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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, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meetings of the Group of 77 held in New York respectively in September 1996, September 1997, September 1998, and September 1999 the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its fifteenth meeting in New York from 25 to 27 July 2000.

2. The meeting was attended by four of the six members of the Committee, representing the three regions of the Group of 77. Dr. Eduardo Praselj was elected chairman of this session. The list of participants appears as annex I.

3. A representative of the Treasury Division of UNDP was invited by the Committee to provide information on matters related to the yield of PGTF resources and the structure of the PGTF portfolio.

4. The Committee adopted the following substantive agenda:

- 1. Review 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. Twenty-eight (28) project proposals;**
- 2. Five (5) project progress, terminal and financial reports**
- 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 2000 are approximately US\$408,000, including interest projected to be earned until 31 December 2000. 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\$81,600.

II. REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE PGTF

7. The Committee examined a number of operational issues regarding the performance of the PGTF, namely highlights of its operations, yield and expansion of its resources, guidelines, operational arrangements, and survey on the impact of PGTF.

Highlights of thirteen years of operation of PGTF (1986-1999)

8. In 1986, a High-level Meeting on ECDC held at Cairo defined the main features for the operationalization of PGTF, including definition of the objectives of the Fund and criteria for project eligibility, as well as operational arrangements for the submission, appraisal and approval of project proposals.

9. The trust fund was established with a core capital of US\$5 million. According to the guidelines for its utilization, normally only the interest accruing on the Fund could be used for project support so as to preserve intact the initial US\$5 million. The core capital plus unexpended resources in any given year constitute the interest-bearing resources (i.e., between US\$6.2 and 6.9 million from 1987 to 1999).

10. From 1986 to 1999, 410 project proposals were submitted to the PGTF and according to the guidelines for its utilization, the Fund has provided support to 93 projects with a total allocation of US\$6.8 million, i.e., a yearly average of 7.1 projects and US\$520,000 respectively.

11. In order to increase the multiplier effect of PGTF resources, the guidelines for utilization of PGTF require that project sponsors secure contributions from other sources of an amount at least equal to the contribution requested from PGTF. Contributions from other sources for the 1986-1999 period amount to US\$14.2 million, i.e., US\$2.1 for each US\$ of PGTF resources.

12. A breakdown of the areas that have received support from the PGTF is as follows:

Area	Number of projects	Share of allocated resources (%)
Food and agriculture	23	25
Consulting services, training and other TCDC activities	28	24
Trade	12	20
Information exchange and dissemination	12	10
Technology	7	8
Other (industrialization, energy, raw materials and finance).....	11	13
TOTAL	93	100

13. On the basis of country coverage, the PGTF financial support has been distributed in the following manner:

Country coverage	Number of projects	Share of allocated resources (%)
Interregional projects	34	45
Subregional projects	42	35
Regional projects	15	19
Action Committees	2	1
TOTAL	93	100

14. According to the status of implementation of approved projects as of 25 July 2000, the PGTF support has been distributed as follows:

Status of implementation	Number of projects	Share of allocated resources (%)
Completed	38	53
Under implementation	35	34
Under preparation	10	4
Under query	1	1
Not implemented, funds reverted to PGTF	9	8
TOTAL	93	100

Yield of PGTF resources

15. 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 fifteenth meeting.

16. The interest-bearing resources of PGTF include the core capital plus unexpended resources and, according to the information provided by UNDP, total US\$6.8 million as of mid-July 2000. An amount of US\$2.9 million has been invested by UNDP in medium-term instruments maturing in mid-2001, and US\$2.2 million in medium-term instruments maturing in early and late 2002, while the balance has been invested in a time deposit maturing in October 2000. The average effective yield of these resources for 2000 is in the order of 5.9 percent. Effective income for 2000 is estimated at US\$399,000. A breakdown of the main features of the investments instruments is as follows:

Security	Face amount (US\$)	Maturity date	Buy price (% of face value)	Coupon rate (%)	Effective interest rate (%)	Income for 2000 (US\$)
Bond	1,000,000	05/01/01	108.24	8.625	6.46	67,598
Bond	1,900,000	05/02/01	107.67	8.500	5.04	100,248
Bond	1,175,000	02/05/02	101.36	5.700	5.22	61,760
Bond	1,000,000	10/28/02	101.72	6.250	5.69	57,577
Time deposit	1,760,000	10/02/00	100.00	-	6.66	111,663*
TOTAL	6,835,000			7.234	5.86	398,846

* Includes US\$53,055 from time deposits that matured from January-June 2000, and estimated income for a renewed time deposit up to 31 December 2000.

17. Medium-term forecasts call for a stabilization or even an increase in interest rates in the near future. In order to take advantage of this situation, the Committee recommended to reinvest in two-year instruments the US\$2.9 million from instruments that will mature in mid-2001. This will provide a staggered maturity profile for instruments in which the core capital of the PGTF has been invested (40 % of the total maturing in 2002 and 60 % maturing in 2003) that would enhance the yield of its resources. With regard to the time deposit maturing in October 2000, it is recommended to reinvest its resources in short-term instruments (3-6 months) in order to take advantage of rising interest rates.

Expansion of PGTF resources

18. The Committee examined again practical ways of 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, the Committee recommended that the focus should be on the following actions, to be carried out by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, with the support of the Chairman of the Committee of Experts of PGTF and in close coordination with the Chairmen/Coordinators of the other Chapters of the Group of 77, as agreed at the twenty-fourth meeting of the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Group of 77 held in Geneva in March 1998.

19. The Committee also took note of the recommendation contained in the Havana Programme of Action adopted by the South Summit regarding the expansion of the core resources of the PGTF.

(a) Contributions by major donor countries

20. Several major donor countries have been approached by the Chairman of the Group of 77 assisted by members of the Committee of Experts with a view to enlisting their support. While the initial reaction seems to be promising, a final response is still awaited. The Committee suggested that the Chairman of the Group of 77 undertake a follow-up action at an appropriate time. In this connection, the Committee recommended that contacts be renewed with these major donor countries in the light of the recommendations of the South Summit.

21. In addition to actions recommended in the foregoing paragraph, the Committee also recommended that:

- (i) The Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund be included in the UN pledging conferences for operational activities to be held in November 2000. To this end, the Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the assistance of UNDP.
- (ii) Expansion of PGTF resources be taken as a priority issue by the Group of 77 and included in the substantive discussions of the "High-level intergovernmental event on financing for development" to be held in 2001 in accordance with UN General Assembly resolution 54/196.

(b) Contributions by member countries of the Group of 77

22. The Committee welcomed the contributions already made by twelve developing countries, namely Mauritius (US\$500) in 1997; Pakistan (US\$1,000), and Singapore (US\$2,000) in 1998; the Islamic Republic of Iran (US\$3,000), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (US\$2,000), Cyprus (US\$2,000), Thailand (US\$2,000), Malaysia (US\$2,000), Algeria (US\$2,000), India (US\$2,000), and the Philippines (US\$1,500) in 1999; and China (US\$2,000)

and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a second contribution of US\$2,000) up to June 2000. Total contributions from these countries amount to US\$ 24,000.

23. The Committee noted with satisfaction that one developing country, namely the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had made a second contribution to the PGTF and invited other countries to follow this encouraging initiative.

24. The Committee stressed again that what is important is to get the largest possible number of developing countries to support PGTF with contributions, and not necessarily the magnitude of individual contributions. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 renew his appeal for contributions to the PGTF, since even token contributions would have a significant impact as evidence of the commitment of developing countries to South-South cooperation. To this end, the Committee recommended to maintain the notional amount of US\$2,000 as contribution to the Fund but suggested that larger contributions should be sought from member countries in a position to contribute more.

25. The Committee also recommended that a pledging item be included in the agenda of the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group in September each year, with a view to enlisting contributions from developing countries to the PGTF resources.

(c) Contributions by private foundations

26. The Committee recommended that a limited number of major potential sources of funding be approached with a view to establishing a durable relationship with these foundations in support of PGTF activities. In this connection, the Committee will assist the Chairman of the Group in preparing the necessary documentation.

(d) Support by UNDP

27. The Committee reiterated the recommendations made at its previous meeting, as follows:

- (i) The UNDP should contribute to the above-mentioned ongoing efforts with a view to mobilizing additional resources for PGTF activities, in accordance with decisions taken by various ministerial meetings of the Group of 77.
- (ii) The UNDP should be requested to examine the possibilities of releasing unspent resources in existing trust funds. In this connection, it recommended again that the Chairman of the Group of 77 approach the Administrator of the UNDP to this end.
- (iii) One important element in fund raising is to increase awareness of the characteristics, past experience and potential of the PGTF. In this regard, it was felt that appropriate channels should be utilized such as press articles, and interviews in addition to the current dissemination mechanisms undertaken by the Office of the Chairman.

- (iv) **A better understanding of the main features of an effective fund-raising campaign is necessary so as to increase the prospects of success of this effort. In this connection, experts in this field should be approached in the near future with a view to seeking their advice and incorporate their recommendations where appropriate.**

Survey of the impact of PGTF

28. On the basis of the recommendation of the Committee at its twelfth meeting in 1997, a survey on the impact and benefits of the projects funded by PGTF was initiated in 1998, with a view to supporting the promotion of the Fund. To date the Office of the Chairman has received information on 22 of the 38 PGTF-supported projects that have been completed. A summary of the results of the survey is presented in section V of this report (paras. 430 to 447).

III. CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

29. The Committee had before it twenty-eight (28) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of the PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) *Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration in Mercosur member countries*
- (2) *Price/Volume Indices, Development and Implementation in Saint Lucia*
- (3) *Measurement and comparative analysis of technology information processes in Mercosur member countries*
- (4) *EPPP - Electronic Prototype Production Project in Ethiopia*
- (5) *Strengthening of education and training in the field of nutrition in Honduras*
- (6) *Primary school "Druga Osnovna", Municipality Gracanica in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- (7) *Building of mini sheep farms at small husbandry farms in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- (8) *Food production in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- (9) *Sheep-breeding resumption in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- (10) *Dairy construction in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- (11) *Potato processing in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- (12) *Construction of malthouse in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- (13) *Multilateral Project for Strengthening Cooperation in Science and Technology in the Andean Group member countries*
- (14) *Project of regional cooperation and exchange on edible mushroom in Asia and Africa*
- (15) *Sustainable Management of Agroforest Resources in Amazon Border Areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru*
- (16) *Training of irrigation and drainage designers for undertaking development of water resources in developing countries in Asia*
- (17) *Cooperation for development and application of biological farming method among developing countries in Asia*
- (18) *Process of integration of financial systems in Mercosur member countries*

- (19) *Toward Asia Pacific Renaissance: Recovery, Regional Cooperation and the Public Sector*
- (20) *Transborder pilot project in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger (Azaouak)*
- (21) *Transborder pilot project in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger (les Cures salées de In-Tillit)*
- (22) *Transborder Pilot Project in Mali, Mauritania and Senegal*
- (23) *Assessment and Study of the Residual Effect of Pesticides utilization on crop products and flowers in Latin America*
- (24) *Design of the project “Strategies for reducing drug demand in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela”*
- (25) *Development of a comprehensive programme of work for the implementation of the results of the Integrated Planning Workshop in Science and Technology for the Caribbean and fostering of collaboration with the smaller countries of Latin America*
- (26) *Program of Prevention in Peru and Control in Ecuador and Colombia against the Guatemalan moth*
- (27) *Support for development of transboundary communities’ activities in the Kalahari-Namib region (Namibia, Botswana, South Africa)*
- (28) *Strengthening the livelihood of women potters associations, in order to fight against pressure on natural resources and rural poverty (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo)*

30. The following six (6) project proposals were received after the established deadline of 30 April 2000 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session. They will be taken up at the next meeting of the Committee.

- (1) *Quinoa (Cchenopodium quinoa Willd) a multipurpose crop for agroindustrial uses in the Andean countries*
- (2) *Analysis of financing policies for agricultural exports from Mercosur member countries*
- (3) *Improving Awassi Sheep Productivity by Using Frozen Semen in Jordan and the Palestinian Authority*
- (4) *Literacy and post-literacy campaign (Cuba and Haiti)*
- (5) *Sustainable Tourism Evaluation Project in the Caribbean*
- (6) *Cooperation and fair competition system in the Andean Group (SICCLA)*

Project Proposal No. 1- Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration in Mercosur member countries

31. The proposal was submitted by the member institutions of the Mercosur Economic Research Network through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay. Nine institutions members of this network from the four member countries of Mercosur would participate in the project.

32. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to define and implement a set of activities in order to create, consolidate and strengthen the articulation among the main stakeholders in the regional integration process of the Southern Cone and the regional economic researchers. The project seeks to enhance the contribution of research to the management and development of the integrated process, as well as to allow for the most efficient performance of the countries and actors involved in such process.

33. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a one-year period, is estimated at US\$178,000. The contribution sought from the PGTF amounts to US\$126,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel	44,000	3,000	47,000
Documentation	10,000	5,000	15,000
Equipment	-	17,000	17,000
Contracts	72,000	2,000	74,000
Other	-	25,000	25,000
Total	126,000	52,000	178,000

A revised version of the proposal indicated a US\$200,000 contribution from other sources but no details were provided to the Committee.

34. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, and is therefore eligible for financing. However, the contributions sought from PGTF exceeded the ceiling for 2000. In addition, in the light of guideline A(m), which requires that all project proposals submitted to PGTF should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the amount requested from PGTF, the maximum support that could be given to this project would amount to US\$52,000.

35. The Committee recommended that some components of this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$40,000 be allocated to this end. This amount would be used to support travel and/or contracts components of the project. This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 2 - *Price/Volume Indices, Development and Implementation in Saint Lucia*

36. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Finance and Sustainable Development of Saint Lucia.

37. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to develop and implement price/volume indicators for Saint Lucia in order to provide a more reliable, comprehensive, coherent and consistent picture of its economy.

38. Total cost of the project to be carried out in four months is estimated at US\$54,110. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$46,675.

39. In the light of the information provided, the committee considered that this proposal corresponded to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 3 - *Measurement and comparative analysis of technology information processes in Mercosur member countries*

40. The proposal was submitted by the Institute of Social Studies of Science and Technology at the National University of Quilmes, Argentina, through the Government of Paraguay.

41. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to carry out a comparative analysis of information gathered in technology innovation surveys on efforts deployed and results achieved by Mercosur enterprises aimed at improving their technological capabilities; and (b) to prepare a common methodological proposal for measurement and analysis of technology innovation processes in Mercosur.

42. Total cost of the project to be implemented in eleven months is estimated at US\$226,950, contribution sought from PGTF being US\$104,950. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	70,000	89,500	159,500
Training	15,000	10,000	25,000
Travel	19,950	-	19,950
Equipment	-	6,000	6,000
Other	-	16,500	16,500
Total	104,950	122,000	226,950

43. The Committee found that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative component of the project since the proposal does not include written evidence of the declared interest of and explicit participation by potential beneficiaries in the activities of the project, as required by guideline A(f). The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 4 - EPPP - Electronic Prototype Production Project in Ethiopia

44. The proposal was submitted by the National Scientific Equipment Centre (NSEC) of the Ethiopian Science and Technology Commission. Participating countries in this project would be Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.

45. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to assist participating countries by providing state-of-the-art maintenance techniques through the use of printed circuits both through-hole and surface-mounted; (b) to pool expert knowledge in electronic prototype production; and (c) to develop the electronic industry in the subregion.

46. Total cost of the project to be carried out over a two-year period is estimated at US\$305,000, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$105,000. A breakdown of the total costs is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	20,000	-	20,000
Training	15,000	-	15,000
Travel	10,000	-	10,000
Equipment and other facilities	50,000	200,000	250,000
Other	10,000	-	10,000
Total	105,000	200,000	305,000

47. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. and is therefore eligible for funding. However, the contribution sought from PGTF exceeded the ceiling per project for 2000. Therefore, the Committee recommended that some components of the project be financed by the PGTF, namely “personnel”, “training” and “travel”. The Committee therefore recommended that US\$40,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 5 - Strengthening of education and training in the field of nutrition in Honduras

48. The proposal was submitted by the Technical and International Cooperation Secretariat of Honduras.

49. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to improve the organization and functioning of programmes and projects for food and nutrition, so as to contribute to reduce malnutrition indices in the country’s population.

50. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$105,000, the totality of which is sought from the PGTF. The proposal indicates that there will be contributions in kind from Honduran institutions but no figures were provided to the Committee.

51. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponded to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 6 - *Primary school "Druga Osnovna", Municipality Gracanica in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

52. This proposal was submitted by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

53. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is the reconstruction and extension of the primary school "Druga Osnovna".

54. Total cost of the project to be carried out in one year is estimated at US\$307,000. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$105,000 and there would be a contribution of the Kingdom of Jordan of US\$147,000.

55. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponded to a bilateral project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF as stated in guideline A(g) for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 7 - *Building of mini sheep farms at small husbandry farms in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

56. The proposal was submitted by the organization Pro-Best-Pro headquartered in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina through the Government of the country.

57. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to build 150 minifarms in order to reconstruct the war-destroyed sheep-breeding capability of the country.

58. Total cost of the project to be carried out in twelve months is estimated at US\$21 million. There is no indication of the contribution requested from PGTF.

59. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF. In addition, the scope and dimensions of the project exceed considerably the purview of the PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 8 - *Food production in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Project Proposal No. 9 - *Sheep-breeding resumption in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Project Proposal No. 10 - *Dairy construction in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Project Proposal No. 11 - *Potato processing in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Project Proposal No. 12 - *Construction of malthouse in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

60. These five proposals were also submitted by enterprises and institutions from Bosnia-Herzegovina and endorsed by the Government of that country.

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

62. The Committee recommended that project proposals Nos. 8-12 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 13 - *Multilateral Project for Strengthening Cooperation in Science and Technology in the Andean Group member countries*

63. The proposal was submitted by the National Council of Science and Technology (CONCYTEC) from Peru. Institutions from Bolivia, Colombia and Venezuela would also be participating in the project.

64. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at: (a) fostering preparation of joint research programmes and projects; (b) sponsoring fellowships in the framework of these programmes and projects; (c) promoting the establishment of cooperation networks in research and development priority areas; and (d) organizing visits aimed at identifying joint programmes and projects.

65. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$295,000, the contribution requested from PGTF being US\$115,000. A breakdown of the total costs is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	55,000	-	55,000
Training	-	80,000	80,000
Travel	60,000	100,000	160,000
Total	115,000	180,000	295,000

66. The Committee considered that even though a detailed list of participating institutions is included in the project proposal, there is no written evidence of their endorsement of or declared interest in this proposal in order to be able to ascertain the cooperative component of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project Proposal No. 14 - *Project of regional cooperation and exchange on edible mushroom in Asia and Africa*

68. The proposal was submitted by the Asia Pacific Edible Mushroom Training Centre (APEMTC) from the People's Republic of China and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of that country.

69. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to disseminate farming and processing technology for edible mushrooms; (b) to increase awareness and develop local markets and consumption in beneficiary countries; and (c) to initiate bilateral and multilateral projects in this field.

70. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$451,500. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$75,000. The Committee found inconsistencies between the summary and detailed budget figures contained in the proposal with regard to total cost of the project.

71. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of this project as required by guideline A(f). Even though there is a list of potential beneficiary countries, there is no written indication of their endorsement of or declared interest in participating in the project.

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

Project Proposal No. 15 - *Sustainable Management of Agroforest Resources in Amazon Border Areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru*

73. The proposal was submitted by the National Institute for Development (INADE) from Peru. Brazil and Colombia would also be participating in the project.

74. According to the text of the proposal, the projects of the project are: (a) to facilitate the adoption of agreements, strategies and integrated policies for the rational and sustainable utilisation of forest resources in the Amazon area, in order to consolidate the current occupation and to guide future settlements; and (b) to standardize and describe schedules for the utilization and management of agro-forest production systems in the Amazon.

75. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$250,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$105,000. A breakdown in the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Experts	(*)	(*)	90,000
Consultants	(*)	(*)	50,000
Travel	(*)	(*)	60,000
Equipment	(*)	(*)	30,000
Other	(*)	(*)	20,000
Total	105,000	145,000	250,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation.

76. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, and is therefore eligible for funding. However, the contribution sought from PGTF exceeded the ceiling per project for 2000. Therefore, the Committee recommended that some components of the project be financed by the PGTF, and recommended that US\$45,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 16 - Training of irrigation and drainage designers for undertaking development of water resources in developing countries in Asia

77. The proposal was submitted by the Irrigation Designing Institute under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Participating countries in the project would also be Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao and Nepal.

78. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to assist the beneficiaries in establishing the groundwork for planning in the field of irrigation and drainage for the effective use of water resources; and (b) to train experts capable of designing through practical courses of irrigation and drainage project designs.

79. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$228,100. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$78,000. The breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	29,800	148,600	178,400
Travel	26,500	-	26,500
Documentation and data	10,000	1,500	11,500
Other	11,700	-	11,700
Total	78,000	150,100	228,100

80. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, and is therefore eligible for funding. The Committee recommended that some components of the project be financed by the PGTF and therefore recommended that US\$40,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 17 - *Cooperation for development and application of biological farming method among developing countries in Asia*

81. The proposal was submitted by the Biological Branch of the Academy of Science of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea. Participating countries in the project would also be Cambodia, Lao, Nepal and Viet Nam.

82. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to establish the biological farming method and system for each country's situation and train technical personnel in this field on collective self-reliance principles in order to solve the food and pollution problems.

83. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$224,500. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$78,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	35,000	96,000	131,000
Training	8,000	13,000	21,000
Travel	15,000	-	15,000
Equipment	15,000	-	15,000
Other	5,000	37,500	42,500
Total	78,000	146,500	224,500

84. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, and is therefore eligible for funding. The Committee recommended that some components of the project be financed by the PGTF and therefore recommended that US\$40,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Project Proposal No. 18 - *Process of integration of financial systems in Mercosur member countries*

85. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Argentina on behalf of the Mercosur member countries.

86. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a study on the impact of the integration of financial markets in Mercosur with a view to presenting options to the central banks of member countries for the enhancement of the instruments for controlling the system.

87. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in three months, is estimated at US\$78,000 the totality of which is the contribution requested from PGTF. The proposal contains an indication that the central banks of each country would make available documentation and human resources for the project, but the text gives no indication of the value of this potential contribution.

88. The Committee considered that this proposal does not comply with guideline A(m), which requires that all project proposals submitted to the PGTF should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 19 - *Toward Asia Pacific Renaissance: Recovery, Regional Cooperation and the Public Sector*

90. The proposal was submitted by the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, an intergovernmental institution headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

91. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to share experiences of the crisis and the role of the public sector in the recovery process; (b) to discuss national public sector responses in specific areas with a view to identifying key factors which have facilitated or constrained public sector contributions to post-crisis adjustments; (c) to share information on public sector human and institutional capacities and state/civil society relations in the specific areas under discussion; and (d) to explore concrete initiatives for deeper regional cooperation.

92. The project activities would consist in the preparation and convening of a three-day seminar and workshops on the subject of “Toward Asia Pacific Renaissance: Recovery, Regional Cooperation and the Public Sector”.

93. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in six months, is estimated at US\$130,100. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$78,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	-	20,000	20,000
Meeting planning	-	4,800	4,800
Travel and DSA	75,000	12,500	87,500
Other	3,000	14,800	17,800
Total	78,000	52,100	130,100

94. The Committee considered that this proposal in general complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that part of the travel component of the project be funded from PGTF and that US\$25,000 be allocated to this end, taking into account guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF, which requires that project proposals should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF. .

Project proposal No. 20 - *Transborder pilot project in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger (AZAOUAK)*

95. The proposal was submitted by the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on behalf of the Governments of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

96. According to the text of the proposal, the immediate objectives are: (a) to improve the current agro-forest production systems through supporting socio-economic activities; (b) to make a rational use of natural resources in particular forestry and livestock in the framework of the concerted management of transborder spaces; and (c) to update the rules governing transborder migrations.

97. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in three years, is estimated at US\$302,400. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$50,000.

98. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. In this connection, the Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$33,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 21 - *Transborder pilot project in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger (les Cures salées de In-Tillit)*

99. The proposal was submitted by the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on behalf of the Governments of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

100. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to strengthen and improve management of shared natural resources with a view to combatting desertification and poverty and improving relations and exchanges among the transborder populations. In this connection, the project aims at creating mechanisms for concertation among different users of natural resources, to improve access to natural resources and support economic activities.

101. Total cost of the project to be carried out in three years is estimated at US\$189,100. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$50,000.

102. This proposal is the second submitted by the same group of countries this year, and according to guideline A(d) for utilization of PGTF, proposing organizations and institutions may submit no more than one project proposal per annum for funding from the PGTF. The Committee therefore decided not to consider this project proposal.

Project proposal No. 22 - *Transborder Pilot Project in Mali, Mauritania and Senegal*

103. The proposal was submitted by the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on behalf of the Governments of Mali, Mauritania and Senegal.

104. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to establish a partnership mechanism among all existing actors for combatting desertification; (b) to support the target populations in the implementation of sustainable management of natural resources; and (c) to launch a process of self-promotion of local communities on the basis of the partnership.

105. Total cost of the project to be carried out in three years is estimated at US\$261,625. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$52,500. A breakdown of the total cost of the project is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel	2,500	-	2,500
Training	11,500	39,000	50,500
Equipment	23,500	100,000	123,500
Other	15,000	70,125	85,125
Total	52,500	209,125	261,625

106. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. In this connection, the Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$33,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 23 - Assessment and Study of the Residual Effect of Pesticides utilization on crop products and flowers in Latin America

107. The proposal was submitted by the National University of Colombia. Institutions from Bolivia, Brazil and Guatemala would also participate in this project.

108. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to assess pesticides' residues in crop products such as fruits, flowers, and vegetables and their impact on the environment.

109. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out in three years, is estimated at US\$454,085. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$100,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Experts	(*)	(*)	22,425
Consultants	(*)	(*)	100,000
Equipment	(*)	(*)	198,000
Training	(*)	(*)	33,660
Other	(*)	(*)	100,000
Total	100,000	354,085	454,085

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation.

110. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that some components of the project, namely “personnel” and “training” be funded from PGTF, and that US\$35,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 24 - *Design of the project “Strategies for reducing drug demand in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela”*

111. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Colombia. Ecuador and Venezuela would also participate in the activities of this project.

112. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to improve the effectiveness of preventing drug consumption through the strengthening of a research system that would enable identification of factors related to drug consumption; (b) to develop learning programmes on integrated prevention; and (c) to develop programmes for evaluation of the process and updating the conceptual frameworks in integrated prevention.

113. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in four years, is estimated at US\$2,223,777. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$1,715,546.

114. The Committee found that this project represents the continuation of a previous project funded by the PGTF, namely INT/98/K17 - “Design of a regional project to strengthen strategies to reduce drug demand in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela” that has not been completed. As stated by guideline B(f) for utilization of PGTF, no follow-up project would be considered until the previous one is implemented. The Committee therefore decided not to consider this project proposal. In addition, the scope and magnitude of the project exceed significantly the purview of PGTF resources.

Project proposal No. 25 - *Development of a comprehensive programme of work for the implementation of the results of the Integrated Planning Workshop in Science and Technology for the Caribbean and fostering of collaboration with the smaller countries of Latin America*

115. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Guyana on behalf of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology.

116. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to assist governments through strengthening of their national science councils in the design and implementation of integrated and coordinated science and technology policies and programmes for development.

117. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$311,000. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$66,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	66,000	100,000	166,000
Travel	-	25,000	25,000
Training	-	100,000	100,000
Equipment	-	15,000	15,000
Other	-	5,000	5,000
Total	66,000	245,000	311,000

118. The Committee found that this project represents the continuation of a previous project funded by the PGTF, namely INT/97/K03 - "Integrated planning and new technologies for sustainable development" that has not been completed. As stated by guideline B(f) for utilization of PGTF, no follow-up project would be considered until the previous one is implemented. The Committee therefore decided not to consider this project proposal.

Project proposal No. 26 - *Program of Prevention in Peru and Control in Ecuador and Colombia against the Guatemalan moth*

119. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Peru. Colombia and Ecuador would also participate in the activities of the project.

120. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to achieve that Peru maintains its condition of Guatemalan moth-free country; and (b) to avoid spreading this pest currently present in Ecuador and Colombia to other pest-free areas through the strengthening of quarantine measures and integrated management of the pest.

121. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$113,620. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$78,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	30,000	-	30,000
Technical personnel	32,000	31,000	63,000
Equipment and other	16,000	4,620	20,620
Total	66,000	32,620	113,620

122. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal in general complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, as stated in guideline A(m) all projects proposals submitted to PGTF should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF. The Committee therefore decided to limit support to this project to the amount of “other sources” contribution and in this connection recommended that US\$30,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 27 - Support for development of transboundary communities’ activities in the Kalahari-Namib region (Namibia, Botswana, South Africa)

123. The proposal was submitted by the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on behalf of the Governments of Namibia, Botswana and South Africa.

124. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to achieve sustainable utilization of natural resources in the Kalahari-Namib region; (b) to stem human induced land degradation and desertification; and (c) to improve the welfare of people in the affected areas and thus contribute to breaking the vicious circle of poverty.

125. Total estimated of the project, to be implemented over a five-year period, is estimated at US\$250,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$60,000.

126. The Committee considered that this proposal in general complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, the documentation made available to the Committee does not identify clearly the sources of other contributions (to be mobilized by SADC-ELMS), as required by guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this project avail of the financing of PGTF and that US\$35,000 be allocated to this end with the proviso that the other contribution should be secured prior to the signature of the project document.

Project proposal No. 28 - *Strengthening the livelihood of women potters associations, in order to fight against pressure on natural resources and rural poverty (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo)*

127. The proposal was submitted by the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on behalf of the Governments of Burkina Faso, Ghana and Togo.

128. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to support potters associations in the participating countries to strengthen their production activities and consequently improve their livelihoods.

129. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$30,300. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$20,000.

130. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal in general complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, as stated in guideline A(m) all projects proposals submitted to PGTF should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF. The Committee therefore decided to limit support to this project to the amount of “other sources” contribution and in this connection recommended that US\$10,000 be allocated to this end.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

131. In summary, the Committee recommended that the following twelve (12) new project proposals plus a budget increase for an existing project avail from the financing of PGTF and resources allocated to this end amount to US\$406,000. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation (US\$)</i>
(1) <i>Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration in Mercosur member countries</i>	40,000
(2) <i>EPPP - Electronic Prototype Production Project in Ethiopia</i>	40,000
(3) <i>Sustainable Management of Agroforest Resources in Amazon Border Areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru</i>	45,000
(4) <i>Training of irrigation and drainage designers for undertaking development of water resources in developing countries in Asia</i>	40,000
(5) <i>Cooperation for development and application of biological farming method among developing countries in Asia</i>	40,000
(6) <i>Toward Asia Pacific Renaissance: Recovery, Regional Cooperation and the Public Sector</i>	25,000
(7) <i>Transborder pilot project in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger (AZAOUAK)</i>	33,000
(8) <i>Transborder Pilot Project in Mali, Mauritania and Senegal</i>	33,000
(9) <i>Assessment and Study of the Residual Effect of Pesticides utilization on crop products and flowers in Latin America</i>	35,000

(10)	<i>Program of Prevention in Peru and Control in Ecuador and Colombia against the Guatemalan moth</i>	30,000
(11)	<i>Support for development of transboundary communities' activities in the Kalahari-Namib region (Namibia, Botswana, South Africa)</i>	35,000
(12)	<i>Strengthening the livelihood of women potters associations, in order to fight against pressure on natural resources and rural poverty (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo)</i>	10,000
	<i>Total</i>	406,000

178. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 2000 amount to approximately US\$408,000. This amount includes the interest expected to be earned from 1 January to 31 December 2000. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

179. 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, Twentieth, Twenty-First, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, held in New York respectively in September 1994, September 1995, September 1996, September 1997, September 1998, and September 1999.

180. The following five (5) progress, terminal and financial reports on projects under implementation were made available to the Committee of Experts:

- (1) *Final report and statement of expenditures submitted by the Government of Algeria for projects INT/92/K06 and INT/93/K01 - African Agency for Biotechnology (Phases I and II)*
- (2) *Financial statement submitted by the Center for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries for project INT/94/K06 - Low-cost housing technology programme"*
- (3) *Financial and progress reports submitted by the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System for project INT/98/K16 - Strengthening of the competitive capacities of micro, small and medium-size enterprises"*
- (4) *Final report submitted by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for project INT/98/K03 - Training of rice breeding experts for the effective use of rice genetic resources in the developing countries"*

- (5) *Financial statement submitted by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 for project INT/90/K08 - Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF*

181. 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

182. Three projects were completed since the previous meeting of the Committee of Experts, bringing the total of completed projects to thirty-eight (38), as follows:

- (1) *Group of 77 Information Bulletin*

183. **Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77**
Subcontractor: Inter Press Service (IPS)
PGTF input: US\$109,520
Other inputs: US\$51,120
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
Completion: 31 December 1990.

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

184. **Submitter: International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE)/International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO)**
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$70,000
Other inputs: Nil.
Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
Number: INT/88/K03/A/95/99
Completion: Feasibility report circulated to Member States on 2 November 1989.

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

**185. Submitter: Action Committee for Cooperation in Consultancy, Construction and Engineering (Havana, Cuba)
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$38,500
Other inputs: US\$38,500
Duration: Six months
Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
Number: INT/88/K04/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report circulated to Member States on 16 June 1993.**

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

**186. Submitter: Centre for International Cooperation and Development (CICD) of Yugoslavia
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$45,450
Other inputs: US\$20,000
Duration: Six months
Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28-30 September 1988)
Number: INT/89/K01/A/95/99
Completion: Feasibility report circulated to Member States on 24 October 1990.**

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

**187. Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$83,700
Other inputs: US\$202,000
Duration: Two years and four months
Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (28-30 September 1988)
Number: INT/89/K03/A/95/99
Completion: Final report submitted on 12 February 1993.**

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

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

Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$90,000
Other inputs: US\$9,000
Duration: Eighteen months
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Number: INT/89/K04/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 4 January 1996

(7) *Export promotion and cooperation in favor of less developed countries within the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)*

189. Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) in Uruguay
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$120,000
Other inputs: US\$107,971
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Number: INT/89/K05/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 7 April 1993.

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

190. Submitter: Government of Algeria
Subcontractor: CNIDE
PGTF input: US\$65,450
Other inputs: Nil.
Duration: One year
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Number: INT/89/K06/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993.

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

191. Submitter: Government of Nigeria
Subcontractor: Raw Materials Research and Development Council of Nigeria
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Other inputs: Nil.
Duration: 12 months
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K09/95/99
Completion: Feasibility Report submitted on 18 June 1996

- (10) *Provision of consultancy services by CARICAD*
192. **Submitter:** Caribbean Center for Development Administration (CARICAD) of Barbados
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$45,000
Other inputs: US\$200,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K10/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report forwarded on 25 March 1994.
- (11) *Regional programme for cooperation and coordination on plant germ plasm*
193. **Submitter:** Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$58,000
Other inputs: US\$309,200
Duration: Two years
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K12/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 29 May 1998.
- (12) *South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)*
194. **Submitter:** South Commission
Subcontractor: Third World Network (TWN)
PGTF input: US\$120,000
Other inputs: US\$164,000
Duration: One year
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K13/A/95/99
Completion: 31 January 1992.
- (13) *Assistance to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund*
195. **Submitter:** Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: Nil.
Duration: One week
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)

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

Completion: 19 August 1993

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

196. Submitter: National University of Costa Rica
Subcontractor: Foundation of Science, Art and Culture of the National University of Costa Rica (FUNA)
PGTF input: US\$84,800
Other inputs: US\$60,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)
Number: INT/90/K01/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 9 December 1994

(15) *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*

197. Submitter: Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$94,500
Other inputs: US\$154,188
Duration: Three years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)
Number: INT/90/K02/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 15 December 1993

(16) *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*

198. Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$95,000
Other inputs: US\$23,800
Duration: Nine months
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)
Number: INT/90/K03/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 4 December 1995

(17) *Regional symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean*

- 199. Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia.**
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$78,000
Other inputs: US\$103,000
Duration: Five and a half months
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (3 October 1990)
Number: INT/90/K04/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 13 August 1991.

(18) *Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN countries*

- 200. Submitter: Department of Agriculture of Malaysia**
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$110,000
Other inputs: US\$191,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)
Number: INT/90/K05/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993

(19) *Organic rice farming system*

- 201. Submitter: Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)**
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$85,000
Other inputs: US\$78,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 3 October 1990)
Number: INT/90/K06/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 16 September 1997

(20) *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*

- 202. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77**
Subcontractor: UNCTAD
PGTF input: US\$350,000

Other inputs: Nil.

Duration: Sixteenth months

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

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

Completion: Final Report distributed to Member States on 16 June 1993

(21) *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*

203. Submitter: Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77
Subcontractors: Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon; The Chamber of Commerce of Bogota; and the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry
PGTF input: US\$150,000
Other inputs: US\$270,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 15th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1991)
Number: INT/91/K01/95/99
Completion: Final Reports submitted respectively by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 29 May 1994, by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon on 28 March 1994, and by the Bogota Chamber of Commerce on 15 June 1994

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

204. Submitter: Government of Argentina
Subcontractor: Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT)
PGTF input: US\$88,000
Other inputs: Nil
Duration: One year
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)
Number: INT/92/K01/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 April 1994

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

205. Submitter: Raul Prebisch Foundation
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$60,700
Other inputs: US\$12,950
Duration: 3 months

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

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

Completion: Complete sets consisting of four volumes distributed in 1994 to the Permanent Missions of the Group of 77 in New York.

(24) *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*

206. Submitter: Group of 77 in Geneva

Subcontractor: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$250,000

Other inputs: Nil.

Duration: One year

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

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 May 1994

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

207. Submitter: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$81,600

Other inputs: Nil.

Duration: One year

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

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 7 April 1994

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

208. Submitter: Government of Algeria

Subcontractor: Secretariat of State for Scientific Research of Algeria (SERSA)

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Other inputs: Nil.

Duration: One year

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

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

Completion: Final report and financial statement submitted on 25 July 2000.

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

209. **Submitter:** Government of Algeria
Subcontractor: Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research of Algeria (MDURSA)
PGTF input: US\$150,000
Other inputs: Nil.
Duration: One year
Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Number: INT/93/K01/A/95/99
Completion: Final report and financial statement submitted on 25 July 2000.
- (28) *ECDC/TCDC Information Support to Group of 77 Chapters (Journal of the Group of 77)*
210. **Submitter:** Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77
Subcontractor: Inter Press Service (IPS)
PGTF input: US\$51,120
Other inputs: US\$45,600
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
Completion: Final Report submitted on 20 December 1995
- (29) *Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters - South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)*
211. **Submitter:** Third World Network, Penang, Malaysia
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$59,881
Other inputs: US\$158,517
Duration: One year
Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Number: INT/93/K03
Completion: Final Report submitted on 10 December 1995
- (30) *Guidelines and tools for a common industrial policy for Mercosur*
212. **Submitter:** Government of Brazil
Subcontractor: Fundacao Centro de Estudos do Comercio Exterior (FUNCEX) of Brazil
PGTF input: US\$120,000
Other inputs: US\$36,000
Duration: 8 months

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

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 15 September 1997

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Other inputs: US\$303,370

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

Completion: Final report submitted on 30 September 1998

(32) *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*

214. Submitter: Chairperson of the Group of 77 in Geneva

Subcontractor: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$72,363

Other inputs: Nil.

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 18 June 1997. An unspent balance of US\$3,229 reverted to the PGTF.

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

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

Subcontractor: Private Sector Development Programme, UNDP

PGTF input: US\$60,000

Other inputs: US\$105,000

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 August 1997.

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

216. Submitter: Government of Indonesia

Subcontractor: Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia

PGTF input: US \$70,000

Other inputs: Nil.

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

Completion: Final report submitted on 24 June 1997.

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

217. Submitter: Sahel Defis through the Government of Benin.

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Other inputs: US\$67,000

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 16 February 1998.

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$140,000

Other inputs: US\$42,200

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)

Completion: Final Report submitted on 23 December 1997.

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

- 219. Submitter: Committee for Standardization of Democratic People's Republic of Korea through its Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
 Subcontractor: Same as above
 PGTF input: US\$76,500
 Other inputs: US\$160,000
 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)
 Completion: The final report was submitted on 13 October 1998.**

(38) *Training of rice breeding experts for the effective use of rice genetic resources in the developing countries*

- 220. Submitter: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea through the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 Subcontractor: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 PGTF input: US\$100,000
 Other inputs: US\$146,500
 Number: INT/98/K03
 Duration: 13 months
 Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
 Completion: The final report was submitted on 1 May 2000.**

B. Projects under implementation

221. Thirty-five (35) approved projects were being implemented as of the date of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts. This total is the result of twenty-two (22) projects that were under implementation during the period between the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Committee, plus sixteen (16) that started being implemented during this period, and minus three (3) projects that were completed. Detailed information on the status of these projects is provided below:

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

- 222. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77
 Subcontractor: Not required**

PGTF input: US\$224,800

Other inputs: Nil.

Duration: Five years

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

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

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

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

223. Actual expenses for four members who attended the Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF in June 1993 were US\$15,746.

224. On 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 to finance the participation of six experts attending the Special Meeting of PGTF on 4-8 April 1994. Actual expenses for six members who attended the Ninth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF in April 1994 were US\$20,032.

225. From 1995 to 1997 the field offices of UNDP disbursed directly the funds needed to finance the participation of experts for the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth meeting of the Committee. According to the information provided by UNDP, total funds disbursements for this period reported from the relevant UNDP field offices amount to US\$49,921.

226. 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.

227. The report of the Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held on 6-8 August 1997 stated in paragraph 154 of its report that "in the light of the 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."

228. Pursuant to this recommendation, the Office of the Chairman made arrangements in October 1997 to open a separate bank account for holding funds advanced from PGTF to cover project expenditures so as to enhance transparency, simplicity of implementation, and facility of properly reporting on progress and utilization of project funds.

229. On 21 November 1997 and 21 April 1998, the Office of the Chairman requested UNDP to advance respectively the sums of \$4,090 and \$20,480 in order to finance the participation of the experts attending the Thirteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF.

230. The Office of the Chairman is planning to re-issue and translate the guidelines for utilization of PGTF in all the official languages of the Group of 77 on the occasion of the forthcoming ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 in September 1998. The cost of printing and translating the brochure will be charged to this project which contains a budget provision for such expenditure.

231. A financial statement on the project was sent by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to UNDP on 30 December 1998.

232. On 9 December 1998 and 17 May 1999, the Office of the Chairman requested UNDP to advance respectively the sums of \$3,215 and \$20,480. The first amount corresponds to a reimbursement and the second to funds required to finance the participation of the experts attending the Fourteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF.

233. A financial statement on the project was sent by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to UNDP on 20 December 1999. Total expenditures for the period amounted to US\$16,026.

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

234. **Submitter:** Communauté Economique des Pays des Grands Lacs (CEPGL)
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$43,000
Other inputs: US\$15,200
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.
Status of submission of financial report: No expenditure reports have been submitted by the sub-contractor.

235. On 4 June 1997, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC requested the Resident Representative of UNDP in Rwanda to make a payment of US\$43,000 to the sub-contractor.

236. The Committee recommended at its thirteenth meeting that the Office of the Chairman request the subcontractor to submit the feasibility report and the financial statement for the project.

237. The Office of the Chairman received on 22 July 1998 the comments of the Government of Rwanda regarding the draft report of the feasibility study submitted by the sub-contractor. This report has not been made available to the Office of the Chairman.

238. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request again the sub-contractor to submit the feasibility report and financial statement for the project before 31 December 2000.

(3) *Low Cost Housing Technology Programme*

239. **Submitter: Government of India**
Subcontractor: Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$34,000
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. A subcontract agreement was signed with the subcontractor on 26 September 1995.
Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor informed that no expenditures had been incurred as of June 1997.

240. 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.

241. On 18 February 1997, the sub-contractor of the project submitted a progress report in accordance with the reporting requirements of PGTF-funded projects. On 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 on 4 June 1997.

242. On 6 May 1998, the sub-contractor forwarded a copy of a cash receipt voucher in payment of refund of interest on PGTF fund for this project.

243. In the light of the information provided by the subcontractor, implementation of this project is facing difficulties and so far no resources have been expended. The Committee

recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the subcontractor to provide not later than 31 December 1998 information on steps the subcontractor intends to take with a view to early launching of the project activities for consideration and appropriate recommendation by the Committee at its next meeting.

244. A copy of a letter dated 2 November 1998 was received from the sub-contractor through UNDP forwarding the statement of project expenditure as of December 1998. The letter states that a progress report was annexed thereto but was not included in the copy of the letter received by the Office of the Chairman.

245. On 17 January 2000, the sub-contractor refunded interest earned on unspent PGTF funds held by the Centre.

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$165,000

Other inputs: US\$432,194

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.

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

247. On 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.

248. A progress report on the project activities was submitted on 24 July 1997.

249. On 5 December 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the sub-contractor to submit the outstanding financial statement for the first tranche of funds disbursed from PGTF. The Chairman of the Group of 77 also informed that disbursement of the second tranche would be subject to the submission of such financial statement. No financial statement has been received from the sub-contractor.

250. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman send a second notice to the subcontractor requesting the submission of the outstanding financial report.

251. The financial statement of expenditure for the first tranche was received by the Office of the Chairman on 23 September 1998. The second tranche of funds was disbursed by the UNDP.

252. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the sub-contractor to submit the final report and financial statement for the project before 31 December 2000.

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

253. **Submitter:** Inter Press Service (IPS) Third World News Agency through the Government of Costa Rica as Chairman of the Group of 77 for 1996
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$51,120
Other inputs: US\$45,600
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.
Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor has submitted a financial statement.

254. Disbursement of the funds allocated for the first year 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.

255. A financial statement on project activities undertaken during 1996 was submitted by the subcontractor on 25 June 1997 and by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 5 June 1998.

256. In 1996 a total of nine (9) issues were published out of a quota of twelve provided for in the project for the first year. Ten (10) additional issues were published in 1997-1998. In 1999 three more issues were published, leaving a balance of two issues to be published during 2000 to complete the project output which is 24 issues in total. As of 25 July 2000 one of the two remaining issues has been published. Therefore, it is expected that the project will be completed during the year 2000.

257. A request for disbursement of funds for the second tranche will be made to UNDP upon completion of the project.

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

258. **Submitter:** International Cooperative Alliance, a non-governmental organisation, through its American Regional Bureau headquartered in San José, Costa Rica
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$65,000
Other inputs: US\$79,000
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 was signed on behalf of the Government of Costa Rica on 1 January 1997 and by UNDP on 6 March 1997. A sub-contract agreement between the Government of Costa Rica and the Special Unit for TCDC was signed on 3 December 1996.

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

260. The Committee recommended at its thirteenth meeting that the Office of the Chairman request the subcontractor to submit a progress report and the financial statement for the project.

261. Since no reply has been received from the subcontractor, the foregoing recommendation was reiterated by the Committee at its fourteenth meeting.

262. The Committee recommended at its fifteenth meeting that the Office of the Chairman send a final notice to the sub-contractor requesting submission of the outstanding documents before 31 December 2000.

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

263. **Submitter:** National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) of Trinidad and Tobago, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$90,000
Other inputs: 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 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 was signed in March 1997 by the Ministry of Social Development of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Centre for Persons with Disabilities.

Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor has submitted a financial statement.

264. On 9 April 1997, 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..

265. A copy of a progress report covering the period April-October 1997 was received by the Office of the Chairman on 19 January 1998 together with a statement of expenditure and a request for the disbursement of the second tranche of \$45,000.

266. According to UNDP reports, a second tranche of US\$40,500 (i.e., less the token 10% withholding) was disbursed to the subcontractor in 1998.

267. The Committee recommended at its fifteenth meeting that the Office of the Chairman request the sub-contractor to submit the outstanding final report and statement of expenditures for the project before 31 December 2000..

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$59,300

Other inputs: US\$60,000

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.

Status of submission of financial report: A copy of the financial statement for the second tranche of funds is being awaited.

269. Disbursement of a first tranche of US\$29,650 was made through the UNDP Resident Representative in Brazil. While a progress report was submitted on 9 June 1998, an expenditure statement is being awaited.

270. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the subcontractor to submit the outstanding financial statement.

271. A copy of the financial statement of expenditure for the first tranche was received by the Office of the Chairman on 10 September 1998. Disbursement of the second tranche of US\$26,685 was authorized by UNDP on 12 January 1999.

272. On 20 December 1999, 3 March 2000 and 25 April 2000, the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations informed the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 that the technical seminar on Management and epidemiological vigilance in public health within the framework of the project had to be postponed.

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$84,000

Other inputs: US\$93,000

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)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by UNDP on 4 August 1997 and by the Government of Guyana on 12 August 1997. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Guyana and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) is dated 14 January 1997.

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

274. On 18 November 1997, the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the Resident Representative of UNDP in Guyana to make a payment of a first tranche of US\$ 66,000 to the sub-contractor.

275. The Committee recommended at its thirteenth meeting that the Office of the Chairman request the subcontractor to submit a progress report and a financial statement for the project.

276. At its fourteenth meeting, the Committee reiterated its recommendation to the Office of the Chairman.

277. The Committee recommended at its fifteenth meeting that the Office of the Chairman send a final notice to the sub-contractor requesting the submission of the outstanding final report and statement of expenditure before 31 December 2000.

(10) *Rural Education and Agricultural Extension Facility for the Nomads of the Sahel and Sahara Regions*

278. **Submitter:** Foundation for Social Peace of Niger, with endorsement of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$85,000
Other inputs: US\$659,340
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.
Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor has submitted a financial statement.

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

280. A financial statement of expenditures for the first tranche was submitted to UNDP by the Organization of the Islamic Conference on 17 June 1997.

281. On 24 June 1997, the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Niger to make the second tranche of US\$40,000.

282. A copy of a progress report was received by the Office of the Chairman on 9 September 1997.

283. The Committee recommended at its fifteenth meeting that the Office of the Chairman request the sub-contractor to submit the outstanding final report and statement of expenditure before 31 December 2000.

(11) *A study on the impact of enhancing environmental standards on international trade of South Asian countries*

284. Submitter: Research and Information System (RIS) for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries in India.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$24,850
Other inputs: US\$24,850
Number: INT/97/K01
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)

285. On 24 October 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the sub-contractor that the project proposal it had submitted for funding from PGTF had been approved and that the Group of 77 had authorized an allocation of US\$24,850 from PGTF for this project.

286. The project document and the subcontract agreement have been signed and received by UNDP on 2 June 1999. In the first half of 2000 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in India to disburse the first tranche of US\$11,183 to the sub-contractor.

(12) *Biological Control of Pests and Weeds for Sustainable Agriculture and Bio-diversity*

287. Submitter: Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries in India.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$25,000
Number: INT/97/K02
Duration: Three (3) years
Approval: Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)

288. On 24 October 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the sub-contractor that the project proposal it had submitted for funding from PGTF had been approved and that the Group of 77 had authorized an allocation of US\$25,000 from PGTF for this project.

289. The project document and the subcontract agreement have been signed and received by UNDP on 2 June 1999. In the second half of 1999 the UNDP disbursed a first tranche of US\$11,250 to the sub-contractor. In the first half of 2000 authorization for disbursement of a second tranche of the same amount was given by the UNDP to the country office in India.

(13) *Integrated Planning and New Technologies for Sustainable Development*

290. Submitter: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology in Trinidad and Tobago.
Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$37,560

Other inputs: US\$41,720

Number: INT/97/K03

Duration: Three days (tentative)

Approval: Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)

291. On 24 October 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the sub-contractor that the project proposal it had submitted for funding from PGTF had been approved and that the Group of 77 had authorized an allocation of US\$37,560 from PGTF for this project.

292. The subcontractor informed the Office of the Chairman that both the project document and subcontract agreement were under preparation with a view to an early submission for approval and signature. UNDP reports indicate an authorization to disburse US\$30,560 for this project in 1999.

(14) *Positioning of a Gender Program in Cooperatives in the Andean Region*

293. Submitter: International Cooperative Alliance, Office of the Americas in Costa Rica.

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$61,500

Other inputs: US\$85,000

Number: INT/97/K04

Duration: One (1) years

Approval: Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by Government of Costa Rica on 12 March 1998 and by UNDP on 27 April 1998.

294. On 24 October 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the sub-contractor that the project proposal it had submitted for funding from PGTF had been approved and that the Group of 77 had authorized an allocation of US\$61,500 from PGTF for this project.

295. A sub-contract agreement is to be concluded between the Government of Costa Rica and the International Cooperative Alliance, Office of the Americas as subcontractor of the project. UNDP reports indicate a disbursement of US\$55,234 for this project in 1998. In 1999 US\$6,265 were disbursed to the sub-contractor.

(15) *Emergency control measures of the Moroccan locust and other insect pests*

296. Submitter: Iraqi General Body for Agricultural Research

Subcontractor: Not required.

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Other inputs: US\$380,000

Number: INT/98/K02

Duration: 2 years

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by Government of Iraq on 27 December 1999 and by UNDP on 3 December 1999.

297. On 26 June 2000 the UNDP authorized the Resident Representative in Baghdad to disburse US\$45,000 (90% of PGTF allocation) to the Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq.

(16) *Programme for women and youth in the Sahel region*

Submitter: Sahel DEFIS, with headquarters in Burkina Faso.

Subcontractor: Sahel DEFIS,

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Other inputs: US\$224,280

Number: INT/98/K04

Duration: Two years.

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by Government of Benin on ____ and by UNDP on _____. The subcontract agreement was signed on _____. (Dates to be obtained)

298. On 16 August 1999, the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Burkina Faso to disburse US\$13,500 to the subcontractor. In the first half of 2000 the UNDP authorized disbursement of the second tranche of the same amount.

(17) *Building technical competence in the area of conformity assessment in the Latin American region*

299. Submitter: National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality of Brazil through the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations

Subcontractor: Centro para Inovação e Competitividade (CIC)

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Other inputs: US\$70,000

Number: INT/98/K05

Duration: 2 years

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Brazil on 1 June 2000 and by UNDP on 19 May 2000. The subcontract agreement was signed on _____. (Date to be obtained).

300. On 26 June 2000 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Brazil to disburse US\$45,000 (90% of the PGTF allocation) to IAAC (Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation), the implementing agency.

(18) *Training, consultation, awareness and capacity building for small hydro power in developing countries*

301. **Submitter:** International Network on Small Hydro Power of the People's Republic of China through the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations

Subcontractor: International Network on Small Hydro Power

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Other inputs: US\$330,300

Number: INT/98/K06

Duration: 1 year

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of the People's Republic of China on 29 December 1998 and by UNDP on 12 February 1999. The subcontract agreement was signed on _____. (Date to be obtained)

302. In 1999 the UNDP disbursed US\$150,000 to the subcontractor.

(19) *International youth leadership training for promotion of South-South cooperation*

303. **Submitter:** All Nigeria United Nations Students' and Youth Association (ANUNSA) from Nigeria

Subcontractor: ANUNSA

PGTF input: US\$20,000

Other inputs: US\$77,849

Number: INT/98/K07

Duration: 6 months

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Nigeria on _____ and by UNDP on _____. The subcontract agreement was signed on _____. (Dates to be obtained)

304. On 30 August 1999 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Nigeria to disburse US\$18,000 (90% of the PGTF allocation) to the subcontractor.

(20) *Master Plan for the sustainable development of transportation and related infrastructure in South America*

305. **Submitter:** Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) with headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay

Subcontractor: Not required

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Other inputs: US\$413,000

Number: INT/98/K08

Duration: 1 year

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by ALADI on _____ and by UNDP on _____. (Dates to be obtained)

306. On 23 April 1999 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Uruguay to disburse the first tranche of US\$25,000 to ALADI. In the first half of 2000 authorization was given by UNDP to disburse the second tranche of US\$20,000 to ALADI.

(21) *Harmonisation of agricultural policies of the COMESA Member States*

307. **Submitter:** Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, headquartered in Lusaka, Zambia.

Subcontractor: Not required.

PGTF input: US\$60,000

Other inputs: US\$420,000

Number: INT/98/K09

Duration: 1 year

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by COMESA on _____ and by UNDP on _____. (Dates to be obtained)

308. On 10 December 1999 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Zambia to disburse the first tranche of US\$27,000 to COMESA.

(22) *Technology linkage through sharing and cooperation among developing countries*

309. **Submitter:** Asian Alliance of Appropriate Technology Practitioners, headquartered in Manila, Philippines.

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required.

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Other inputs: US\$150,000

Number: INT/98/K10

Duration: 3 years

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of the Philippines on _____ (date to be obtained) and by UNDP on 13 April 2000.

(23) *Subregional intellectual property system*

310. Submitter: The Andean Community.

Subcontractor: Not required.

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Other inputs: US\$50,000

Number: INT/98/K11

Duration: 2 years

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Andean Community Secretariat on 17 March 1999 and by UNDP on _____. (Date to be obtained)

311. On 13 August 1999 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Peru to disburse the first tranche of US\$22,500 to the Andean Community.

(24) *Regional remote sensing activities*

312. Submitter: Southern African Development Community (SADC), with headquarters in Gaborone, Botswana.

Subcontractor: Not required.

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Other inputs: US\$400,000

Number: INT/98/K12

Duration: 2 years

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by SADC on 27 October 1999 and by UNDP on 3 January 2000.

313. On 26 June 2000 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Botswana to disburse US\$45,000 (90% of the PGTF allocation) to SADC.

(25) *Establishment of a statistical service unit and access of World Bank live database*

- 314. Submitter: Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, with headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$80,000
Other inputs: US\$1,206,690
Number: INT/98/K14
Duration: 3 years
Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by OAU/AEC on 31 December 1998 and by UNDP on 19 January 1999.

- 315. On 10 July 2000, the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Ethiopia to disburse US\$72,000 (90% of the PGTF allocation) to the OAU secretariat.**

(26) *Macro-economic and sectoral cooperation programme*

- 316. Submitter: Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria**
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Other inputs: US\$194,000
Number: INT/98/K15
Duration: 1 year
Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by ECOWAS secretariat on 29 December 1999 and by UNDP on 3 November 1999.

- 317. On 26 June 2000, the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Nigeria to disburse the first tranche of US\$50,000 to ECOWAS.**

(27) *Strengthening of the competitive capacities of micro, small and medium-size enterprises as an employment-generating factor using the technical and economic cooperation mechanism between Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa*

- 318. Submitter: Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System, with headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela**
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$100,000

Other inputs: US\$403,000

Number: INT/98/K16

Duration: 3 years

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the SELA secretariat on 15 November 1998 and by UNDP on 14 January 1999.

319. A first tranche of US\$33,000 was disbursed to SELA. On 5 May 2000, the Office of the Chairman received the progress and financial reports regarding the activities funded by the first tranche, as well as the work programme for the second tranche.

320. On 8 June 2000, the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Venezuela to disburse the second tranche of US\$57,000 to SELA.

(28) *Design of a regional project to strengthen strategies to reduce drug demand in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela*

321. Submitter: National Drug Directorate from Colombia

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$15,000

Other inputs: US\$26,076

Number: INT/98/K17

Duration: 4 months

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Colombia on ____ and by UNDP on _____. (Dates to be obtained)

322. On 16 August 1999, the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Colombia to disburse US\$13,500 (90% of the PGTF allocation) to the project.

(29) *Development of a kit for the diagnosis of the Chagas disease*

323. Submitter: University of Los Andes from Venezuela through the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required.

PGTF input: US\$35,000

Other inputs: US\$705,000 (estimated)

Number: INT/98/K18

Duration: Thirteen months.

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of ____ on ____ and by UNDP on _____. (Dates to be obtained)

324. On 26 May 1999 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Venezuela to disburse the first (of three) tranche of US\$ 15,750 to the implementing agency.

(30) *Technical assistance in the field of standardization, metrology and quality management among developing countries*

325. **Submitter:** Committee for Standardization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Other inputs: US\$216,500 (estimated)

Number: INT/99/K02

Duration: One year.

Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of ____ on ____ and by UNDP on _____. (Dates to be obtained)

326. On 1 May 2000, the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to disburse US\$22,500 (90% of the PGTF allocation) to the Committee for Standardization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(31) *Transportation information system (TIS) for the member countries of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)*

327. **Submitter:** Secretariat of ALADI

Subcontractor: Not required.

PGTF input: US\$37,000

Other inputs: US\$113,800

Number: INT/99/K03

Duration: 10 months

Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Secretariat of ALADI on ____ and by UNDP on 1 May 2000. (Dates to be obtained)

328. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

(32) *Preparation, reproduction and distribution of the second edition of the CD-ROM of the*

Pro-tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty

329. **Submitter:** Pro-Tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$684,000 (estimated)
Number: INT/99/K09
Duration: Six months.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Venezuela on ____ and by UNDP on _____. (Dates to be obtained)
330. In the first half of 2000 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Venezuela to disburse US\$31,500 (90% of the PGTF contribution) to the sub-contractor.
- (33) *Promotion of alternative energy resources in African countries parties to the CCD*
331. **Submitter:** Governments of Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required.
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$135,000
Number: INT/99/K12
Duration: One year.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Governments of Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger on ____ and by UNDP on _____. (Dates to be obtained)
332. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.
- (34) *Support to community pilot project in Algeria, Mali and Niger*
333. **Submitter:** Governments of Algeria, Mali and Niger.
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$40,000
Number: INT/99/K13
Duration: Three years.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24

September 1999)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Governments of Algeria, Mali and Niger on ____ (date to be obtained) and by UNDP on 13 April 2000.

334. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

(35) *Support to community pilot project in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger*

Submitter: Governments of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

Subcontractor: Association Walte Edjef and NGO Tassaght

PGTF input: US\$35,000

Other inputs: US\$140,000

Number: INT/99/K14

Duration: 3 years

Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Governments of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger on 22 May 2000 and by UNDP on 14 April 2000.

335. In the first half of 2000 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Burkina Faso to disburse US\$31,500 (90% of the PGTF contribution) to the project.

C. Projects under preparation still to be implemented

336. A total of ten (10) projects were under preparation as of the date of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts, namely two (2) of the eighteen projects approved by the Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in September 1998, and eight (8) of the fourteen projects approved by the Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in September 1999.

(1) *Network of advisory centres for small and medium-sized enterprises in Mercosur*

337. Submitter: Fundacion Banco Mayo from Argentina

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Other inputs: US\$468,000 (estimated)

Number: INT/98/K01

Duration: 6 months

Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25

September 1998)

338. On 19 October 1998, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

339. The Committee noted with concern that more than 18 months have elapsed since the sponsors were notified of the approval of the project that no action has been observed in order to launch the implementation of the project. To that end, the Committee requested the Chairman of the Group of 77 to urge the project sponsors to complete the necessary preparations of the project documents and subcontracts before 31 December 2000.

(2) *A trading/industrial cooperation scheme to promote intra-industry trade in ASEAN*

340. **Submitter:** Secretariat of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Other inputs: US\$336,000 (estimated)
Number: INT/98/K13
Duration: 7 months
Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

341. On 19 October 1998, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No feedback has been received from the submitting entity.

(3) *Development of information network and database system for NAM-CSSTC*

342. **Submitter:** Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$970,950 (estimated)
Number: INT/99/K01
Duration: Three years.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

343. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No feedback has been received from

the submitting entity.

(4) *Setting up a common framework for managing shared island fisheries resources in the COMESA region*

344. **Submitter:** Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa headquartered in Lusaka, Zambia
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required.
PGTF input: US\$38,000
Other inputs: US\$187,000 (estimated)
Number: INT/99/K04
Duration: Two years.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

345. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No feedback has been received from the submitting entity.

(5) *Pacific Islands regional biomass energy resource assessment programme (PIRBERAP)*

346. **Submitter:** South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) headquartered in Suva, Fiji
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required.
PGTF input: US\$34,000
Other inputs: US\$166,000 (estimated)
Number: INT/99/K06
Duration: Two years.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

347. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

(6) *First Windward Islands exposition on the information technology sector*

348. **Submitter:** National Development Corporation (NDC) of Saint Lucia.
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$111,000 (estimated)
Number: INT/99/K06

Duration: Six months.

Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

349. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

(7) *Development of innovative systems for programme management and revenue generation for ASEAN science and technology*

350. Submitter: Secretariat of ASEAN headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$34,000

Other inputs: US\$106,605 (estimated)

Number: INT/99/K07

Duration: Four months.

Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

351. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

(8) *Human resource development and training in international trade for the member states of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)*

352. Submitter: Executive Secretariat of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC) headquartered in Bangui, Central African Republic

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$22,000

Other inputs: US\$58,300 (estimated)

Number: INT/99/K08

Duration: Two years.

Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

353. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

(9) *Citrus certification programmes in Central America and the Caribbean*

354. **Submitter:** Instituto de Investigaciones de Cítricos y otros Frutales (IICF) headquartered in Havana, Cuba.
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$220,000 (estimated)
Number: INT/99/K10
Duration: One year.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

355. On 18 November 1999, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF.

(10) *Support to the implementation of the Bali Plan of Action of the Group of 77*

356. **Submitter:** Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$415,000
Number: INT/99/K11
Duration: One year.
Approval: Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

D. **Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF**

(1) *Interregional Trade Financing Facility*

357. **Submitter:** UNCTAD
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
Number: INT/88/K02/A/95/99

358. 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)*

359. **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

360. 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.

361. 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.

362. 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*

363. **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

364. 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.

365. 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. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1992 as no matching contribution was received by the established deadline.

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

366. **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

367. 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.

368. On 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.

369. 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.

370. 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. 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*

371. 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.

372. 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.

373. 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.

374. 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.

375. 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.

376. 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. 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*

377. **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

378. 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.

379. 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.

380. 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.

381. 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.

382. 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.

383. 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.

384. 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*

**385. 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.**

386. 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.

387. 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.

388. 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.

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

390. 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.

391. 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.

392. 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.

393. 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.

394. 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*

395. **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.

396. 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.

397. 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.

398. 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.

399. 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.

400. 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.

401. 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.

402. 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.

403. 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*

404. **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.

405. 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.

406. 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.

407. 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.

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

409. 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.

410. The Sub-contract Agreement was not returned duly signed to the Office of the Chairman.

411. Given that the project document was signed in August 1993 and it was not 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.

412. 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.

413. 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 was ever received by the Office of the Chairman from either the sub-contractor or UNDP regarding the status of implementation of this project.

414. Since no further development took place before the deadline, the Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts recommended cancellation of the project and reversion of the funds to PGTF. This recommendation was approved by the Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held on 26 September 1997.

E. Project under query

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

415. Submitter: Government of Panama

Subcontractor: Instituto Geografico Nacional Tommy Guardia from 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. A subcontract agreement between the Government of Panama and the "Instituto Geografico Nacional Tommy Guardia" was signed in November 1994.

- 416. Disbursement of US\$38,500 was made by the UNDP to the subcontractor on 29 December 1994. The disbursement was confirmed by the UNDP Resident Representative on 24 March 1995 in response to a query from the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP.**
- 417. On 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.**
- 418. On 8 August 1996, the Special Unit for TCDC 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.**
- 419. On 12 May 1997 the Special Unit for TCDC requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Panama to provide information on the progress of the project and to accordingly report to the Unit.**
- 420. On 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.**
- 421. In a fax dated 26 May 1997, 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.**
- 422. In a letter addressed to the Resident Representative of UNDP in Panama dated 6 June 1997, 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.**
- 423. On 26 June 1997, 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.

424. The Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held on 6-8 August 1997 recommended that "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."

425. By letter dated 5 December 1997 addressed to the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested UNDP to follow up the matter with the Government of Panama with a view to securing refund of the PGTF resources already disbursed and to keep the Office of the Chairman fully informed of developments.

426. On 12 January 1998, the Officer-in-Charge of the Special Unit for TCDC informed the Chairman of the Group of 77 that the matter had been brought to the attention of the Resident Representative of UNDP in Panama and that the Office of the Chairman would be kept posted of developments.

427. Since no further information has been received by the Office of the Chairman on this matter, the Committee recommended that this project be placed under query and recommended that, in addition to the action taken by the UNDP, the Office of the Chairman request the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations to take appropriate action with a view to refunding the disbursed funds.

428. On 19 January 1999, the Resident Representative of UNDP in Panama addressed a letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama requesting the reimbursement of the disbursed funds. On 8 June 1999 the Chairman of the Group of 77 addressed a similar request to the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations. No replies have been received to these communications.

V. OTHER MATTERS

429. The Committee agreed that the deadline for the submission of project proposals by Member States for consideration at its next regular session will be 30 April 2000, in accordance with the revised guidelines for utilization of PGTF. 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. 30 of this report.

Survey of the impact of PGTF

430. The Committee recommended at its twelfth meeting to carry out a survey of the impact

and benefits of the projects funded by the PGTF with a view to supporting the promotion of the Fund. So far, the Office of the Chairman has received information on 22 of the 38 PGTF supported projects that have been completed. Further reports are expected so as to be able to prepare a comprehensive assessment of the impact of PGTF since its operationalization in 1986. A brief summary for each completed project is provided below:

(1-2) Group of 77 Information Bulletin; and ECDC/TCDC Information support to the Group of 77 Chapters

431. Number: INT/88/K01 and INT/93/K02
 PGTF input (US\$): 109,520 and 51,120 respectively
 Other inputs (US\$): 68,400 and 45,600 respectively
 Date of implementation: 1988-1991 and 1993-1994 respectively
 Impact: Established an important communication link between the various G-77 chapters. It also helped to disseminate the views of the G-77 to a wider audience.

(3) Technical Co-operation among SELA member States in artificial insemination and embryo transplants

432. Number: INT/89/K03
 PGTF input (US\$): 83,700
 Other inputs (US\$): 202,000
 Date of implementation: 1989-1993
 Impact: The project created a network of institutions that introduced or improved artificial insemination and embryo transplant procedures. Outstanding results have been achieved in Cuba, Chile, Uruguay and Brazil. Development of these bio-technologies in the region is significant and their use is an everyday occurrence today.

(4) Export promotion and cooperation in favor of less developed countries within the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)

433. Number: INT/89/K05
 PGTF input (US\$): 120,000
 Other inputs (US\$): 107,971
 Date of implementation: 1991-1992
 Impact: Additional exports of US\$3 million through support to 80 small and medium size enterprises and implementation of 33 export promotion activities, benefitting directly and indirectly over 4,200 workers.

(5) Regional program for cooperation and concerted action in the area of plant germ plasm

434. Number: INT/89/K12

PGTF input (US\$): 58,000

Other inputs (US\$): 309,200

Date of implementation: 1991-1997

Impact: Publication of a book on biodiversity containing all the findings and innovative elements related to the germ plasm issue.

(6-7) *South-North Development Monitor (SUNS); and Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters (SUNS)*

435. Number: INT/89/K13 and INT/93/K03

PGTF input (US\$): 120,000 and 59,881 respectively

Other inputs (US\$): 164,000 and 158,517 respectively

Date of implementation: 1991-1992 and 1994-1995 respectively

Impact: Supported publication of SUNS during 24 months (over 400 issues). SUNS has since been made available by fax to the G-77 missions in New York.

(8) *Assistance to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guererero Trust Fund*

436. Number: INT/89/K14

PGTF input (US\$): 25,000

Other inputs (US\$): Nil

Date of implementation: 1990-1992

Impact: Following a decision by the Group of 77 to fund the participation of the members of the Committee of Experts at its meetings, this project ensured participation of Committee members by covering travel, subsistence and terminal expenses for the Fifth Meeting (1990), Sixth Meeting (1991) and partially the Seventh Meeting in 1992.

(9) *In-depth review of the actions taken by the international community in favor of the particular needs and problems of the land-locked developing countries and a basis for new strategy to overcome these needs and problems in the future*

437. Number: INT/90/K03

PGTF input (US\$): 95,000

Other inputs (US\$): 23,800

Date of implementation: 1991-1995

Impact: Inventory of a large number of studies and projects served as a basis for recommending a coordinated action. In particular it is recommended that a high level office be created with a view to coordinating joint efforts of the land-locked countries at the international level, in particular those related to international trade.

(10) *Regional symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean*

438. Number: INT/90/K04
 PGTF input (US\$): 78,000
 Other inputs (US\$): 103,000
 Date of implementation: 1991
 Impact: Publication of a book containing the conclusions of the symposium which aimed mainly at an integrated approach to the problem including both producing and consumer countries, with solutions ranging from eradication to crop substitution.

(11) *Organic rice farming*

439. Number: INT/90/K06
 PGTF input (US\$): 85,000
 Other inputs (US\$): nil
 Date of implementation: 1991-1997
 Impact: The study has provided information on the characteristics of various organic matter sources when used for organic rice farming. It also provided information for both upscaling the project to the pilot level, and enabling farmers to further exploit these techniques.

(12-14) *Technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP, and technical assistance to countries participating in the GSTP (First Round); and Technical assistance to the members of the G-77 participating in the Second Round of negotiations within the GSTP and seeking membership in the GSTP, as well as related technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP*

440. Number: INT/90/K07 and INT/92/K03 (First Round), and INT/94/K02 (Second Round)
 PGTF input (US\$): 350,000 and 250,000; and 72,363 respectively
 Other inputs (US\$): Nil
 Date of implementation: 1991-1993, 1992-1994 and 1995-1997 respectively
 Impact: First round led to launching of the agreement, with 43 member countries and negotiations on 1,700 tariff lines. Second round enabled accession of 8 additional member countries and a sub-regional grouping, with consolidated list of concessions covering 700 tariff lines.

(15) *Establishment of the Regional Bureau and Trade Information Network for Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77*

441. Number: INT/91/K01
 PGTF input (US\$): 150,000
 Other inputs (US\$): 270,000
 Date of implementation: 1991-1994
 Impact: Sixty chambers of commerce participated in the pilot project. They were assisted in formulating a plan of action for their respective centers. In addition, Web pages were

created for this pilot group.

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

442. Number: INT/92/K01

PGTF input (US\$): 88,000

Other inputs (US\$): Nil

Date of implementation: 1992-1994

Impact: Greatly facilitated the negotiations of the sub-regional integration scheme that led to the emergence of a customs union known as Mercosur. The studies were widely circulated in the region and a large number of experts, academics and policy makers benefitted from them.

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

443. Number: INT/92/K04

PGTF input (US\$): 81,600

Other inputs (US\$): Nil

Date of implementation: 1993-1994

Impact: Improved the skills of the participants in forecasting trends in export agricultural commodities. Some of the participants were able to set-up national training programs on computer simulation models.

(18-19) *African Agency for Biotechnology*

444. Number: INT/92/K06 (Phase I) and INT/93/K01 (Phase II)

PGTF input (US\$): 150,000 and 150,000

Other inputs (US\$): Nil

Date of implementation: 1993-2000 and 1994-2000 respectively

Impact: Provided seed money for the setting up of the Agency. Financed 16 country studies (one for each member state), acquisition of equipment and setting up of the operating structures of the Agency. Current regular budget activities being financed by member country contributions and funds from regional development banks.

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

445. Number: INT/93/K05

PGTF input (US\$): 120,000

Other inputs (US\$): 36,000

Date of implementation: 1994-1997

Impact: Provided important inputs for the analysis of the costs and benefits of the implementation of common industrial policies among Mercosur member countries. It also

proposed guidelines for the harmonization of the industrial policies among Mercosur countries.

(21) *Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa*

446. Number: INT/94/K05
 PGTF input (US\$): 30,000
 Other inputs (US\$): 67,000
 Date of implementation: 1995-1998
 Impact: 11 projects were launched in Benin, Burkina Faso and Togo providing income for 5,000 people and protecting natural resources.

(22) *Productive Internationalization MERCOSUR: Foreign direct investment (FDI) and regional transnational corporations*

447. Number: INT/95/K02
 PGTF input (US\$): 140,000
 Other inputs (US\$): 42,200
 Date of implementation: 1996-1997
 Impact: The study provided a clear and objective understanding of the role that FDI is playing in the integration process of the region. Extracts from the study were reproduced as discussion papers in technical and policy level meetings in the Mercosur. However, its actual impact on FDI policies needs further clarification.

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THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF) FOR ECDC/TCDC
STATUS OF PGTF-FUNDED PROJECTS: Approved, Obligated and Amount available for Programming
AS OF 30 JUNE 2000
UNAUDITED

Closing balance of unexpended resources
As per financial statement as of 31 December 1999 \$6,836,148.60

Add: Contributions (DPR Korea, Cyprus, Iran, Malaysia, Algeria, India, Philippines, China, DPR Korea) Jan-31 May 2000 \$7,500.00
Projected interest income (from 1 Jan – 31 December 2000) \$400,000.00

Total resources **\$407,500.00**
\$7,243,648.60

Project disbursement expenditure recorded in 1999 by UNDP Accounts and UNDP Treasury

INT/90/KO8	Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF	23,695.00	
INT/96/KO4	Project for the Cooperation in training & Dev. of Technologies to support Primary Health Care in African Countries	26,685.00	
INT/96/KO5	South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development	39,871.00	
INT/97/KO2	Biological Control of Pests and Weeds	11,250.00	
INT/97/KO4	Gender Program in Cooperatives in the Andean	6,265.00	
INT/98/KO2	Control Measures of the Moroccan Locust	11,250.00	
INT/98/KO3	Training of Rice Breeding Experts	90,485.00	
INT/98/KO4	Program for Women and Youth in Sahel Region	13,500.00	
INT/98/KO6	Small Hydro Power in Developing countries	150,000.00	
INT/98/KO8	Sustainable Development of Transportation	25,017.00	
INT/98/K11	Sub-Regional Intellectual Property System	22,500.00	
INT/98/K16	Strengthening Competitive Capacities	22,706.00	
INT/98/K17	Strategies to reduce drug demand	6,422.00	
	Sub-Total		449,646.00

Less:

Written authorizations sent to UNDP country offices to disburse funds from Jan 99-June 2000 (18 months period).

INT/90/KO8	PGTF	44,175.00	
INT/94/KO4	TIN	60,000.00	
INT/96/KO4	Health Policy in Primary Care	2,965.00	
INT/96/KO5	South-South Transfer of Experiences	39,315.00	
INT/97/KO1	Impact of Enhancing Env. Standards On Int. Trade of South Asian Cos.	11,183.00	
INT/97/KO2	Biological Control of Pests & Weeds For Sus. Agriculture & Biodiversity	22,500.00	
INT/97/KO3	Integrated Planning	30,560.00	
INT/97/KO4	Gender Prog in Coops in Andean Reg	55,235.00	
INT/98/KO2	Emergency Control of the Moroccan Locust	33,750.00	
INT/98/KO3	Training of rice breeding experts	9,515.00	
INT/98/KO4	Women and Youth in the Sahel Reg	14,000.00	
INT/98/KO5	Build. Tech. Compet. in the Area of Conformity As	45,000.00	
INT/98/KO7	Int. Youth Leadership Prom of SSC	18,000.00	
INT/98/KO8	Master Plan for SD in S. America	19,983.00	
INT/98/KO9	Harmonization of Agr Policy of COMESA Member States	27,000.00	
INT/98/K12	Support for Regional Remote Sensing Activities	45,000.00	
INT/98/K15	Macroeconomic and Sectoral Programme	50,000.00	
INT/98/K16	Strengthening of the capacities	67,294.00	
INT/98/K17	Strategies to Reduce Drug Demand In Col, Ecu and Ven	7,078.00	
INT/98/K18	A Kit for the Chagas Disease	31,500.00	
INT/99/KO2	Tech. Ass. Based on Standardization, Metrology & Qu	22,500.00	
INT/99/KO9	Second Edition of CD Rom – Amazon Coop Trea	31,500.00	
INT/99/K14	Community Pilot – Burkina Faso	31,500.00	
	Sub-Total		719,553.00
Reserved resources (Fund's capital)			5,000,000.00 ¹
	Sub-Total		<u>5,719,553.00</u>

Remaining funds (\$7,243,648.60 - \$5,719,553.00)

1,524,095.60

Less: Obligated/Earmarked funds

Obligated²

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

INT/90/KO8	PGTF Phase II	\$43,845.00	
INT/95/KO1	Optimization of crude PMSG	(\$109.00)	
INT/95/KO3	ECDC/TCDC Info. Support toG-77 Ph.III (2 nd tr.)	25,560.00	
INT/96/KO1	Entrepreneurial Strengthening	32,500.00	
INT/96/KO2	Caribbean Regional	4,500.00	
INT/96/KO5	South-South Transfer of Experiences	18,000.00	
INT/97/KO1	Study on the Impact of Enhancing Environment	13,667.00	
INT/97/KO2	Biological Control of Pests and Weeds for Sus. Agri and Biodiversity	2,500.00	
INT/97/KO3	Integrated planning	7,000.00	
INT/98/KO2	Emergency Control of Moroccan Locust	5,000.00	
INT/98/KO4	Prog for Women & Youth in the Sahel	2,500.00	
INT/98/KO5	Building tech. Compet. In the area of conformity	5,000.00	
INT/98/KO7	Int. Youth Leadership Prom SSC	2,000.00	
INT/98/KO8	Master Plan for the SD of Transp in S Amer	15,000.00	
INT/98/KO9	Harmonization of agric. Policies of the COMESA	33,000.00	
INT/98/K11	Subregional Intellectual Prop System	27,500.00	
INT/98/K12	Regional remote sensing activities	5,000.00	
INT/98/K10	Technology linkage through sharing & cop DCs	100,000.00	
INT/98/K14	Stats Service Unit/Access of WB Database	80,000.00	
INT/98/K15	Macro-economic & sectoral coop. Programme	50,000.00	
INT/98/K16	Strengthening of the compet.	10,000.00	
INT/98/K17	Strategies to Reduce Drug Demand	1,500.00	
INT/98/K18	Development of kit-Chagas Disease	3,500.00	
INT/99/KO2	Standardization, Metrology & Quality	2,500.00	
INT/99/KO3	Transportation info. Sys. (TIS) mbr cos. LAIA	37,000.00	
INT/99/KO9	Second Edition of CD Rom-Amazon Coop Treaty	3,500.00	
INT/99/K12	Alt. Renewable Energy – Kenya	25,000.00	
INT/99/K14	Support Comm Pilot Project – Burkina Faso	3,500.00	
			558,963.00

Earmarked funds approved³

INT/90/KO8	PGTF Phase II, Budget Revision	10,000.00	
INT/98/KO1	Network of advisory centers for SMEs in Mercosur	25,000.00	
INT/98/K13	Trading/Industrial cooperation scheme – ASEAN	100,000.00	
INT/99/K01	Dev of Info Network & Data base Sy for NAM	30,000.00	
INT/99/KO4	Island Fisheries Resources in the COMESA Region	38,000.00	
INT/99/KO5	Pac Is Reg Biomas Energy Res Ass. Proj. PIRBERAP	34,000.00	
INT/99/KO6	First Windward Islands expo. On the information	35,000.00	
INT/99/KO7	Prog. mgt & Revenue Generation for ASEAN S&T	34,000.00	
INT/99/KO8	HRD & Training Int Trade for mbr states of CEMAC	22,000.00	
INT/99/K10	Citrus Cert progs in Central America & Caribbean	35,000.00	
INT/99/K11	Support Bali POA of the G-77	30,000.00	
INT/99/K13	CCD – Community Pilot – Mali	35,000.00	
Total Earmarked Funds			428,000.00
Total Obligated/Earmarked Funds			986,963.00
Reconciling items with country offices			128,805.00
Available for new projects ⁴	408,327.60		

¹ Deposited in long-term high yield bonds.² Signed project documents/subcontract documents finalized.³ Commitments where the project documents revisions are under preparation.⁴ This figure includes estimated interest for 1 July-31 December 2000.