25 June 1996. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Cuba and the Biological Pharmaceutical Laboratories is dated 24 June 1996.

212. By letter dated 23 September 1996, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC requested the Resident Representative of UNDP in Cuba to make a payment of US\$105,000 to the sub-contractor.

213. By letter dated 25 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested through the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations the submission of a progress report and financial statement of expenditure for funds provided by PGTF.

214. By letter dated 24 July 1997, the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations forwarded a progress report on the project activities.

215. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman should request that the financial statement should be submitted not later than 31 October 1997. Moreover, the Committee felt that disbursement of the second tranche should be subject to the submission of such financial statement.

(18) ***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 Chairman of the Group of 77 for 1996

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, 29 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 concluded between the Government of Costa Rica as Chairman of the Group of 77 for 1996 and Inter Press Service is dated 19 August 1996.

216. Payment of the funds allocated for the first year of the life of the project (1996) was requested from UNDP in September 1996 as follows: \$20,760 to IPS and \$4,800 to the Group of 77.

217. By letter dated 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the sub-contractor to submit a statement of expenditure for funds provided by PGTF.

218. By letter dated 25 June 1997, the sub-contractor submitted a financial statement for project activities undertaken during 1996.

219. In 1996 a total of nine (9) issues were published out of a quota of twelve (12) provided for in the project for the first year. At this rate of publication, it is expected that the project will continue to be active beyond 1997 for one more year so as to complete the production of the remaining unpublished issues for a total of 24 contemplated in the project.

C. Projects under preparation still to be implemented

(1) ***South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development***

Submitter: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) based in Guyana.

PGTF input: US\$84,000

Number: INT/96/K05/A/95/99

Duration: One (1) year

Approval: Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)

220. The Committee was informed that the project document is being finalized. In this regard, the Committee recommended that efforts be made with a view to expediting such finalization.

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

221. 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

222. 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.

223. 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.

224. 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

225. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1992 as no matching contribution was

received by 31 December 1991.

226. 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.

227. 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.

228. 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

229. 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.

230. 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.

231. 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.

232. 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.

233. 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.

234. 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.

235. 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.

236. 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.

237. 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.

238. 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.

239. 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

240. 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.

241. 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.

242. 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.

243. 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.

244. 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.

245. 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.

246. 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.

247. 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.

248. 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.

249. 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.

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

251. 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.

252. 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.

253. 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.

254. 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.

255. UNDP has made available to the Office of the Chairman copies of correspondence exchanged between UNDP and the Government of Saint Lucia which state that the full amount allocated from PGTF to this project has been refunded.

(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.

256. 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.

257. 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 reports on the status of implementation of this project.

258. 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.

259. 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.

260. Consequently, appropriate steps were initiated to recover the funds disbursed as per recommendation of the PGTF, and the decision of the Eighteenth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77.

261. 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.

262. 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.

263. UNDP has made available to the Office of the Chairman copies of correspondence exchanged between UNDP and the Government of Saint Lucia which state that the full amount allocated from PGTF to this project has been refunded.

(9) ***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.

264. 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.

265. 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.

266. 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.

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

268. 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.

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

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

271. In this regard, the Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts 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.

272. In light of this, the Chairman of the Group of 77 sent a letter to the sub-contractor on 5 September 1996 urging it to start the implementation of the project by 31 December 1996. No information has been received by the Office of the Chairman to date from either the sub-contractor or UNDP regarding the status of implementation of this project.

273. Since no further development took place before the deadline, the project should be canceled and the funds be reverted to the PGTF.

E. Projects under query

274. The Committee noted with satisfaction that no projects were under query as of August 1997.

V. OTHER MATTERS

275. 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 twelfth meeting.

276. 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 8.4 percent per annum. Over 60 per cent of these resources has been invested by UNDP in high-yield medium-term instruments maturing at the end of 1998, while almost the totality of the remaining funds has been invested in high-yield instruments maturing in mid-1999. Therefore, no investment decision will be needed in 1998.

277. The combined effect of this investment strategy ensures that the additional resources available to PGTF in 1998 would be around US\$525,000 but a lower figure should be expected for 1999 since the best forecasts available indicate that interest rates are declining in the short-term and will stabilize thereafter at a lower level. This figure would be added to the unallocated resources available for new projects as of 31 December 1997.

278. 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 1998. 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. 19 of this report.

279. The Committee reiterated the point that the Office of the Chairman should remain the focal point for monitoring and follow-up of implementation and in this regard called for the timely submission by UNDP and the project sponsors of relevant documents at all stages of implementation of the approved projects.

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STATEMENT OF PGTF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

Opening balance of unexpended resources as per financial statement of 1/1/96		\$6,153,391.00
Add: Contributions from Governments	\$110,000.00 ¹	
Interest Income	\$465,947.04 ²	
		<u>\$575,947.04</u>
Total resources		\$6,729,338.04
Less: Project disbursements recorded in 1996:		
INT/85/K01 - Promotion of TCDC	\$1,750.00	
INT/89/K12 - SELA, Germ Plasm	\$38,000.00	
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	\$10,865.00	
INT/94/K01 - Program Dev. Com.	\$5,201.00	
INT/94/K02 - GSTP, IV	\$17,044.00	
INT/94/K06 - Low Cost Housing	\$30,000.00	
INT/95/K02 - MERCOSUR Foreign Direct Investment	\$140,030.00	
INT/95/K03 - ECDC/TCDC Info Sup. to G-77 Ph III (1 st tr.)	<u>\$20,760.00</u>	
	\$264,650.00	
UNDP Support Costs	\$3,167.40	
		\$267,617.40
Closing balance of unexpended resources as per financial statement 31/12/96		<u>\$6,461,520.00</u>

¹To be corrected in 1997, to reflect recovery of funds for project INT/89/K11 and INT/91/K02 as reversal of expenditure as opposed to contributions.

²1995 interest income for the period 1 Jan.-31 Dec. from bond and time deposits.

STATUS OF PGTF FUNDED PROJECTS:
APPROVED OBLIGATED, AND AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING
AS OF 31 MAY 1997

Closing Balance of unexpended resources as per financial statement 31/12/96		\$6,461,520.64
Less:		
Operating Funds receivable from Governments as of 31/12/96		
INT/89/K13 - SUNS	\$200.00	
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	\$43,356.00	
INT/91/K02 - Public Enterprises Rationalization Proj.	\$5,000.00	
INT/93/K02 - ECDC/TCDC Information, Ph. II	\$9,600.00	
INT/93/K03 - SUNS, Phase II	\$3,240.00	
INT/94/K01 - Program Dev. Com.	\$23,690.31	
INT/95/K03 - ECDC/TCDC Info Support Ph III (1 tr)	<u>\$4,800.00</u>	
Sub-Total	\$89,886.91	
Written authorizations sent to UNDP country offices to disburse funds:		
INT/93/K07 - Feasibility Study (CFPGL)	\$43,000.00	
INT/94/K03 - TIN II	\$60,000.00	
INT/95/K01 - Optimization of Crude PMSG (1 st tr.)	\$105,000.00	
INT/96/K01 - Entrepreneurial Strengthening	\$32,500.00	
INT/96/K02 - Caribbean Regional	\$45,000.00	
INT/96/K03 - Training in Standardization	\$36,250.00	
INT/96/K04 - Health Policies in Primary Care	\$29,650.00	
INT/96/K06 - Rural Education	<u>\$85,000.00</u>	
Sub-total	\$438,400.00	
Reserved resources (Fund's capital)	\$5,000,000.00 ¹	
Sub-total		\$5,628,286.91

¹Deposited in long-term high-yield bonds.

Less: Obligated/Earmarked funds

Obligated²

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

INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	\$92,110.40
INT/92/K07 - SADCC	\$90,000.00
INT/93/K02 - ECDC/TCDC information, Ph. II	\$1,000.00 ³
INT/94/K02 - GSTP, IV	\$72,363.00 ⁴
INT/95/K01 - Optimization of Crude PMSG (2 tr.)	\$60,000.00
INT/95/K03 - ECDC/TCDC Info to G-77 Ph. 3 (2 tr.)	\$25,560.00
INT/96/K01 - Entrepreneurial Strengthening	\$32,500.00
INT/96/K02 - Caribbean Regional	\$46,000.00
INT/96/K03 - Training in Standardization	\$38,250.00
INT/96/K04 - Health Policies in Primary Care	\$29,650.00
	\$486,433.40

Earmarked funds approved⁵

INT/96/K05 - South-South Transfer Sust. Agr. Dev.	\$84,000.00
Total earmarked funds	\$84,000.00

Total Obligated/Earmarked Funds	\$570,433.40
Available for new projects	\$362,800.33 ⁶

²Commitments based on signed project documents/subcontract documents.

³These residual funds (\$1,000) of project INT/93/K02 have reverted to the PGTF.

⁴Originally approved at \$80,000, this figure reflects the adjustment made for the over-expenditure of \$7,637 under related project INT/90/K07. UNCTAD has accordingly submitted a budget for \$72,262.

⁵Approved proposals where the project documents are under preparation.

⁶This figure does not include the estimated interest earnings of the Trust Fund for the period 1 Jan.-31 May 1997 estimated at \$200,000.