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REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR ECDC/TCDC New York, 31 July to 3 August 2006

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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 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting 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 18th and 19th 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 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th Annual Ministerial Meetings of the Group of 77 held in New York respectively in September 1996, September 1997, September 1998, September 1999, September 2000, November 2001, September 2002, September 2003, September 2004, and September 2005, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its twenty-first meeting in New York from 31 July to 3 August 2006.

2. The meeting was attended by the six members of the Committee, representing the three regions of the Group of 77. Dr. Eduardo Praselj, was elected chairman of the Committee for the biennium 2006-2007. The list of participants appears as annex I.

3. A representative of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of UNDP was invited to provide information on matters related to the PGTF. A representative of the Treasury Division of UNDP was also 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. Nineteen (19) project proposals;
 - 2. Fifteen (15) progress, terminal and financial reports;
 - 3. Note by UNDP on the composition and yield of the PGTF portfolio;
 - 4. Note by UNDP on the financial status of PGTF and the status of implementation of approved projects.

6. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available funds for supporting new project proposals in 2006 were approximately US\$353,635, including projected interest earnings until 31 December 2006. Therefore, in line with guideline A(p) for utilization of PGTF, the maximum support that could be given to any individual project would be one seventh of this total, i.e. US\$50,500.

II. **<u>REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF PGTF</u>**

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, associated costs and operational arrangements, guidelines for utilization of PGTF and survey on the impact of PGTF.

Highlights of nineteen years of operation of PGTF (1986-2005)

8. In 1986, a High-level Meeting on ECDC held at Cairo defined the main features for launching operations of the PGTF, including definition of the objectives of the Fund and criteria for project eligibility, and 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 and increased to US\$6 million in 2004 through a US\$1 million contribution by a member country. According to guideline F(f) for its utilization, only the interest accruing on the Fund could be used for project support so as to preserve intact the initial US\$5 million. Same criteria would also apply to the additional core resources.

10. From 1986 to 2005, 558 projects proposals were submitted to the PGTF and, in accordance with the guidelines for its utilization, the Fund has provided support to 157 projects with a total allocation of US\$9.2 million, i.e. a yearly average of 8.3 projects and US\$484,000 respectively.

11. In order to increase the multiplier effect of PGTF resources, guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF establishes that project sponsors should secure contributions from other sources of an amount at least equal to the contribution requested from PGTF. Contributions from other sources for the 1986-2005 period amount to US\$19.5 million, i.e. US\$2.1 for each US\$ of PGTF resources.

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

Area	<u>Number of</u> projects	Share of allocated resources (%)
Food and agriculture	47	30
Consulting services, training and other TCDC		
activities	44	24
Trade	18	18
Technology	14	9
Information exchange and dissemination	13	8
Industrialization	6	5
Other (energy, raw materials, health and		
finance)	<u>15</u>	6
TOTAL	157	100

13. PGTF financial support has had a wide country coverage, as indicated in the breakdown below:

Country coverage	Number of	Share of allocated
	projects	resources (%)
Interregional projects	51	42
Sub regional projects	83	42
Regional projects	21	15
Action Committees.	_2	<u> </u>
TOTAL	157	100

14. According to the status of implementation of approved projects as of 31 July 2006, PGTF support has been distributed as follows:

Status of implementation	Number of	Share of allocated
	<u>projects</u>	resources (%)
Completed	92	68
Under implementation	45	21
Under preparation, still to be implemented	3	1
Not implemented, allocated funds reverted to		
PGTF.	17	10
TOTAL	157	100

Yield of PGTF resources

15. The Committee at its twenty-first meeting examined the situation of the interest rates and yield of PGTF resources, in keeping with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20-23 of the report of the Committee at its ninth meeting in 1994.

16. Total PGTF resources are constituted by the core capital (US\$ 6 million) and unexpended resources. According to guideline F(f) for utilization of PGTF, the core capital should be preserved intact and only interest accrued and other earnings (i.e. additional contributions, reversion of allocated resources) could be used to support new projects. Between 1987 and 2006, total resources have been in the range of US\$ 6.2 to 7.4 million.

17. PGTF resources are invested by the UNDP in accordance with its financial rules and regulations, and the investment policy is discussed and agreed upon with the PGTF Committee of Experts. Accordingly, the portfolio is fully invested with total holdings on a par value basis of US\$6,440,498. It includes a time deposit (accounting for 12 percent of total funds) and eight bonds in a ladder structure, six of them with staggered maturities from 2006 to 2011 (70 percent), and two bonds with maturities between 2013 and 2014 (15 percent). A small portion of the portfolio (3 percent) is kept as liquidity in a money market fund.

18. Current nominal yield of PGTF portfolio is 4.89 percent per annum, but after adjusting for the purchase price of the securities, the effective yield is 4.20 percent. This figure is higher than in previous years (3.62 percent in 2005; 3.30 percent in 2004 and 2.91 percent in 2003) and reflects the increase of interest rates as well as the investment strategy adopted for PGTF resources.

19. PGTF portfolio as of 31 July 2006 was constituted by the following financial instruments:

Security	Face value (US\$)	Maturity date	Coupon rate (%)	Buy price (% of face value)	Coupon payment (US\$)	Effective Rate (%)	Effective 2006 income (US\$)
Bond	1,000,000	18-Jan-2006	5.375	106.760	2,536	3.427	1,618
Bond	1,000,000	3-Oct-2006	4.625	104.661	34,944	3.408	25,751
Time Deposit	800,000	23-Jan-2007	4.775	100.000	35,866	4.775	35,866
Bond	1,000,000	30-May-2007	5.125	107.108	51,250	3.556	35,561
Bond	500,000	1-Oct-2008	5.500	104.611	27,500	4.157	20,785
Bond	1,000,000	5-Oct-2009	3.625	97.755	36,250	4.135	41,346
Bond	500,000	15-Jan-2010	4.200	99.814	21,000	4.238	21,190
Bond	500,000	22-Feb-2011	6.000	108.780	30,000	4.449	22,245
Bond	440,000	16-Sept-2013	4.500	99.263	19,800	4.574	20,125
Bond	500,000	27-May-2014	6.640	119.685	33,200	4.717	23,587
Reinvestment of US\$ 1 million bond maturing on 3-Oct-2006			5.560		13,746	5.560	13,746
Money market		up to 30-Jun-2006			3,324		3,324
Money market	200,498	31-Dec-2006	5.150	-	5,205	5.150	5,205
Total	6,440,498		4. 89		314,621	4.20	270,349

20. In January 2006, PGTF paid US\$235,000 to UNDP to settle the inter-fund balance as of 31 December 2005, reflecting disbursements made in 2005 by UNDP on behalf of PGTF to PGTF-funded projects. In late 2005 the UNDP implemented a new procedure for inter-fund settlement, which is now done on a monthly basis. This new procedure avoids interest charges to PGTF resulting from the accumulation of balances throughout a whole year and allows for a better match between the amount of PGTF resources to be kept in liquid money market accounts and liquidity needs to meet disbursements.

21. One US\$ 1 million bond will mature in October 2006 and this amount will be reinvested in a short-term security (one year maturity or less) in order to take advantage of current market conditions, where short-term interest rates are higher than longer term ones. The proceeds from two other securities maturing in January 2007 (US\$ 800,000) and May 2007 (US\$1 million) will also be reinvested in short-term instruments, in total or partially depending on the liquidity requirements to meet 2007 disbursements.

22. Even though this investment strategy represents the best option under the circumstances, available resources for 2006 would be only be US\$354,000 (including interest earnings, funds reverted to PGTF from a project that was not implemented within the established deadlines and contributions from member countries). This amount is significantly lower than the levels that prevailed in the 1990s and until 2002, and calls for a significant effort to expand the resources of PGTF if the Fund is to remain responsive to support the growing needs of South-South cooperation. A breakdown of the availability of funds since 1990 is as follows:

Year	Available resources (US\$)
1990	1,218,000
1991	644,000
1992	900,000
1993	600,000
1994	300,000
1995	880,000
1996	800,000
1997	843,000
1998	1,294,000

Year	Available resources (US\$)
1999	462,000
2000	408,000
2001	796,000
2002	510,000
2003	246,000
2004	325,000
2005	348,000
2006	354,000

Expansion of PGTF resources

23. The Committee reexamined practical ways of implementing its recommendations regarding the expansion of the PGTF resources as approved by the 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in 1996. As identified in 1996, options available for expanding PGTF resources fall within one of the following three categories: (a) increase of the core capital; (b) increase of the yield of the PGTF portfolio; and (c) increase of the multiplier effect of PGTF resources.

(a) <u>Increase of the core capital</u>

24. This option implies the enlisting of contributions from potential donors, which may include interested developed and developing countries as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations.

25. On the basis of the experience gained from 1996 to 2004 and taking into account the recommendations contained in the Havana Programme of Action adopted by the First South Summit in 2000, the Committee reiterated its recommendation to focus initially on seeking contributions from member countries, as a way a building evidence of commitment and support that would represent a powerful argument when approaching donors, both countries and institutions.

26. The Committee welcomed three (3) new contributions made since the last meeting of the Committee by three (3) developing countries. These contributions totaled US\$ 32,000, as follows:

Algeria (a fourth contribution of US\$10,000), Brazil (a second contribution of US\$20,000), and Singapore (a third Contribution of US\$2,000).

27. The Committee also noted the forty-five (45) contributions already made by twenty (22) developing countries up to 29 July 2005, namely:

<u>1997</u>: Mauritius (US\$500);

<u>1998</u>: Pakistan (US\$1,000), and Singapore (US\$2,000);

<u>1999</u>: Islamic Republic of Iran (US\$3,000), 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 Philippines (US\$1,500);

<u>2000</u> :	China (US\$2,000), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a second contribution of US\$2,000), and Peru (US\$2,000);
<u>2001</u> :	Egypt (US\$2,000), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a third contribution of US\$2,000), South Africa (US\$3,000), and Singapore (a second contribution of US\$2,000);
<u>2002</u> :	United Republic of Tanzania (US\$5,000), Cyprus (a second contribution of US\$3,000), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a fourth contribution of US\$2,000), Thailand (a second contribution of US\$2,290), and Egypt (a second contribution of US\$2,000);
<u>2003</u> :	Indonesia (US\$2,000), Kuwait (US\$3,000), Cyprus (a third contribution of US\$2,775), South Africa (a second contribution of US\$6,765), and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a fifth contribution of US\$2,000);
<u>2004</u> :	Qatar (US\$10,000), Thailand (a third contribution of US\$2,000), Brazil (US\$2,000), Algeria (a second contribution of US\$10,000), Venezuela (one US\$ 1 million contribution to the core capital of PGTF and four contributions of US\$5,000 each), and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a sixth contribution of US\$ 2,000);
<u>2005</u> :	Algeria (a third contribution of US\$10,000), Namibia (US\$1,000), Islamic Republic of Iran (a second and a third contribution of US\$10,000 each), South Africa (a third contribution of US\$8,188), Venezuela (a sixth contribution of US\$5,000), and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a seventh contribution of US\$ 2,000);

28. In summary, up to 31 July 2006, PGTF has received forty-eight (48) contributions from twentytwo (22) developing countries. The total amount of contributions received is US\$1,190,019, which includes the first contribution (US\$ 1 million) to its core capital made by Venezuela. A breakdown of the contributions by size is as follows:

	<u>Number of</u> <u>countries</u>	<u>Number of</u> contributions	<u>Contributions</u> (US\$)
Smaller contributions			
(up to US\$ 5,000)	18	38	95,065
Larger contributions			
(more than US\$ 5,000)	5	9	94,954
Contributions to PGTF core			
capital	_1	<u> </u>	1,000,000
TOTAL	22(*)	48	1,190,019

(*) Some countries have made both smaller and larger contributions

29. The Committee also noted with satisfaction that ten developing countries, namely the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (seven separate contributions); Venezuela (six contributions); Algeria (four contributions), Cyprus, Islamic Republic of Iran, Singapore, South Africa and Thailand (three contributions each); Brazil and Egypt (two contributions each) have made multiple contributions to PGTF and invited other countries to follow this encouraging initiative.

30. As indicated in paragraphs 15-20 of the report of the special meeting held in June 2003, the Committee recommended two mutually supportive approaches to enlist contributions from member countries of the Group of 77, namely (i) to continue requesting small contributions (i.e., a notional

amount of US\$2,000) from all member countries as a sign of the commitment of the largest possible number; and (ii) to request larger contributions from member countries in a position to contribute more.

31. The effort for enlisting larger contributions was launched in mid-2003, and member countries were invited by the Chairman of the Group of 77 to announce contributions on the occasion of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities that was held in New York in November 2003. During the 2003 Conference, three member countries pledged contributions to PGTF.

32. Following this first encouraging experience, the Group of 77 sought a permanent arrangement that is now in effect, since PGTF has been included in the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/220 of 23 December 2003. During the 2004 Conference, three member countries pledged contributions to PGTF.

33. The Doha Plan of Action, adopted by the Second South Summit, held in Doha from 12 to 16 June 2005 welcomed the progress made so far by PGTF in support of South-South cooperation and called upon member countries, as well as the United Nations system to support the expansion of PGTF resources through regular contributions at the annual Pledging Conference.

34. In this connection, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jamaica, past Chairman of the Group of 77, sent in September 2005 a personal letter to fellow Ministers with an appeal for contributions to PGTF resources. During the 2005 Pledging Conference, four member countries pledged contributions to PGTF.

35. In the light of the sizeable reduction in interest rates in recent years, contributions have become critical in supplementing interest earnings and thus partially preserving the responsiveness of PGTF to the growing needs for supporting South-South cooperation. As indicated in the table below, in 2004 and 2005 contributions respectively increased by 25 and 46 percent the availability of resources provided by interest earnings of the initial core capital, and up to late-July 2006 they have increased it by 33 percent. It should be noted that more contributions might be forthcoming during the rest of the year since PGTF has received five pledges still to be paid from five member countries for a total of US\$ 31,000.

36. Impact of contributions made to PGTF on the availability of resources in the last five years has been as follows:

Impact of new contributions					
	2002	<u>2003</u>	2004	2005	2006
Total number of new contributions	5	5	10	8	3
Small and larger contributions (US\$) Interest from US\$ 1 million contribution	14,300	16,600	46,000	56,200	32,000 (*)
to core capital (US\$)			2,500	<u>39,000</u>	43,000
SUB-TOTAL (US\$)	14,300	16,600	48,500	95,200	75,000
Interest earnings for initial core capital of US\$ 5 million (US\$)	212,000	176,000	192,500	208,700	227,000
TOTAL (US\$)	216,300	192,600	241,000	303,900	302,000
New contributions as percentage of interest earnings of initial core capital (%)	7	9	25	46	33

(*) January-July 2006

(b) <u>Increase of the yield of the PGTF portfolio</u>

37. Bearing in mind that preservation of the PGTF core resources should be the paramount consideration when exploring investment options, investment strategies have aimed at taking the best advantage of prevailing market conditions at any given moment. In 2003, following a request by the Committee of Experts, the UNDP Investment Committee approved that up to 20 percent of the PGTF portfolio could be invested in securities issued by supranational and government agencies with up to ten year maturities so as to increase returns. This led to the purchase of longer-term securities (maturing in 2013 and 2014), which represented by late-July 2006 15 percent of PGTF portfolio. On the contrary, in 2006 only short-term securities should be envisaged as investment options due to the fact that short-term interest rates are higher than longer term ones.

38. In addition, new UNDP rules and regulations allow investing in high-quality corporate securities, which could have higher yields than instruments traditionally utilized. This option is still to be fully explored and implemented.

(c) <u>Increase of the multiplier effect of PGTF resources through co-financing with other institutions</u>

39. The Committee recommended that consultations and discussions currently underway with institutions interested in co-financing projects with the PGTF be continued. In addition to the case-by-case approach that stems from guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF, which requires that all proposals submitted to PGTF should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF, efforts have been made to achieve more structured agreements with some institutions, aimed at providing continuity to co-financing activities.

40. In this context, the Committee welcomed the approval in January 2006 by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) of a contribution of US\$ 200,000 to PGTF activities. The agreement prepared to this end has two-year duration and IFAD would disburse US\$ 100,000 each year on the basis of an annual work plan to be prepared by PGTF and submitted to IFAD for approval. Operating details are still under discussion aimed at finalization and signature of the agreement in 2006.

Operating arrangements

41. The Committee examined the operating arrangements of PGTF and agreed to undertake actions in two areas, namely (a) to prepare a brochure for disseminating information on PGTF, and (b) to develop a logo of PGTF.

42. The brochure would be prepared in the context of the twentieth anniversary of PGTF operations, and would be designed to disseminate information on the Fund's activities and serve as a promotional tool. On the other hand, the logo would be aimed at providing PGTF with a distinctive image and serve also as a promotional tool. The Committee agreed to put in place a suitable process for developing the logo.

43. Preservation of PGTF files as well as enhancing accessibility to PGTF documents requires digitalization of a large number of paper-based materials currently stored in the Office of the Chairman premises. This activity would be carried out in collaboration with the Office of the Chairman and, in order to support this activity, the Committee recommended that related expenses be funded from project INT/00/K08, which has a provision to this end, following consultations with the Chairman of the Committee of Experts.

Institutional framework of PGTF

44. The Committee had before it a letter from the Chairman of the Group of 77, in connection with initiatives aimed at mobilizing resources for PGTF activities. In his letter, the Chairman referred to formalities required by some institutions interested in collaborating with PGTF in the context of consultations aimed at preparing and signing framework agreements with PGTF. The Chairman noted that one of the main reasons behind these requirements was the distinctive institutional nature of PGTF, and also noted that the problems did not reside in the substance of these agreements since it corresponded to the basic activity that PGTF had been successfully performing during the past twenty years, i.e. to provide support to South-South cooperation projects. In particular, the Chairman requested the Committee to examine the matter and make recommendations aimed at strengthening the institutional nature of PGTF.

45. The Committee examined the mandate of PGTF and its main activities and functions from two different viewpoints: its institutional nature and its operating procedures.

46. The bases for both its structure and operations are contained in General Assembly resolution 38/201, which provides for the establishment of the Fund by channeling allocated resources through the UNDP, and for its operations by deciding that allocation of resources to ECDC/TCDC activities should be made in accordance with the priorities set by the developing countries.

47. Therefore, from an institutional viewpoint, PGTF is a trust fund managed by the UNDP in accordance with its financial rules and regulations. From a decision-making viewpoint, PGTF is managed by the Group of 77 through a Committee of Experts, constituted by six members representing the three regions of the Group, and entrusted with the task of selecting projects and recommending allocation of resources to be approved by the Annual Ministerial Meetings of the Group. The framework for the decision-making is provided by the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, which have been amended and improved over time by the Committee of Experts and endorsed by several Annual Ministerial Meetings of the Group.

48. The Committee of Experts was originally established to examine project proposals submitted to PGTF and prepare a list of projects recommended for approval by the ministerial meetings of the Group of 77. However, following the operating needs of the Fund and specific requests by the Group of 77, the role of the Committee has in practice evolved to encompass a wide range of activities, including monitoring of PGTF portfolio, follow-up of the implementation of approved projects, improvement of the guidelines and operating procedures, and mobilization of resources. In this context, the Chairman of the Committee of Experts has been called upon to perform many of these activities and to be the representative of PGTF in its relations with other institutions. All activities of the Committee are carried out in such a way as to ensure that operating costs are kept at the bare minimum.

49. It should be noted that throughout the years PGTF has successfully carried out its activities and has supported 157 projects, with a total allocation of US\$ 9.2 million. Even though PGTF was not initially designed to mobilize resources beyond the utilization of interest accrued on the initial core resources, it has been successful in mobilizing additional resources, mainly through contributions from member countries of the Group (which amount to US\$ 1.2 million) and co-financing with other institutions on a case-by-case basis (which amount to US\$ 2.1 for every US\$ 1 of PGTF resources). This has become a compelling endeavor as a result of the reduction in available resources due to lower interest rates and increased demand for support due to a wider knowledge of PGTF and its potential.

50. However, efforts aimed at expanding the scope of co-financing activities under longer-term arrangements require preparation and signature of framework agreements with interested institutions. These agreements would go beyond the case-by-case approach and increase the multiplier effect of PGTF

resources. PGTF should make in this regard the necessary adjustments in order to be able to enter into agreements when and as required.

51. To this end, the Committee felt that it would be advisable to designate, as soon as possible, a PGTF representative empowered to be the signatory of agreements with other institutions. The Committee identified two specific options and examined their merits and shortcomings, as outlined in the following paragraphs.

52. The first option would be that the Chairman of the Group of 77 undertakes personally to be the representative of PGTF. Even though the Chairman, because of his position, is the natural representative of the Group for all relevant matters, this would add an additional burden to the already heavy and delicate responsibilities of the Chairman and might create a conflict between his overall monitoring responsibilities vis-à-vis PGTF and his direct involvement in PGTF operations.

53. The second option would be to appoint a representative of PGTF. While several modalities for identification and appointment of this representative might be envisaged, the Committee was of the view that the best immediate choice would be to appoint the Chairman of the Committee of Experts as representative of PGTF. This would in fact be recognition of the responsibilities that the Committee of Experts, in general, and its Chairman, in particular, have been discharging for many years and would ensure that the representative is familiar with all matters relevant to PGTF and deeply involved in its operations.

54. Some variations to this second option might also be envisaged, such as appointing as PGTF representative a past Chairman of the Committee of Experts in order to take advantage of accumulated experience and proven commitment to PGTF activities, but in any case the Committee felt that it is fundamental that the appointee is issued from the ranks of the Committee, has a deep knowledge and experience regarding PGTF activities as well as a good working relationship with the members of the Committee.

55. In order to make operational this option, it would be necessary to formalize, by amending the guidelines, the expanded roles and responsibilities of the Committee of Experts and of its Chairman, who would become also Chairman of PGTF.

56. The Committee also considered that the performance of this arrangement should be reviewed in two (2) years in order to make appropriate adjustments, in particular in the light of the existing potential for mobilizing additional resources for PGTF activities and co-financing opportunities with interested institutions.

57. Finally, in order to be able to finalize the agreement currently under discussion with IFAD, which has approved a US\$ 200,000 grant to support PGTF activities, the Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Committee of Experts be empowered by the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 to finalize and sign this agreement. To this end, a practical solution would be that the Chairman of the Committee be immediately appointed as Chairman of PGTF, albeit on an interim basis until the review referred to in the previous paragraph takes place.

Guidelines for utilization of PGTF resources

58. In order to facilitate participation of all members in its meetings, the Committee recommended that the relatively narrow window established in guideline B(h), which requires that the regular meeting of the Committee takes place in the second half of July of each year, be expanded. To this end, the Committee recommended widening this window from two to six weeks and being able to hold the regular

meeting at any time from early July to mid-August. This would ensure that the report of the Committee is circulated by the Chairman of the Group of 77 to Governments at least one month in advance of the next ministerial meeting of the Group, as required by guideline C(a).

59. The Committee recommended to amend guideline B(h), which would read as follows:

"In order to identify a uniform project cycle and ensure full participation of its members, the regular meeting of the Committee of Experts should take place between 1 July and 15 August of each year, and if necessary the Chairman of the Group of 77, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee of Experts of the PGTF, will convene an extraordinary meeting of the Committee"

Survey of the impact of PGTF

60. 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 58 of the 92 PGTF-supported projects that have been completed. A summary of the results of the survey is presented in Annex III of this report.

III. CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

61. The Committee had before it nineteen (19) project proposals submitted before the established deadline of 30 April 2006 to avail of the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) A review of TCDC/ECDC: Three decades of policies and implementation procedures focusing on the coordination, integration, partnership, ownership (NEX), impact and long term sustainability with assessment of the adequacy of technical assistance input from both North and South
- (2) Training and preparation of youth for democratic sustenance leadership and for professional manpower development through mentoring
- (3) Building national Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) capacity of developing countries to effectively harness small hydro power
- (4) International cooperation of computational intelligence study and research exchange in city informatization management
- (5) Training and transfer of sea buckthorn technology to enhance the sustainable development of developing countries
- (6) Training of Experts of Standardization and Metrology of Developing Countries
- (7) Training of maize breeding experts for the effective use of maize genetic resources in developing countries
- (8) Enhanced diagnostic capacity and control measures of some trans-boundary animal diseases with emphasis on pathology and epidemiology of Johne's disease and Para-tuberculosis in Jordan, Egypt and Algeria
- (9) Training course in mosaic restoration
- (10) Strengthening of the international cooperation units of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador through utilization of instruments and procedures established in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness
- (11) First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions

- (12) Deployment of information retrieval systems towards Mercosur integration on WTO information related to technical barriers to trade
- (13) Developing strategic interregional partnerships in the field of science and technology
- (14) Environmentally friendly integrated production of sugar and by-products
- (15) Exchange of strategies on awareness, communication, and implementation of activities for inert solid waste treatment, environment and food security by improving their management from the onset and reducing socio-economic expenses through international cooperation
- (16) International youth leadership training for promotion of South-South cooperation 3rd Study Sessions and Training
- (17) Amazon-Mekong rivers basins cooperation
- (18) Sustainable rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge in developing countries Human resource development and technology transfer
- (19) Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experiences as a basis for implementing the "Red de Tecnologias Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM) – Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies"

62. The following three (3) proposals were received after the established deadline of 30 April 2006 and were not considered by the Committee at this meeting:

- (1) Cliq master computer skills master programme proposal (Zimbabwe)
- (2) Lupane coal bed master development (Zimbabwe)
- (3) Upstream technology for downstream application: Productive, smut and stunt resistant Napier grass for improved food security of smallholder dairy farmers in East and Central Africa (Kenya)

63. According to the recommendation of the Committee at its twentieth meeting in 2005 (cf. paragraph 46 of the Committee's report), the Office of the Chairman should request the submitting entities to resubmit these late proposals, in their original form or updated as appropriate, for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

<u>Project proposal No. 1 - A review of TCDC/ECDC: Three decades of policies and implementation</u> procedures focusing on the coordination, integration, partnership, ownership (NEX), impact and long term sustainability with assessment of the adequacy of technical assistance input from both North and South

64. The Kogi State Government of Nigeria submitted directly the proposal, to be implemented by the AgriGrowth Foundation from Abuja, Nigeria and Ms. Victoria Taiwo Obasaju-Ayo. Participating countries would be Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

65. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a review of TCDC/ECDC projects carried implemented from 1978 to date in order to assess the status of coordination, integration, partnership, ownership of both the policies and implementation procedures, impact and long-term sustainability with assessment of the adequacy of technical assistance input from both North and South. In particular, the project aims at (a) identifying gaps in technological transfer and making recommendations on findings to improve coordination, ownership and overall project effectiveness, and (b) reviewing evaluations conducted that are relevant to TCDC/ECDC at the country level by UNDP, FAO, USAID, DFID, EU, GTZ, Missions and other agencies to prevent duplication of

efforts and achieve more integration, application and relevance of recommendations by diverse stakeholders at all levels in the TCDC/ECDC countries and by bilateral agencies, NGOs, CBOs, CSOs and missions project.

66. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a three (3) year period, is estimated at US\$185,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$40,000 per annum, as indicated in the summary pages of the proposal. This implies that total contribution requested would be US\$ 120,000 for the implementation period, but it is not clearly stated in the text of the proposal. In addition, the Committee noted that detailed budget figures in the proposal are inconsistent and could not be reconciled with the summary figures presented.

67. The Committee considered that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF, since the supporting documentation contains no written endorsements by potential beneficiary countries. In addition, it was not possible to verify compliance with guideline A(m), which establishes that inputs from other sources should be of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF. If the contribution requested is US\$ 40,000 per annum, i.e. a total of US\$ 120,000, as indicated in the summary pages of the proposal and total project cost is US\$ 185,000, inputs from other sources would amount to US 65,000 and the matching funds condition would not be fulfilled.

68. The Committee considered that since this proposal does not comply with guideline A(f) and may not in addition comply with guideline A(m) it should be considered as eligible for funding. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

<u>Project proposal No.2 -</u> *Training and preparation of youth for democratic sustenance leadership and for professional manpower development through mentoring*

69. AfriGrowth Foundation, from Abuja, Nigeria and Ms. Victoria Taiwo Obasaju-Ayo submitted directly the proposal. Participating countries would be Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

70. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at (a) strengthening youth participation in democratic sustenance and improving their professional competence to enhance employment in high skilled jobs to improve national economic status, promote partnership and investment, and (b) reducing by 50 percent the share of youth unprepared ness in employments that require special skills and experience through mentoring of youth to develop their technical know how and interpersonal skills and through exposure to participatory learning procedures of Shared Educating and Learning for Life (S.E.L.L.).

71. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a three (3) year period, is estimated at US\$125,000, and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$45,000. No breakdown of costs or detailed budgets was provided in the supporting documentation.

72. The Committee noted that this proposal was incomplete. It lacks a work plan and detailed budget figures. In addition, the proposal does not comply with guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF, which requires that written endorsement by potential participants or beneficiaries be included in the proposal. Therefore it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project.

73. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

<u>Project proposal No.3 -</u> Building national Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) capacity of developing countries to effectively harness small hydro power

74. The International Center of Small Hydropower (ICSHP), based in Hangzhou, China, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations. Participating countries would be Argentina, China, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.

75. Small hydropower constitutes a proven, clean and environmentally benign source of energy, suited to meeting both the electricity demand of non-electrified communities as well as national needs in a clean and renewable way. The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change constitutes an ideal tool to channel foreign funding to enable the development of small hydropower projects in developing countries, contributing to emission reductions as well as the sustainable development of the host country.

76. According to the text of proposal, the aim of the project is to examine the reasons behind the uneven development of the CDM and provide governments of participating countries with a blueprint for enhancing CDM and using it to promote small hydropower development. Such barriers differ among countries but include: (a) lack of knowledge and experience in developing small hydropower projects; (b) lack of appropriate technology; (c) lack of knowledge in exploiting or upgrading existing water resource and hydropower projects; (d) absence of institutional arrangements for CDM; (e) lack of knowledge about CDM and its financing mechanism; and (f) lack of experience in successfully developing small hydropower CDM projects.

77. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months is estimated at US\$85,360. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$35,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Activity	Total cost (US\$)
Consultation mission (Africa)	15,600
Consultation mission (Latin America)	13,800
Training course at ICSHP headquarters	29,360
Dissemination and promotion of CD technology	26,600
Total	85,360

78. A breakdown of the contribution requested to PGTF is as follows:

	Total	contribution (U S\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
International travel	18,000	(*)	(*)
Training	12,000	(*)	(*)
Other	5,000	(*)	(*)
Other	-	(*)	(*)
Total	35,000	50,360	85,360

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

79. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of

PGTF and that US\$ 33,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>one single</u> tranche.

<u>Project proposal No. 4 -</u> International cooperation of computational intelligence study and research exchange in city informatization management

80. The Tongji University based in Shanghai, China and the Shanghai Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization submitted this proposal through the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Malaysia, Turkey, and Viet Nam.

81. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to construct a platform for improving academic and applied research exchange among developing countries in their city informatization process. The projects aims at developing a research information exchange mechanism and a typical city informatization strategy useful for cities in developing countries, in particular due to the fact that there are some special features and needs from cities in developing countries which are different from those from cities in developed countries.

82. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in a two-year (2) period, is estimated at US\$85,000. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$35,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total	contribution (US\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	6,000	(*)	(*)
Travel	4,000	(*)	(*)
Training	15,000	(*)	(*)
Equipment	5,000	(*)	(*)
Other	5,000	(*)	(*)
Total	35,000	50,000	85,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

83. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 30,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>two</u> tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

<u>Project proposal No. 5 -</u> Training and transfer of sea buckthorn technology to enhance the sustainable development of developing countries

84. The International Center for Research and Training on Sea Buckthorn (ICRTS), based in Beijing, China submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be India, Mongolia, Nepal, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine.

85. Sea buckthorn is a nitrogen-fixing pioneer plant growing on poor sandy soils, which has been known and utilized by humans for centuries. Major benefits of the plant lie in the richness of bioactive compounds, its potential for pharmaceutical applications and the opportunity for providing additional

income in remote rural areas. During the past twenty years, major developments in sea buckthorn technologies have been attained in the world, in particular in China, Russia and Europe. However, many developing countries still stand in the primary stage.

86. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to provide training to some ten (10) experts (managers and researchers) from participating countries in advanced sea buckthorn technologies, including cultivation and harvesting, breeding, processing, product development, marketing and commercialization. Experts would also visit China's ecological engineering facilities, factories and products. Trained experts would be in a position to bring these technologies to their own countries and promote development of sea buckthorn.

87. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a one (1) year period, is estimated at US\$ 75,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 35,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total	contribution (U S\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Training (holding of two 2-week workshops)	35,000	-	35,000
Documentation (Compilation of data and preparation of training materials)	-	40,000	40,000
Total	35,000	40,000	75,000

88. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 32,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>one single tranche</u>.

Project proposal No. 6 - Training of Experts of Standardization and Metrology of Developing Countries

89. The State Administration for Quality Management, based in Pyongyang City, Democratic People's Republic of Korea submitted the proposal through the National Coordinating Committee for UNDP of the DPR of Korea. Other participating countries would be Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nepal.

90. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to establish a system of standardization and metrology appropriate for the specific situations of participating countries and provide training to some 60 to 70 experts (20 to 25 per participating country) in the field in order to further develop standardization and metrology based on the principle of collective self-reliance.

91. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$81,000. Contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 40,000. A breakdown of the total cost is a follows:

	Total co	ontribution	(US\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Survey and analysis of standardization and metrology activities and preparation of the workshop	(*)	(*)	54,000
Training workshop (includes travel and per diems)	(*)	(*)	27,000
Total	40,000	41,000	81,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

92. The Committee noted that a project on the same subject (cf. INT/99/K02) was submitted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in 1999 and approved by the Committee. Even though the present proposal refers to the same subject it should be noted that project INT/99/K02 was completed in May 2001. According to guideline B(f) for utilization of PGTF resources there is no obstacle to the consideration of a new proposal on the same subject provided that the previous one has been completed.

93. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 30,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>one single tranche</u>.

<u>Project proposal No. 7 -</u> Training of maize breeding experts for the effective use of maize genetic resources in developing countries

94. The Academy of Agricultural Sciences, based in Pyongyang City, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, submitted the proposal through the National Coordinating Committee for UNDP of the DPR of Korea. Other participating countries would be Ethiopia, Guinea, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

95. The low yield of maize in developing countries is due to the shortage of elite maize varieties and scientific maize cultivation techniques. Maize crops have a great potential for a higher yield per hectare in African countries. The most effective and feasible way to increase maize production in developing countries is to pursue the green revolution for the improvement of maize varieties and apply scientific maize growing techniques to the production. In parallel, scientific breeding and cultivation systems suited to the local conditions should be established so as to ensure a sustainable maize production.

96. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to make the participating countries cooperate among themselves on the basis of the principle of collective self-reliance, establish the breeding system and methodology suitable to the actual conditions of each country and train the technical talent on maize breeding with a view to contributing to solve the food problems of these countries. The project would enable participating countries to: (a) collect maize resources in a wide and systematic way, (b) evaluate their characteristics, (c) share the results, and (d) make common use of maize germ plasma to make a breeding programme of high economic effectiveness and stability.

97. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$82,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$40,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total c	ontribution	(US\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Survey and analysis of maize research and production activities and preparation of the workshop	(*)	(*)	54,000
Training workshop (includes travel and per diems)	(*)	(*)	28,000
Total	40,000	42,000	82,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

98. The Committee noted that a project on the same subject (cf. INT/02/K01) was submitted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in 2001 and approved by the Committee. Even though the present proposal refers to the same subject it should be noted that two of the four participating countries had not been part of the previous project and that project INT/02/K01 was completed in August 2003. According to guideline B(f) for utilization of PGTF resources there is no obstacle to the consideration of a new proposal on the same subject provided that the previous one has been completed.

99. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 34,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>one single tranche</u>.

<u>Project proposal No. 8 -</u> Enhanced diagnostic capacity and control measures of some trans-boundary animal diseases with emphasis on pathology and epidemiology of Johne's disease and Para-tuberculosis in Jordan, Egypt and Algeria

100. The Faculty of Veterinarian Medicine from the Jordan University of Science and Technology, based in Irbid, Jordan, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Algeria and Egypt.

101. The Johne's disease is a trans-boundary, infectious, incurable and chronically progressive granulomatous enteritis that affects domestic (sheep, goats and cattle) and exotic ruminants. Ruminants become infected as young animals and may remain sub clinically infected for long periods of time before progression to the terminal stage of infection. The disease can be transmitted to humans causing the Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammatory condition affecting any part of the human gastrointestinal tract.

102. Para tuberculosis poses a significant economic and health problem worldwide, especially in the cattle and small ruminants industry. Economic losses occur due to animal culling, lowered milk production, reduced carcass value and poor reproductive performance. This disease is also considered one of the international trade barriers, as many countries require that imported animals should be free of the disease.

103. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to demonstrate, through discussion and presentation, inmuno-histochemistry as an effective technique for improving diagnosis and benefiting animal health, public health, and trade in the Middle Eastern and North African region. In particular, the project aims at: (a) enabling the sharing of expertise on animal disease diagnosis among the participating countries; (b) facilitating transfer of knowledge and new diagnosis techniques related to animal diseases with emphasis on Johne's disease; (c) exchanging information on the prevalence and status of Johne's disease in the region; (d) increasing the human resource capacity in the laboratories for animal diseases diagnosis with reference to Johne's disease; (e) increasing the awareness

of farmers and animal scientists about the epidemiology and public health concerns of Johne's disease and Avian influenza H5N1; (f) enhancing communication between and among scientists and veterinarians in the ministries of agriculture; and (g) producing a proceeding regarding the status of Johne's disease and Avian influenza in the region.

104. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in ten (10) months, is estimated at US\$85,000, the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$40,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows

	Total	contribution (US\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	14,000	6,000	20,000
Travel and per diems	4,000	2,000	6,000
Training	10,000	-	10,000
Equipment and materials	8,000	6,000	14,000
Documentation	-	5,000	5,000
Other	4,000	26,000	30,000
Total	40,000	45,000	85,000

105. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 33,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>one single tranche</u>.

Project proposal No. 9 - Training course in mosaic restoration

106. The Department of Antiquities of Jordan submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Palestine and Syrian Arab Republic.

107. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to share the effort of protecting and enhancing the rich cultural heritage of the region, which is mostly neglected and in risk of disappearance. Local populations are not aware of their heritage and there are few specialists to take care of it. Specific objectives of the project are: (a) to train local youth in the preservation of cultural resources, giving them an opportunity of improving their cultural knowledge of the region; (b) to safe from abandon and neglect important cultural and historical remains, conducting restoration activities on a selected group of ancient mosaics; (c) to exchange life experience, allowing young people to move in the region and to neighboring countries; and (d) to build awareness among local population on the importance of preserving cultural heritage. The project involves training of twelve youth from participating countries.

108. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in six (6) months, is estimated at US\$80,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$40,000. No breakdown of the total cost or detailed budget figures was provided in the supporting documentation.

109. The Committee found that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources. In this regard, participants should provide written evidence of their interest in being part of the project and the supporting documentation provided

to the Committee only contained a letter of endorsement from Syrian Arab Republic. Therefore, the project would have two participants and this does not comply with guideline A(g), which requires a minimum of three (3) participating countries for a proposal to be eligible for funding.

110. The Committee therefore recommended that this project proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

<u>Project proposal No. 10 -</u> Strengthening of the international cooperation units of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador through utilization of instruments and procedures established in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

111. The Secretariat of Planning and Programming of the Presidency of Guatemala submitted the proposal. Other participating countries would be El Salvador and Honduras.

112. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of participating countries to coordinate international cooperation more efficiently and effectively, through the full utilization of commitments made at the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. The project includes: (a) internships of six (6) officers from international cooperation units of participating countries in developing countries having successful experiences in coordinating international cooperation; and (b) a regional seminar aimed at providing information on recent international agreements on international cooperation for middle-income developing countries and on methodologies to prepare strategic plans.

113. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in five (5) months, is estimated at US\$40,000, the totality of which is the contribution requested from PGTF. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total	contribution (US\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	8,000	-	8,000
Internships	15,000	-	15,000
Travel	6,000	-	6,000
Accommodation	5,000	-	5,000
Other	6,000	-	6,000
Total	40,000	0	40,000

114. The Committee found that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF. Even though the beneficiary countries are identified in the proposal, the supporting documentation contains no written evidence of their interest in participating as required by the guidelines. In addition, the proposal contains no inputs from other sources and therefore does not comply with guideline A(m), which requires that inputs from other sources should be of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

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

<u>Project proposal No. 11 -</u> First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions

116. The Department of Science, Technology and Environment of the Pernambuco state Government (Brazil) submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations. The proposal indicates that 15 specialists in the biosphere reserves of semi-arid regions would attend the international seminar, but it does not contain a complete list of participating countries. However, endorsement letters from China, Egypt, Jordan, Mexico and Morocco are included in the supporting documentation.

117. Arid and semi-arid regions are characterized by a climate with no or insufficient rainfall to sustain agricultural production. These regions are mostly placed in densely populated developing countries. The Middle East, Pakistan, Northwest and South India, Northern China, Central Asia, Africa and Northeast Brazil are among these regions.

118. Despite sharing common characteristics, a lack of integration is observed among the Biosphere Reserves of Semi-Arid region, mainly in the following aspects: (a) scientific knowledge production and research aimed at biodiversity, sustainability and conservation; (b) integrated programmes for promoting the rational use of natural resources; and (c) environmental education programmes.

119. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to hold an international seminar to identify common challenges to be tackled by the biosphere reserves managers through future actions of technical cooperation. The seminar would serve to define a group of projects and priority actions to be developed aimed at the conservation, sustainable development and logistic support for the biosphere reserves of semi-arid regions.

120. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one (1) month, is estimated at US\$80,000. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$40,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total o	contribution	n (US\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel	26,000	-	26,000
Per diems	10,000	-	10,000
Local transportation	4,000	-	4,000
Infrastructure, equipment and local personnel	-	40,000	40,000
Total	40,000	40,000	80,000

121. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 35,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>one single tranche</u>.

<u>Project proposal No. 12 -</u> Deployment of information retrieval systems towards Mercosur integration on WTO information related to technical barriers to trade

122. The National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO) from Brazil submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

123. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to optimize accessibility of information on technical regulations notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) under the scope of

the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement through the improvement of the current system called *"Sistema Alerta Exportador"*. In particular, the project aims at: (a) reducing information treatment delays from 6 to 1 day on the information dissemination process, so as to meet the deadlines established by the WTO to present comments related to technical regulation proposals notified to TBT Agreement aiming at elimination of technical barriers; and (b) increasing by 30 percent the number of the system's users in the next two years (2007-2008).

124. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$120,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$50,000. A breakdown of the project costs is as follows:

		Total co	ntribution (U	S\$)	
Item	PGTF (1 st year)	PGTF (2 nd year)	PGTF (total)	Other	Total
Travel	9,000	13,000	22,000	(*)	(*)
Per diems	7,500	15,500	23,000	(*)	(*)
Documentation	1,000	2,000	3,000	(*)	(*)
Other	1,000	1,000	2,000	(*)	(*)
Total	18,500	31,500	50,000	70,000	120,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

125. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 30,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>two</u> <u>tranches</u>, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely submission of substantive and financial reports.

<u>Project proposal No. 13 -</u> Developing strategic interregional partnerships in the field of science and technology

126. SaferAfrica a non-profit non-governmental organization based in Pretoria, South Africa and the Embassy of Argentina to South Africa submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations. There is no specific indication of participating countries, but the supporting documentation indicates that participants would come from Mercosur and SADC (Southern Africa Development Community) member countries.

127. According to the text of the proposal, the main objective of the project is to identify the potential of cooperation in the fields of science and technology between the institutions related to these matters in two regions of the South, the one formed by Mercosur member countries and the other formed by SADC (Southern Africa Development Community) member countries. The first phase will include the creation of a forum to be launched in a Southern African regional workshop of research institutions and senior government officials that are policy makers in the field of science and technology. Counterparts from Mercosur countries will be invited. The objective of the workshop will be to begin the development of strategic partnerships among participant institutions, focusing on science and technology for development. Following identification of these partnerships, additional resources would be mobilized by the implementing agency.

128. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in ten (10) months, is estimated at US\$80,000. Contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$40,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total	contribution (US\$)
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel	15,000	(*)	(*)
Accommodation and meals	15,000	(*)	(*)
Website	5,000	(*)	(*)
Reporting and publication	5,000	(*)	(*)
Total	40,000	40,000	80,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

129. The Committee considered that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF. Even though some beneficiary countries are identified in the proposal, the supporting documentation contains no written evidence of their interest in participating in the project.

130. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 14 - Environmentally friendly integrated production of sugar and by-products

131. The National University of Tucuman based in Tucuman, Argentina submitted the proposal, with the endorsement of the Government of Argentina. Other participating countries would be Brazil, Cuba, and Mexico.

132. According to the text of proposal, the objective of the project is to develop methodologies and software tools for process analysis in both sugar and sugar by-product industries with a view to: (a) reducing fresh water consumption by identifying optimal water reusing policies; (b) reducing waste water, not only through reusing policies but also by selecting best treatment activities; (c) getting optimal flow sheets from a techno-economic standpoint by studying the main stages of the process; (d) diagnosing process flaws and proposing corrective actions; and (e) selecting more profitable production patterns (sugar, alcohol, yeast, bagasse, power). Case studies in real plants in Latin American countries would serve as a demonstration on how these studies could be carried on.

133. The sponsors indicated that this project proposal is a follow up of project INT/01/K07 "*Water and energy optimization in sugar and alcohol integrated production*", which was completed in August 2004.

134. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$187,000 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$79,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

		Total co	ontribution (U	J S\$)	
Item	PGTF (1 st year)	PGTF (2 nd year)	PGTF (total)	Other	Total
Personnel	1,000	-	1,000	(*)	(*)
Travel	12,000	12,000	24,000	(*)	(*)
Training	1,500	1,500	3,000	(*)	(*)
Equipment	21,500	21,500	43,000	(*)	(*)
Other	4,000	4,000	8,000	(*)	(*)
Total	40,000	39,000	79,000	108,000	187,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

135. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, the Committee noted that the amount requested exceeds the ceiling established for supporting an individual project in 2006 and that only partial funding could be provided to the project.

136. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 30,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>two tranches</u>, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports

<u>Project proposal No. 15 -</u> Exchange of strategies on awareness, communication, and implementation of activities for inert solid waste treatment, environment and food security by improving their management from the onset and reducing socio-economic expenses through international cooperation

137. The Municipality of Santiago de Surco, Peru, submitted directly the proposal. Other participants would be the Municipalities of Junin, Argentina and Arica, Chile.

138. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to exchange experiences in inert solid waste treatment, environment and food security among the three cities with a view to attaining equitable and sustained development of the region through international cooperation. Proposed activities include sharing of experiences through study missions to each one of the municipalities by officers of the other two.

139. The supporting documentation does not indicate duration of the project. Total cost is estimated at US\$39,600 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$33,600. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel expenses	18,300	-	18,300
Food and accommodation	6,300	-	6,300
Equipment and expendables	9,000	6,000	15,000
Total	33,600	6,000	39,600

140. The Committee recalled guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF resources, which requires that inputs form other sources should be of an amount at least equal to the resources requested form PGTF. In this regard, the maximum contribution that PGTF could provide to this project would be US\$6,000, which is equal to the input from other sources. The Committee therefore considered that it would not be possible to make a meaningful contribution to the project and at the same time comply with guideline A(m).

141. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

<u>Project proposal No. 16 -</u> International youth leadership training for promotion of South-South cooperation -3^{rd} Study Sessions and Training

142. The African Youth Network for Sustainable Development, a regional NGO with consultative status at ECOSOC, submitted directly the proposal. Algeria is the current chairman of this NGO and its executive secretariat is based in Algiers. There is no specific identification of other participating countries, even though the documentation indicates that the project would be patterned after two previous projects with the same title and subject, namely INT/98/07, carried out in Nigeria, and INT/06/K07, carried out in Barbados.

143. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to organize and convene a meeting of youth organizations representatives aimed at (a) engaging youth organizations of the South in the follow up of United Nations world conferences and in support of a strong, equitable and democratic United Nations, and effective participation of the South in United Nations and multilateral processes; and (b) promoting youth initiatives for South-South cooperation for poverty eradication and development , and for reshaping the globalization process in the interest of all peoples.

144. There is no indication of the duration of the project and total cost is estimated at US\$40,000. Contribution requested from PGTF represents the totality of this amount since there is no identification of other sources' contributions, and no breakdown of the total cost was provided.

145. The Committee found that the supporting documentation was incomplete and that a detailed analysis of the various elements of the project could not be carried out. However, on the basis of the limited documentation available the Committee concluded that the proposal is not eligible for a number of reasons, namely (a) the cooperative element of the project could not be ascertained, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF, since there no identification of potential participants nor written evidence of their interest in participating; (b) there are no funds from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF, as required by guideline A(m); and (c) this proposal is a follow up of a previous PGTF-funded project (INT/06/K07), for which the final substantive and financial reports are outstanding and should therefore be considered as still under implementation. Guideline B(f) states that no follow up project would be considered until the previous one is completed.

146. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No.17 - Amazon-Mekong rivers basins cooperation

147. The Executive Director of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), based in Brasilia, Brazil submitted directly the proposal. Participating countries would be the eight members of ACTO (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela) and the four members of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam).

148. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to increase the capacity of the Secretariats and programme staff of both organizations, ACTO and MRC, to achieve their goals by building on the experience of other similar organizations. To this end, the cooperative element of the project consists of an exchange of experiences and capacity building between the two organizations. In addition to institutional strengthening, the project would enable participants to hold in-depth discussions with the technical teams who manage the common programmes of navigation, prevention, natural disaster management and social affairs.

149. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$60,000, the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 30,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	-	3,000	3,000
Travel and per diems	24,000	24,000	48,000
Training	4,000	-	4,000
Equipment	2,000	-	2,000
Other	-	3,000	3,000
Total	30,000	30,000	60,000

150. The Committee noted that the proposal was jointly submitted by the Secretariats of both organizations, but the supporting documentation did not contain evidence of approval from their respective governing bodies (i.e. at the intergovernmental level) and countries involved, as required by guideline A(k) for utilization of PGTF resources.

151. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

<u>Project proposal No. 18 -</u> Sustainable rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge in developing countries – Human resource development and technology transfer

152. The Center for Science & Technology of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Center), based in New Delhi, India, submitted directly the proposal. Participating countries would be Colombia, Cuba, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Sudan, as well as other developing countries in various regions.

153. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at contributing to solve the water shortage problem in conventional water supply systems by means of an integrated effort of rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge. In this regard, capacity building would be achieved through human resource development and technology transfer by (a) preparing regional state-of-the-art reports, and (b) holding a centralized training programme for some 40 professionals from 20 developing countries engaged in implementing relevant schemes that would empower the participants to organize national level training courses to benefit some 2,000 technicians per year.

154. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in thirty-six (36) months, is estimated at US\$ 129,600, the contribution being requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 64,600. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	3,600	9,000	12,600
Apex committee meetings	12,000	12,000	24,000
International workshop	10,000	10,000	20,000
Preparation and publication of	8,000	0	8,000
state-of-the-art reports			
Handbooks and training material	0	4,000	4,000
Travel	0	30,000	30,000
Training, including field visits	20,000	0	20,000
Other	11,000	0	11,000
Total	64,600	65,000	129,600

155. The Committee noted that the supporting documentation did not contain written evidence of the declared interest of or explicit participation in the project by beneficiary countries, as required by guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources. Even though the proposal stated that confirmations were being obtained, none of them was included in the documentation. Another option for complying with this requisite would have been to obtain approval by the governing body of the proposing institution, as established in guideline A(k), but no evidence of such decision was included in the documentation.

156. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should <u>not</u> avail from the financing of PGTF.

<u>Project proposal No. 19 -</u> Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experiences as a basis for implementing the "Red de Tecnologias Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM) – Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies"

157. The proposal was submitted by Fundabitat, a non-governmental organization based in Caracas, Venezuela, and endorsed by the government of Venezuela through the Ministries of Planning and Development and of Science and Technology. Other participating countries would be Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Suriname. The proposal was approved by the governing body of the Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ), which includes all the institutions participating in the project.

158. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to contribute to the knowledge, dissemination and transfer of successful Amazonian experiences with regard to appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies among the member countries of the Amazonian Cooperation Treaty Organization, through the establishment of an Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies (RETAM). In particular, the project aims at (a) systematizing experiences developed in Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Suriname in the field of appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies for a better utilization of the Amazonian habitat so as to facilitate information exchange and technical and scientific cooperation, and (b) establishing an institutional network of researchers, technicians, technologies, projects and

existing services with appropriate Amazonian technologies, so as to facilitate information exchange and cooperation through UNAMAZ.

159. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two (2) year period is estimated at US\$ 132,350. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 40,000. Other contributors include Fundabitat (US\$ 35,000), UNAMAZ (US\$ 25,000), Andean Development Corporation – CAF (US\$ 25,000), Loja National University of Ecuador (US\$ 10,000), University of Guyana (US\$ 10,000), Ucayali National University of Peru (US\$ 10,000), and Anton de Kom University of Suriname (US\$ 10,000). A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	17,000	49,000	66,000
International travel	7,000	10,050	17,050
Sub-contracts	11,000	13,500	24,500
Equipment	3,000	4,000	7,000
Other	2,000	15,800	17,800
Total	40,000	92,350	132,350

160. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 30,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in <u>two</u> tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely presentation of the relevant progress and financial reports.

Budget increase for project INT/00/K08 – "Support to the Committee of Experts – Phase III"

161. The Committee was informed that resources available in project INT/00/K08, which provides support to the work of the Committee of Experts, were almost depleted and that it was necessary to replenish its resources by approving a budget increase. This project was initially established in 1990 with a budget of US\$ 214,800, amount that has since permitted to support the expenditures related to sixteen (16) meetings of the Committee, i.e. a historical average of US\$ 13,500 per meeting for the period 1990-2005. On the basis of actual expenses incurred between 1998 and 2005, the current average cost per meeting of the Committee is US\$ 15,000.

162. In the light of the fact that guideline B(i) for utilization of PGTF resources establishes that expenditures related to participation of the experts in the meetings of the Committee up to a maximum of two meetings per year would be covered by PGTF, it would be necessary to make an initial allocation of US\$ 30,000 to the project (i.e. the average cost of two meetings). Given that the Committee normally holds one meeting per year and only twice has held two meetings in the same year, only half of this amount would be actually spent unless two meetings are held. As a result, additional allocations in subsequent years would normally have to be made for only one meeting (i.e. US\$ 15,000), except in years when two meetings need to be held. This arrangement would result in the replenishment of available resources in the project every year up to the amount needed to fund two meetings per year (i.e. US\$ 30,000).

163. In order to reduce paperwork, the Committee considered that a multiyear budget increase should be made for this project, with the proviso that only expenditures related to a given year could be disbursed

from this increased budget. In this regard, the Committee recommended that the authorized budget of project INT/00/K08 be increased by US\$ 75,000 for a five-year period and that the maximum disbursement in 2007 be US\$ 30,000.

164. The Committee therefore recommended that project INT/00/K08 avail of a budget increase of US\$ 75,000 and that the maximum disbursement in 2007 should be limited to US\$ 30,000.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

165. In summary, the Committee recommended that the following ten (10) 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\$ 347,000. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<u>Project</u>	Title	<u>Allocation</u> (\$US)
(1)	Building national Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) capacity of	(\$03)
(1)	developing countries to effectively harness small hydro power	33,000
(2)	International cooperation of computational intelligence study and research	
	exchange in city informatization management	30,000
(3)	Training and transfer of sea buckthorn technology to enhance the sustainable	
	development of developing countries	32,000
(4)	Training of Experts of Standardization and Metrology of Developing Countries	30,000
(5)	Training of maize breeding experts for the effective use of maize genetic	
	resources in developing countries	34,000
(6)	Enhanced diagnostic capacity and control measures of some trans-boundary	
	animal diseases with emphasis on pathology and epidemiology of Johne's	
	disease and Para-tuberculosis in Jordan, Egypt and Algeria	33,000
(7)	First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions	35,000
(8)	Deployment of information retrieval systems towards Mercosur integration on	
	WTO information related to technical barriers to trade	30,000
(9)	Environmentally friendly integrated production of sugar and by-products	30,000
(10)	Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and	
	alternative energies: Amazonian experiences as a basis for implementing the	
	"Red de Tecnologias Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM) – Amazonian	
	Network of Appropriate Technologies"	30,000
(11)	Budget increase for project INT/00/K08 "Support to the Committee of Experts	
	of PGTF – Phase III"	30,000
	TOTAL	347,000

166. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 2006 amount to approximately US\$ 353,600. This amount includes the projected interest earnings from 1 January to 31 December 2006. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex IV.

167. Given that the combined amounts requested by eligible project proposals (US\$415,000) exceeded resources available (US\$353,600), the Committee undertook a prioritization exercise in order to allocate resources to eligible projects. In this regard, proposals that benefited a larger number of countries or had a wider geographical impact (i.e. interregional vs. sub-regional) were given a larger proportion or even

the totality of requested resources. Comparatively, proposals referring to projects benefiting a smaller number of countries received a smaller proportion of requested resources.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

168. The Committee examined the status of implementation of projects adopted by the 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, held in New York respectively in September 1995, September 1996, September 1998, September 1999, September 2000, November 2001, September 2002, September 2003, September 2004, and September 2005.

169. The following fifteen (15) progress, terminal and financial reports on projects under implementation were made available to the Committee of Experts:

- 1. Final report submitted by the National Center for Persons with Disabilities (NPCD) from Trinidad and Tobago for project INT/96/K02 – "Caribbean Regional Technical Support Programme to Promote the Equalization of Training and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities"
- 2. Finals report submitted by the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) Secretariat for project INT/01/K06 – "Technical assistance and support to the relative less advanced stage of economic development countries in business missions".
- 3. Final report submitted by the Latin American School for Social Sciences (FLACSO) based in Buenos Aires, Argentina for project INT/03/K06 – "Negotiating Trade in Services: Implications for the Andean Community of Nations"
- 4. Final report submitted by the Cuban Research Institute for Sugar Cane By-Products (ICICDA) for project INT/03/K09 "Increase in sugar production by microbiological inhibition of the Leuconostoc spp. and other bacteria (ISPLI)"
- 5. Final report submitted by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) from Karachi, Pakistan for project INT/05/K01 "Training programme for the staff of some African Countries Member Chambers"
- 6. Final report submitted by the Seed Technical Center from the Ministry of Agriculture of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for project INT/05/K02 "Training of Researchers for Seed Production, Processing and Inspection Methods in Developing Countries"
- 7. Final report submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam for project INT/05/K06 – "Strengthening development cooperation for poverty reduction between Viet Nam, Benin, Mozambique and the Republic of Congo"
- 8. Final report submitted by the Islamic Chamber for Commerce and Industry (ICCI) for project INT/06/K06 "Training programme for staff of national chambers of commerce of Middle Eastern countries"
- 9. Financial statement submitted by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York for project INT/00/K08 "Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF-Phase III".
- 10. Progress report submitted by the AL al-Bayt University from Jordan for project INT/01/K03 – "Watershed Management in the Northern Badia region as an example for desert regions".
- 11. Progress report submitted by the AL al-Bayt University from for project INT/03/K11 "Development of water resources in the Badia region as an example of arid regions".
- 12. Progress report and financial statement submitted by the Latin American Economic System (SELA) Permanent Secretariat for project INT/03/K14 -"Strengthening South-South Africa/Asia/Latin America and the Caribbean Cooperation for Economic and Social Integration".

- 13. Progress report submitted by the Research Center of Universidad Católica de Santa María (St. Mary's Catholic University) from Arequipa, Peru for project INT/04/K02 – "Information network to promote strategies of socio-economic development in South American camelids of Andean Countries"
- 14. Progress report submitted by the National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru for project INT/04/K03 "Design of a system of management of used pesticide containers"
- 15. Progress report submitted by the African Regional Center for Technology (ARCT) from Senegal for project INT/04/K06 – "Technology Transfer: assessing needs and promoting action"

170. 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

171. Completed and non-implemented projects could be considered as inactive and their main features are included as reference in Annex II.

A. **Projects under implementation**

172. Forty-five (45) approved projects were being implemented as of the date of the Twenty-First Meeting of the Committee of Experts. This total is the result of forty-two (42) projects that were under implementation during the period between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Committee, plus eleven (11) that started being implemented during this period, minus eight (8) that were completed. Detailed information on the status of these projects is provided below:

(1) ECDC/TCDC Information Support to Group of 77 Chapters (Phase III) – Journal of the Group of 77

173. <u>Submitter</u>: Inter Press Service (IPS) Third World News Agency through the Government of Costa Rica as Chairman of the Group of 77 for 1996. <u>Sub-contractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$51,120 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$45,600 <u>Number</u>: INT/95/K03 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 19th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 29 September 1995) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: 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.

174. Disbursement of US\$25,560 allocated for the first year of the project (1996) was requested from UNDP in September 1996 as follows: US\$20,760 to IPS and US\$4,800 to the Group of 77. The subcontractor and the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 submitted financial statements on project activities undertaken during 1996 on 25 June 1997 and 5 June 1998, respectively. The project provided for publication of 24 issues in a two-year period, starting in 1996. The actual schedule of issues published was: 9 in 1996, 5 in 1997, 5 in 1998, 3 in 1999, 2 in 2000 and 1 in 2001.

175. In mid-January 2001 the UNDP authorized disbursement of the second tranche of US\$25,560. This total includes US\$20,760 to IPS and \$4,800 to the Group of 77. The Office of the Chairman submitted a financial statement to UNDP on 28 December 2001.

176. The Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001) approved a budget increase of US\$24,000 to US\$75,120. On 6 March 2003 UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$19,500 to IPS for the publication of the Journal and US\$4,500 to the Group of 77 for its dissemination.

177. With the support of this budget increase, IPS has published so far ten (10) issues of the Journal out of a scheduled total of twelve (12), the last issue being released in December 2005. The outstanding two issues will be published respectively in September and December 2006.

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

178. Submitter: Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) through the Government of Brazil.
<u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 countries (Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, and Sao Tome and Principe) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$59,300 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$60,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K04 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: 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.

179. Disbursement of a first tranche of US\$29,650 was made through the UNDP Resident Representative in Brazil. A progress report was submitted on 9 June 1998. The Office of the Chairman received on 10 September 1998 a copy of the financial statement of expenditure for the first tranche. Disbursement of the second tranche of US\$26,685 was authorized by UNDP on 12 January 1999.

180. 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.

181. Three reminders requesting submission of progress and financial reports were sent, the last on 18 May 2001. No replies have been received from the subcontractor. The Committee at its seventeenth

meeting recommended that a final notice be sent to FIOCRUZ requesting submission of the outstanding reports before 31 December 2002.

182. No reply has been received from the sub-contractor as of mid-July 2004. The Committee therefore requested UNDP to follow up on this matter with FIOCRUZ and the Government of Brazil. In this regard, the Committee recommended that copies of the relevant communications be sent to the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations.

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

183. Submitter: Foundation for Social Peace of Niger, with endorsement of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Subcontractor: Same as above Priority area: Food and Agriculture Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, and Niger) PGTF input: US\$85,000 Other inputs: US\$659,340 Number: INT/96/K06 Duration: One (1) year Approval: 20th 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 subcontract agreement concluded between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Foundation for Social Peace was signed on 1 March 1997.

184. An initial disbursement of US\$45,000 was made through the UNDP Resident Representative in Niger in May 1997. A financial statement of expenditures for the first tranche was submitted to UNDP by the Organization of the Islamic Conference on 17 June 1997. On 24 June 1997, the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Niger to disburse the second tranche of US\$40,000. The Office of the Chairman received a copy of a progress report on 9 September 1997.

185. 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.

186. The Organization of the Islamic Conference was requested to follow up on the status of the project via fax of 11 May 2001. The Committee recommended at its seventeenth meeting that a final notice be sent to the sub-contractor requesting submission of the outstanding reports before 31 December 2002, and a reminder be sent to the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference with a request to follow up on this matter.

187. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this matter with the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

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

188. <u>Submitter</u>: National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality of Brazil, through the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations
<u>Subcontractor</u>: Centro para Inovaçao e Competitividade (CIC) <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$50,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$70,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K05 <u>Duration</u>: 2 years <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Brazil on 1 June 2000 and by UNDP on 19 May 2000.

189. On 23 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. A request for submission of the progress and financial reports was made on 22 May 2001 and a reminder was sent through the UNDP country office in July 2002.

190. Following a request from the UNDP country office, the Brazilian government followed up on this matter, as indicated in a note dated 25 October 2002. No further information had been received on the status of this project.

191. At its twentieth meeting, the Committee requested UNDP to follow-up again on this matter with the Brazilian government. In this regard, the Committee recommended that copies of the relevant communications be sent to the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations.

192. In response to these many inquiries, the implementing agency informed through the Permanent Mission that the project was not implemented since the authorized funds were not disbursed by the UNDP. On 20 September 2005 the implementing agency informed UNDP that it would not submit a revised project document by the deadline indicated by the UNDP.

193. The Committee noted that five (5) years had elapsed since the signature of the project document and that implementation of the project had not started. Throughout this long period, there was no evidence of any initiative, formal or informal, by the implementing agency to ensure reception of the allocated resources and commence implementation of the project. The Committee therefore concluded that either the implementing agency was no longer interested in implementing the project or this activity carried a low priority in its work programme. The Committee therefore recommended that this project be cancelled immediately and that allocated funds be reverted to PGTF resources.

(5) Technology linkage through sharing and cooperation among developing countries

 <u>Submitter</u>: Asian Alliance of Appropriate Technology Practitioners (Approtech), based in Manila, Philippines
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technology
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Bangladesh, Chile, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$100,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$150,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K10
 <u>Duration</u>: 3 years
 <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of the Philippines on 11 June 1999 and by UNDP on 13 April 2000

195. The UNDP country office in the Philippines was authorized on 29 August 2000 to disburse US\$90,000 to the subcontractor. However, no progress was made on this project in 2000 since no government agency was identified to execute the project. A revised work and financial plan for the project was submitted to the UNDP on 4 December 2000, and following a request from the Government of the Philippines in a letter dated 5 March 2001, Approtech was identified as both the implementing and the executing agency.

196. The UNDP country office disbursed US\$56,000 to the sub-contractor on 29 March 2001. The sub-contractor submitted a progress report and financial statement on 21October 2003, with a request for disbursement of the second tranche of US\$34,000, which was authorized by the UNDP on 13 November 2003.

197. On 14 June 2005 the UNDP sent a request for the outstanding progress and financial reports. Since no reply has been received so far, the Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this matter with the sub-contractor and the UNDP country office in the Philippines.

(6) Sub-regional intellectual property system

 198. <u>Submitter</u>: Andean Community General Secretariat, based in Lima, Peru <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 member countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$50,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$50,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K11 <u>Duration</u>: 2 years <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

199. 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. Two requests for submission of progress reports on the project have been made on 21 September 2000 and 22 March 2001.

200. On 31 July 2003, the Andean Community secretariat informed that the first phase of the project, related to the development of an Andean Trademarks Consultation System, has been completed. The second phase will be aimed at developing interconnecting modules between or among the intellectual property administrations of Bolivia and Ecuador and Venezuela.

201. On 3 June 2004, the Andean Community secretariat requested a modification of the originally approved project activities and a budget revision, in order to carry out the second phase of the project. This revision entails modifications in the various cost items of the project budget within the existing total approved contribution to the project, namely US\$50,000. Other inputs to the project are the contribution by the Andean Community secretariat, which was increased to US\$60,815.

202. The Committee considered that the proposed modification to the project activities, including the budget revision for the second phase, would result in a more meaningful project for the benefit of the participating countries and approved the project activities modification and budget revision. The

Committee requested the Office of the Chairman to inform the Andean Community secretariat and the UNDP of this decision.

203. The Andean Community secretariat submitted in April 2005 a progress report on expenditure incurred so far. The project document was revised in accordance with the Committee's approval and sent on 6 May 2005 to the country office in Peru for implementation and disbursement of the second tranche.

204. The UNDP established an ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for US\$ 22,755 on 27 March 2006.

(7) *Regional remote sensing activities*

205. <u>Submitter</u>: Southern African Development Community (SADC), based in Gaborone, Botswana <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 14 member countries (Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$50,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$400,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K12 <u>Duration</u>: 2 years <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by SADC on 27 October 1999 and by UNDP on 3 January 2000

206. On 23 June 2000 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Botswana to disburse US\$45,000 (90% of the PGTF allocation) to SADC. A request for a submission of progress and financial reports was made on 22 March 2001 and a reminder was sent by the UNDP in July 2002. No further information has been received on the status of this project.

207. At its nineteenth meeting in 2004, the Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this project. On 16 June 2005 the UNDP sent a new request for submission of the outstanding reports to the UNDP country office in Botswana and to SADC. Since no reply has been received so far to these inquiries, the Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this matter.

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

208. <u>Submitter</u>: Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, with headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All 53-member states of the African Union <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$80,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$1,206,690 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K14 <u>Duration</u>: 3 years <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by OAU/AEC on 31 December 1998 and by UNDP on 19 January 1999 209. 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. On 7 June 2001, a request was made for submission of progress report and financial statement and a reminder was sent by the UNDP in July 2002. No further information has been received on the status of this project.

210. At its nineteenth meeting in 2004, the Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this project. On 30 June 2005 the UNDP sent a request for a progress report to the UNDP country office in Ethiopia. Since no reply has been received so far, the Committee requested UNDP to send a reminder on the subject.

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

211. <u>Submitter</u>: Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), based in Lagos, Nigeria <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Trade
<u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 16 member countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo)
<u>PGTF input</u>: US\$100,000
<u>Other inputs</u>: US\$194,000
<u>Number</u>: INT/98/K15
<u>Duration</u>: 1 year
<u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
<u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by ECOWAS secretariat on 29 December 1999 and by UNDP on 3 November 1999.

212. On 26 June 2000, the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Nigeria to disburse the first tranche of US\$50,000 to ECOWAS. On 22 March 2001, a request was made for submission of progress report and financial statement and a reminder was sent by UNDP in July 2002. No further information has been received on the status of this project.

213. At its nineteenth meeting in 2004, the Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this project. On 30 June 2005 the UNDP sent a request for a progress report to the UNDP country office in Nigeria and to ECOWAS. Since no reply has been received so far, the Committee requested to the UNDP to follow up on this matter.

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

<u>Submitter</u>: Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), based in Lusaka, Zambia
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required
 <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 20 member countries (Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$38,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$120,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K04

Duration: Two years.

<u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by UNDP on 9 November 2000 and by the Secretary-General of COMESA on 9 March 2001

215. On 5 July 2001, the UNDP authorized the country office in Zambia to disburse US\$34,200 to COMESA. A request for a progress report and financial statement was sent to the UNDP country office in Zambia and COMESA in July 2002.

216. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this project. An inquiry on the status of the project, progress report and financial statement was sent to UNDP country office in Zambia and to COMESA on 14 June 2005.

217. Following contradictory claims by the UNDP and the implementing institution regarding disbursements of funds, the UNDP country office in Zambia was requested to provide clarifications on the situation. A reminder to this end was sent by the UNDP on 25 July 2006.

(11) Promotion of alternative energy resources in African countries parties to the CCD

218. <u>Submitter</u>: Governments of Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger <u>Subcontractor</u>: NGOs in Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger <u>Priority area</u>: Energy <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, and Niger) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$135,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K12 <u>Duration</u>: One year. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Governments of Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger on 6 June 2000 and by the UNDP on 3 May 2000.

219. On 13 July 2000, the UNDP authorized a disbursement of US\$22,500 to the sub-contractor. Submission of the progress report was requested on 6 April 2001 and a reminder was faxed on 2 May 2001.

220. Reauthorization of 90% disbursement requested to facilitate project implementation. On 29 July 2002, the UNDP office in Namibia disbursed funds to Botswana, Niger and Cameroon. A progress report was received on 14 October 2002.

221. On 21 June 2004 the UNDP sent a request for a progress report and financial statement. A progress report was received on 28 June 2004.

222. Following a request for reports from the UNDP, on 16 June 2005 the UNDP country office in Kenya informed that the NGO in Botswana did not receive the approved funds and that, due to the delay involved, a new authorization from UNDP headquarters was needed in order to make the disbursement to the NGO in Botswana.

223. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that since funds were disbursed to three NGOS (Cameroon, Kenya and Niger), these NGOs should submit progress reports of project activities undertaken so far, and requested the UNDP to forward this request to the country office in Kenya. With regard to project activities in Botswana, the Committee requested that the new

authorization be issued only after a satisfactory update of project activities in this country be prepared and submitted to UNDP.

224. The sub-contractor for Kenya (the NGO Forest Action Network) submitted a progress report on 6 June 2006.

(12) Support to community pilot project in Algeria, Mali and Niger

225. <u>Submitter</u>: Governments of Algeria, Mali and Niger <u>Subcontractor</u>: NGO "CARI" <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Algeria, Mali, and Niger) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$83,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K13 <u>Duration</u>: Three years. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Governments of Algeria, Mali and Niger on 23 April 2001 and by UNDP on 13 April 2000.

226. On 5 July 2001, the UNDP authorized the UNDP country office in Mali to disburse US\$31,500 to the subcontractor. A progress report was received on 14 October 2002.

227. No further information has been received and on 14 June 2005 the UNDP requested again a report on the status of the project. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow on this matter with the UNCCD Secretariat.

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

228. <u>Submitter</u>: Governments of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger <u>Subcontractor</u>: Association Walte Edjef and NGO Tassaght <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$140,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K14 <u>Duration</u>: 3 years <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: 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

229. On 28 June 2000 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Burkina Faso to disburse US\$31,500 (90% of the PGTF contribution) to the project. A request for a progress report was sent on 6 April 2001 and a reminder was faxed on 2 May 2001. Follow up with UNCCD on 30 July 2002. A progress report was received on 14 October 2002.

230. No further information has been received and on 14 June 2005 the UNDP requested again a report on the status of the project. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow on this matter with the UNCCD Secretariat.

(14) **EPPP - Electronic Prototype Production Project in Ethiopia**

231. Submitter: The National Scientific Equipment Centre (NSEC) of the Ethiopian Science and Technology Commission Subcontractor: NSEC Priority area: Technology Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Ethiopia, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zimbabwe) PGTF input: US\$40,000 Other inputs: US\$200,000 Number: INT/00/K02 Duration: Two years. Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000) Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Ethiopia on 12 April 2001 and by the UNDP on 1 February 2001.

232. On 15 May 2001, the UNDP authorized the UNDP country office in Ethiopia to disburse US\$36,000 to the sub-contractor and the disbursement was made on 21 May 2001. A request for a progress report and financial statement was sent by the UNDP in July 2002.

233. On 26 August 2002, the subcontractor replied that the project activities have been rescheduled to take place from August 2002 to July 2003. No PGTF resources had been expended for this project as of August 2002. The Committee recommended that a request for a progress report and financial statement be sent to the subcontractor.

234. Requests for progress reports and financial statements were sent by the UNDP in August and October 2003 and on 8 and 18 June 2004. At its nineteenth meeting in 2004, the Committee requested the UNDP to continue its follow-up on this matter.

235. The sub-contractor, NSEC, informed on 16 June 2005 that the project was still to be implemented due to several reasons, which mainly related to the unavailability of funds from other sources (estimated at US\$200,000) intended to be used for acquisition of equipment, and to changes in management at NSEC that created an information gap and slowed down progress in the project. According to the NSEC report, disbursed funds (US\$36,000) were held in local currency at a government held account and, even though there had been no expenditures, due to currency fluctuations the amount available was equivalent to US\$34,740.

236. NSEC submitted a proposal to restructure the project, where in essence activities have been scaled down to take care of fewer overall resources. In the light of the information submitted, the Committee at its twentieth meeting was of the view that the sub-contractor should resubmit a new draft project document on the basis of the proposed restructuring of the project. However, in the proposal submitted by NSEC there is no clear indication of funds coming from other sources, which according to guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF should be at least equal to PGTF contribution. Therefore, approval of the revised project document was subject to the condition that the sub-contractor clearly identified and secured funds from other sources of at least US\$ 40,000, which is the amount allocated by PGTF to this project.

237. Following the recommendation of the Committee, NSEC submitted a revised draft project document. In particular, the Committee was of the view that the proposed other sources' input (US\$ 100,000) was reasonable, both in size and structure, and therefore it complied with the proviso established

by the Committee. The Government of Ethiopia and the UNDP signed the revised project document respectively on 24 February 2006 and on 1 March 2006, thereby restarting implementation of the project.

(15) Sustainable Management of Agro forest resources in Amazon Border Areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru

 238. <u>Submitter</u>: Peruvian Technical Unit (UTP) in the National Institute for Development (INADE) of Peru
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$45,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$75,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K03
 <u>Duration</u>: One year.
 <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000)
 <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 25 May 2001 and by the UNDP on 4 December 2000.

239. On 5 July 2001, the UNDP authorized the UNDP country office in Peru to disburse US\$40,500 to the subcontractor.

240. The Committee was informed that the subcontractor would submit a request to the UNDP country office for rescheduling of the project activities and change of the participating institution from Brazil, since the original one had been dissolved. Implementation of the project started on 7 November 2003.

241. The sub-contractor submitted a progress report and financial statement on 9 June 2004. On 10 May 2005 UNDP requested submission of a progress report and a reminder was sent on 22 May 2006.

(16) Toward Asia Pacific Renaissance: Recovery, regional cooperation and the public sector

 <u>Submitter</u>: Asian and Pacific Development Center (APDC), based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 17 member countries (Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$105,100 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K06 <u>Duration</u>: Six months <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Malaysia on 6 June 2002 and by the UNDP on 6 May 2002.

243. On 8 July 2002 the UNDP authorized the UNDP country office in Malaysia to disburse US\$22,500 to the subcontractor. All efforts deployed by the UNDP between August 2003 and June 2004 to obtain progress reports ands financial statements have been futile. The last reminder was sent on 10 June 2004.

244. At its nineteenth meeting in July 2004, the Committee requested the UNDP to continue its follow-up on this matter. On 22 June 2005 the UNDP country office in Malaysia informed that following a decision by the General Council of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC), it was dissolved

as a legal entity in September 2004. The Economic Planning Unit of the government of Malaysia was mandated by the General Council to act as a temporary secretariat to oversee the closure of APDC. The UNDP requested the Economic Planning Unit to contact the former officers of APDC involved in the project and to retrieve the files related to the project in order to identify the best course of action.

245. The Economic Planning Unit informed that they were carrying out both tasks but indicated that retrieval of files would take some time. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this matter but the feedback received was that the reports could be located.

246. In the light of the situation, the Committee considered that it is very unlikely that further reports on this project would be forthcoming and therefore requested the UNDP to operationally close this project.

(17) Transborder Pilot Project in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger (Azaouak)

247. Submitter: Governments of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger Subcontractor: NGOs (ABC Ecologie in Niger and "ACAS" in Mali) Priority area: Food and Agriculture Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Mali, Burkina, and Niger) PGTF input: US\$33,000 Other inputs: US\$74,800 Number: INT/00/K07 Duration: Three years <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000). Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Executive Secretary of CILSS on behalf of the Governments of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso on 9 April 2001 and by the UNDP on 18 January 2001

248. On 5 July 2001, the UNDP authorized the UNDP country office in Burkina Faso to disburse US\$29,700 to the sub-contractors. Follow up with UNCCD Secretariat in July 2002. A progress report was received on 14 October 2002.

249. Requests for a progress report and financial statement were sent by the UNDP on 20 August 2003, 19 June 2004 and 1 November 2004. UNCCD Secretariat acknowledged request on 11 May and 14 June 2005 and promised to send progress reports. A new request for a progress report was sent to UNCCD Secretariat on 24 May 2006.

(--) Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF (Phase III)

250. <u>Submitter</u>: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$111,236
 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil
 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K08
 <u>Duration</u>: Four years
 <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
 <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Chairman of
 the Group of 77 on 20 June 2001 and by the UNDP on 7 June 2001

251. This project corresponds to a continuation of project INT/90/K08, and allocated funds come from the re-allocation of the remaining balance of project INT/90/K08 approved in October 1990

(US\$101,236) plus a budget increase of US\$10,000 approved in September 1999. As such, it should not be counted as an additional new project in the follow-up of the implementation of approved projects.

252. A request for disbursement of US\$20,480 to cover expenses related to the holding of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF was made by the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 22 June 2001. Funds were received on 29 June 2001. The Office of the Chairman submitted a financial statement on 28 December 2001.

253. A request for disbursement of US\$20,480 to cover expenses related to the holding of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF was made by the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 10 May 2002. Funds were received on 16 July 2002. The Office of the Chairman submitted a financial statement on 13 December 2002.

254. The Office of the Chairman requested on 12 December 2002 a disbursement of US\$22,700 to cover expenses related to the holding of the First Special Meeting of the Committee of Experts. Funds were received on 11 March 2003. The Office of the Chairman submitted a financial statement on 27 December 2003.

255. On 6 April 2004, the Office of the Chairman requested a disbursement of US\$22,700 to cover expenses related to the holding of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF. Funds were received on 6 July 2004. The Office of the Chairman submitted a financial statement on 22 December 2004.

256. On 5 July 2005, the Office of the Chairman requested a disbursement of US\$22,700 to cover expenses related to the holding of the Twentieth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF. Funds were received on 15 July 2005. The Office of the Chairman submitted a financial statement on 21 December 2005.

(18) Strengthening the livelihood of women potters associations, in order to fight against pressure on natural resources and rural poverty

257. <u>Submitter</u>: Governments of Burkina Faso, Ghana and Togo <u>Subcontractor</u>: NGOs "ABC Ecologie" in Niger and "ACAS" in Mali <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Togo) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$10,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$20,300 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K12 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000). <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Executive Secretary of CILSS on behalf of the Governments of Burkina Faso, Ghana and Togo on 9 April 2001 and by the UNDP on 18 January 2001.

258. On 5 July 2001, the UNDP authorized the UNDP country office in Burkina Faso to disburse US\$9,000 to the subcontractor. Follow up with UNCCD Secretariat in July 2002. A progress report was received on 14 October 2002.

259. A request for a progress report and financial statement was sent by the UNDP on 20 August 2003 and reminders were sent on 19 June 2004 and 1 November 2004. UNCCD Secretariat acknowledged

request on 11 May and 14 June 2005 and promised to send progress reports. A new request for a progress report was sent to UNCCD Secretariat on 24 May 2006.

(19) Transborder Pilot Project in Mali, Mauritania and Senegal

260. Submitter: Governments of Mali, Mauritania and Senegal Subcontractor: Local NGOs Priority area: Food and Agriculture Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal) PGTF input: US\$33,000 Other inputs: US\$224,000 Number: INT/00/K13 Duration: Three (3) years Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000). Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Executive Secretary of CILSS on behalf of the Governments of Mali, Mauritania and Senegal on 9 April 2001 and by the UNDP on 18 January 2001

261. On 5 July 2001, the UNDP authorized the UNDP country office in Burkina Faso to disburse US\$29,700 to the subcontractor. Follow up with UNCCD Secretariat in July 2002. A progress report was received on 14 October 2002.

262. A request for a progress report and financial statement was sent by the UNDP on 20 August 2003 and reminders were sent on 19 June 2004 and 1 November 2004. UNCCD Secretariat acknowledged request on 11 May and 14 June 2005 and promised to send progress reports. A new request for a progress report was sent to UNCCD Secretariat on 24 May 2006.

(20) Improving Awassi Sheep Productivity by using frozen semen in Jordan and the Palestinian Authority

 263. <u>Submitter</u>: Jordan University of Science and Technology <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above. <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$110,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$260,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/01/K02 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Jordan on 29 May 2002 and by UNDP on 6 May 2002.

264. On 27 June 2002 the UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$99,000, which represents 90 percent of the total resources allocated. The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches. A budget revision was submitted on 1 April 2003 for deferral of disbursement to 2003. A new authorization for disbursement was issued on 30 April 2003.

265. A request for a progress report was sent by the UNDP on 12 August 2003 and a reminder was sent on 8 June 2004. The subcontractor submitted a progress report on 3 April 2005. On 27 June 2006 the UNDP country office in Jordan informed that the project would be completed in 2006.

(21) Watershed Management in the Northern Badia Region as an example for desert regions

266. <u>Submitter</u>: AL al-Bayt University from Jordan <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Egypt, Jordan, and Palestine) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$75,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$142,720 <u>Number</u>: INT/01/K03 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) years <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The Government of Jordan signed the project document on 6 May 2002 and the UNDP on 11 April 2002

267. On 27 June 2002 the UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$67,500, which represents 90 percent of the total resources allocated. The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches. A budget revision was submitted on 1 April 2003 for deferral of disbursement to 2003. A new authorization for disbursement was issued on 30 April 2003.

268. The subcontractor has submitted three (3) progress reports, respectively on 14 June 2004, 3 April 2005 and 4 January 2006.

(22) Support to the Coordinating Secretariat of the Zambia-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Triangle for the Implementation of the ZMM-GT

269. <u>Submitter</u>: Zambia Investment Centre <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Trade <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$70,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$95,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K01 <u>Duration</u>: One year <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by both the Government of Zambia and by the UNDP on 24 January 2003.

270. On 30 April 2003 the UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$63,000 to the subcontractor (90 percent of the allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches.

271. The sub-contractor has submitted progress reports on 4 June 2004 and 22 February 2005. A second tranche of US\$ 29,000 was disbursed on 11 May 2006.

(23) Cooperation in promoting an Andean Fair Competition System (SICCLA)

 272. <u>Submitter</u>: Export Promotion Commission (PROMPEX) from Peru <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Trade <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$20,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$32,750 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K02 Duration: Twelve months

<u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 26 March 2003 and by the UNDP on 9 January 2003.

273. On 17 June 2003 the UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$18,000 to the subcontractor (90 percent of the allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in a single tranche.

274. The sub-contractor submitted a progress report and financial statement on 7 June 2004 and a second progress report on 23 May 2005. A request for a progress report was sent by the UNDP on 22 May 2006.

(24) Prevention in Peru and Control Programme in Bolivia and Brazil against Anthonomus Grandis Boheman "The Mexican Cotton Boll Weevil"

275. <u>Submitter</u>: National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, and Peru) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K04 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve months <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 11 July 2003 and by UNDP on 2 May 2003

276. On 14 October 2003 the UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$22,500 to SENASA (90% of allocated resources). The sub-contractor submitted progress reports on 20 July 2004, 10 May 2005 and 26 July 2006.

(25) Caribbean Postgraduate Center

277. Submitter: Universidad de Oriente (East University) from Cuba Subcontractor: same as above Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Mexico) PGTF input: US\$25,000 Other inputs: US\$111,500 Number: INT/03/K10 Duration: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Cuba on 25 February 2005 and by the UNDP on 8 March 2005

278. On 14 October 2003, the UNDP sent to the country office in Cuba the project document as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$22,500 (90% of allocated resources).

279. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established on 18 March 2005. A request for a progress report was sent by the UNDP on 22 May 2006.

(26) Development of water resources in the Badia region as an example of arid regions

280. <u>Submitter</u>: Al al-Bayt University from Jordan <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Jordan, Palestine, and Syrian Arab Republic) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$70,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$643,640 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K11 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve months <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Jordan on 1 April 2003 and by the UNDP on 17 January 2003

281. On 19 May 2003 the UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$63,000 to the subcontractor (90 percent of the allocated resources). The authorization was sent on 17 September 2003 and indicated that disbursement should be made in a two tranches.

282. The subcontractor submitted so far two progress reports, the first on 3 April 2005 and the second on 4 January 2006.

(27) Strengthening South-South Africa/Asia/Latin America and the Caribbean Cooperation for Economic and Social Integration

283. <u>Submitter</u>: The Latin American Economic System (SELA) Permanent Secretariat, based in Caracas, Venezuela
<u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required
<u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
<u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 9 countries (Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Kenya, Peru, South Africa, Uruguay, and Venezuela)
<u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000
<u>Other inputs</u>: US\$92,000
<u>Number</u>: INT/03/K14
<u>Duration</u>: Twelve months
<u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
<u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by SELA on 18
March 2003 and by the UNDP on 19 February 2003.

284. On 30 April 2003 the UNDP authorized disbursement of US\$36,000 to SELA (90 percent of the allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in a two tranches.

285. A request for submission of progress and financial reports was sent by the UNDP on 4 June 2004 and SELA Permanent Secretariat submitted progress and financial reports on 25 January 2005. According to the report, US\$ 8,857 out of the initial disbursement of US\$ 18,000 has been spent on project activities.

286. On 31 May 2006, SELA Permanent Secretariat submitted a request for reprogramming of the project. Total cost of the outstanding activities would be US\$ 63,643, and inputs to be funded by PGTF would amount to US\$ 31,143, i.e. the balance of the original allocation of US\$ 40,000. SELA contribution to fund the reprogrammed activities would be US\$ 32,500, coming from its 2006 budget. These activities include (a) a meeting of international cooperation directors for Latin America and the

Caribbean, with participation of African and Asian representatives, and (b) a workshop for international cooperation focal points in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. Both activities would take place during 2006.

287. In the light of the documentation submitted, the Committee considered that the revised project complied with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF resources and therefore approved SELA request for reprogramming the project. The Committee requested the Office of the Chairman to inform SELA and the UNDP of its decision in this regard. SELA should then submit a revised project document to the UNDP so as to proceed with implementation of the project. Disbursement of funds up to the unspent balance of 90 percent of the original allocation (i.e. US\$ 27,143) should be made in one single tranche.

(28) Information network to promote strategies of socio-economic development in South American camelids of Andean Countries

<u>Submitter</u>: Research Center of the Universidad Católica de Santa María (St. Mary's Catholic University), from Arequipa, Peru
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Chile, Ecuador and Peru)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$44,200
 <u>Number</u>: INT/04/K02
 <u>Duration</u>: Sixteen months
 <u>Approval</u>: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003)
 <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 30 July 2004 and by the UNDP on 19 July 2004

289. On 30 March 2004, the UNDP sent to the country office in Peru the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$22,500 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in a single tranche.

290. On 26 April 2005 the project sponsors requested PGTF to include Bolivia as participant in the project. The sub-contractor submitted a progress report on 28 April 2005.

291. In the light of the information submitted, the Committee considered that the inclusion of Bolivia would be beneficial to the project and therefore approved to amend the project accordingly, provided that it could be implemented within the approved PGTF allocation of US\$ 25,000. The Committee requested the Office of the Chairman to inform the UNDP and the sponsors of its decision in this regard.

292. A progress report was submitted by the sub-contractor on 6 June 2006.

(29) Design of a system of management of used pesticide containers

 293. <u>Submitter</u>: National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$65,000 (estimated) <u>Number</u>: INT/04/K03 Duration: One year <u>Approval</u>: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru (no date indicated in the project document) and by the UNDP on 24 August 2004

294. On 30 March 2004, the UNDP sent to the country office in Peru the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$22,500 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in a single tranche.

295. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was revised in January 2005. The sub-contractor has submitted two progress reports, the first on 2 June 2005 and the second on 6 June 2006.

(30) Technology transfer: assessing needs-promoting action

296. Submitter: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Subcontractor: African Regional Center for Technology (ARCT), based in Dakar, Senegal Priority area: Technology Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries directly (Cote d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mongolia, Nigeria, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe) and 8 countries collectively (Pacific Islands Group: Fiji, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu) PGTF input: US\$45,000 Other inputs: US\$65,000 Number: INT/04/K06 Duration: One year Approval: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003) Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Senegal on 14 January 2005 and by the UNDP on 10 February 2005

297. On 31 August 2004, the UNDP sent to the country office in Senegal the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$40,500 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches.

298. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established on 28 April 2005. A progress report was submitted by the sub-contractor on 6 June 2006.

(31) Regional integration of postal transportation in the Andean Community

299. Submitter: Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (UPAEP), based in Montevideo, Uruguay Subcontractor: Universidad Externado de Colombia Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) PGTF input: US\$25,000 Other inputs: US\$65,000 Number: INT/04/K07 Duration: Four (4) months Approval: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003) Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by UPAEP on 22 March 2005 and by the UNDP on 30 May 2005 300. On 27 January 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in Uruguay the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement of US\$22,500 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in a single tranche.

301. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established in June 2005. A request for a progress report was made by the UNDP on 23 May 2006.

(32) Development and strengthening of mechanisms for solving conflicts on shared natural resources in the Karamajong ecosystem in East Africa

<u>Submitter</u>: UNCCD Secretariat on behalf of the governments of Kenya, Sudan and Uganda, as participating countries
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: African Union – IBAR (Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources), based in Nairobi, Kenya
 <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Kenya, Sudan and Uganda)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$25,000 (in-kind)
 <u>Number</u>: INT/04/K08
 <u>Duration</u>: One year
 <u>Approval</u>: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003)
 <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Kenya on 20 May 2005 and by the UNDP on 16 June 2005

303. On 21 April 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in Kenya the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$22,500 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in a single tranche.

304. The Office of the Chairman observed that in the project document the contribution of other sources had been reduced to US\$ 15,000 from the original US\$ 25,000, and therefore it would be lower than the amount allocated from PGTF resources. Since this does not comply with the guidelines, the Office requested the UNDP to revise the document with the sub-contractor so as to ensure compliance. The sub-contractor has submitted several revisions but there are still some inconsistencies that need to be solved before reauthorizing disbursement of funds. On 14 July 2006, the UNDP confirmed its views on this matter to the sub-contractor.

(33) Development of a technological package aimed at developing opto-mechanical industries in Latin America

305. <u>Submitter</u>: *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru), based in Lima, Peru
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technology
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Peru)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$81,910
 <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K04
 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years
 <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)

<u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 20 December 2005 and by the UNDP on 21 December 2005

306. On 13 April 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in Peru the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$31,500 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches.

307. In March 2006 an ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established and on 22 May 2006 the UNDP sent a request for a progress report to the sub-contractor.

(34) Exchange of Experiences of Export Trade Promotion Organizations in the Andean Region

 308. <u>Submitter</u>: The Peruvian Trade Commission (PROMPEX), based in Lima, Peru <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Trade <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$27,500 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$32,200 <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K05 <u>Duration</u>: Five (5) months <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

309. On 14 February 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in Peru the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$24,750 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in a single tranche.

310. A request for a progress report was sent by the UNDP on 22 May 2006.

(35) Latin American network for scientific and technical information on vaccines

311. <u>Submitter</u>: Finlay Institute - Center for Research-Production of Vaccines, based in Havana, Cuba <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador and El Salvador) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$303,958 <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K10 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Cuba on 29 March 2005 and by the UNDP on 13 April 2005

312. On 24 January 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in Cuba the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$31,500 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches.

313. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established on 18 April 2005 and a request for a progress report was sent by the UNDP on 22 May 2006.

(36) Training of irrigation and drainage designers for protection from drought and flood damage in developing countries

<u>Submitter</u>: Irrigation Designing Research Institute(IDRI) from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Food and agriculture
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$34,827
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$43,173
 <u>Number</u>: INT/06/K01

<u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months <u>Approval</u>: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 3 January 2006 and by the UNDP on 12 January 2006

315. On 2 December 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$31,344 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches.

316. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established in March 2006.

(37) Training of experts on construction and operation of small-size hydropower plants in developing countries

317. Submitter: Institute of Electric Power and Remote Control ((IEPRC) from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Subcontractor: same as above Priority area: Energy Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nepal)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$42,066
Number: INT/06/K02
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 3 January 2006 and by the UNDP on 12 January 2006

318. On 2 December 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$27,000 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches.

319. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established in March 2006.

(38) Training of experts on standardization and metrology of developing countries

320. Submitter: State Administration for Quality Management from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
<u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above
<u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
<u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda)
<u>PGTF input</u>: US\$34,827
<u>Other inputs</u>: US\$43,173
<u>Number</u>: INT/06/K03
<u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months
<u>Approval</u>: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005)
<u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 3 January 2006 and by the UNDP on 12 January 2006

321. On 2 December 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$31,344 (90% of allocated resources). The authorization indicated that disbursement should be made in two tranches.

322. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established in March 2006.

(39) Yeast and yeast derivative production from cheese whey (YEWHEY)

323. <u>Submitter</u>: "Universidad Nacional de Quilmes" based in Buenos Aires, Argentina <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Argentina, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Mexico) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$347,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/06/K04 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months <u>Approval</u>: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Argentina on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

324. On 6 December 2005, the UNDP sent to the country office in Argentina the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$27,000 (90% of allocated resources).

325. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established in March 2006.

(40) Support to the MERCOSUR regional integration process

326. <u>Submitter</u>: Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet) based in Montevideo, Uruguay <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$41,000

<u>Number</u>: INT/06/K05

Duration: Twelve (12) months

<u>Approval</u>: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Uruguay on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

327. On 25 January 2006, the UNDP sent to the country office in Uruguay the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$22,500 (90% of allocated resources).

328. The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established in March 2006.

(41) International youth leadership training for promotion of South-South cooperation -2^{nd} Study session and training

329. Submitter: Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN) based in Bridgetown, Barbados Subcontractor: same as above Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 21 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Congo, Dominican Republic, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$70,786
Number: INT/06/K07
Duration: Five (5) months
Approval: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on 6 February 2006 by both the Government of Barbados and by the UNDP

330. On 18 January 2006, the UNDP sent to the country office in Barbados the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$27,000 (90% of allocated resources) and the ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of funds was established on 21 February 2006.

(42) Creation of a rainwater harvesting model

 331. <u>Submitter</u>: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) based in Trinidad and Tobago
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Health
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 11 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Martinique, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$35,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/06/K08
 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months
 <u>Approval</u>: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

332. On 19 January 2006, the UNDP sent to the country office in Trinidad and Tobago the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$27,000 (90% of allocated resources). The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of resources was established in March 2006.

(43) Harmonization of norms and procedures for agronomic evaluation of commercial varieties in Peru, Colombia and Bolivia

333. <u>Submitter</u>: National Service of Agrarian Health (SENASA) from Peru <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Bolivia, Colombia and Peru) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$40,000 (estimated) <u>Number</u>: INT/06/K09 <u>Duration</u>: Eight (8) months <u>Approval</u>: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

334. On 19 January 2006, the UNDP sent to the country office in Peru the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$27,000 (90% of allocated resources). The ASL (Approved Spending Limit) for disbursement of resources was established in March 2006.

(44) Training, consultation and awareness for small hydropower development in Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria and Zimbabwe

335. <u>Submitter</u>: International Center on Small Hydropower (IC-SHP), based in Hangzhou, China <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Energy <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (China, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zimbabwe)
<u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000
<u>Other inputs</u>: US\$40,840
<u>Number</u>: INT/06/K10
<u>Duration</u>: Fifteen (15) months
<u>Approval</u>: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005)
<u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the Government of China on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

336. On 18 May 2006, the UNDP sent to the country office in China the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$31,500 (90% of allocated resources).

(45) Strengthening of coordination and cooperation among countries for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Americas region

337. Submitter: Ministry of Health of Jamaica Subcontractor: to be named Priority area: Health Participating/beneficiary countries: 8 countries (Bahamas, Cuba, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, and Nicaragua) PGTF input: US\$35,000 Other inputs: US\$78,000 Number: INT/06/K11 Duration: Twelve (12) months Approval: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005) Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Cuba on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

338. On 22 May 2006, the UNDP sent to the country office in Cuba the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$31,500 (90% of allocated resources).

B. **Projects under preparation still to be implemented**

339. A total of three (3) projects were under preparation as of the date of the Twentieth Meeting of the Committee of Experts. These are three (3) of the ten projects approved by the Twenty-eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group in September 2004. All projects approved in September 2005 by the Twenty-ninth Ministerial Meeting of the Group are either under implementation or have been completed.

(1) Technical studies for the improvement of the In-Guezam (Algeria)-Arlit (Niger) section of the trans-Saharan road

 340. <u>Submitter</u>: Ministry of Public Works of Algeria <u>Subcontractor</u>: SAETI, an engineering company SAETI from Algeria in association with the company *Art et Genie* from Niger <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Algeria, Niger and Nigeria) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$1,004,000 (estimated) <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K07 <u>Duration</u>: One year <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)

341. On 21 October 2004, 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. The submitting entity forwarded a hard copy of the draft project document to the UNDP on 5 April 2005. An electronic copy has been requested in order to finalize the project document and send to the country office for signature, establishment of the ASL (approved spending limit) and subsequent disbursements of funds.

342. The Committee was informed that the electronic copy was being prepared so as to finalize the project document.

(2) Development and integration of the International Offices of the Ministries of health of South America

 343. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Brazil <u>Subcontractor</u>: to be awarded if required <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$18,200 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$18,200 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$19,000 (estimated) <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K08 <u>Duration</u>: Four (4) months <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)

344. On 21 October 2004, 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.

345. Project sponsors submitted a draft project document to UNDP on 20 July 2005. Consultations are still underway with the UNDP aimed at defining the source of matching funds for the project, and information on this matter was sent to the Office of the Chairman on 6 June 2006.

(3) Extension course on Technological Innovation Management

<u>Submitter</u>: The Brazilian Association of Technological Research Institutions (ABIPTI), based in Brasilia, Brazil
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technology
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$24,600
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$24,665 (estimated)
 <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K09
 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months
 Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)

347. On 21 October 2004, 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.

348. In January 2005, a draft project document was submitted by ABIPTI for review by the UNDP. It was sent back in April 2005 to the implementing agency for translation and budget lines to be revised so that project total is consistent with the amount allocated by PGTF.

349. The Committee was informed that the project document was still to be finalized by late-July 2006.

C. **Projects under query**

350. The Committee noted with satisfaction that no projects were under query as of end July 2006.

V. OTHER MATTERS

351. The Committee agreed that the deadline for the submission of project proposals by Member States for consideration at its next regular session would be 30 April 2007, in accordance with the revised guidelines for utilization of PGTF. It is understood that the date of submission of proposals is the date when the Office of the Chairman officially receives them.

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Edouard Aho-Glele

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Annex I

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INACTIVE PROJECTS

A. **PROJECTS COMPLETED**

1. Eight (8) projects were completed since the previous meeting of the Committee of Experts, bringing the total of completed projects to ninety-two (92), as follows:

(1) Group of 77 Information Bulletin

 Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York Subcontractor: Inter Press Service (IPS) Priority area: Information exchange Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77 PGTF input: US\$109,520 Other inputs: US\$51,120 Number: INT/88/K01 Duration: Four (4) years Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987) and IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989) for one-year extension Completion: 31 December 1990.

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

<u>Submitter</u>: International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE) and International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO), based in former Yugoslavia (Slovenia)
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$70,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil.
 <u>Number</u>: INT/88/K03
 <u>Duration</u>: Six (6) months
 <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
 <u>Completion</u>: 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

- Submitter: Action Committee for Cooperation in Consultancy, Construction and Engineering (Havana, Cuba)
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Angola, Brazil, Cuba, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guinea, Jamaica, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, and Viet Nam)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$38,500
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$38,500
 <u>Number</u>: INT/88/K04
 <u>Duration</u>: Six (6) months
 <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
 <u>Completion</u>: Final Report circulated to Member States on 16 June 1993.
- (4) Feasibility study on information system on technologies and projects (ISTP)

5. <u>Submitter</u>: Centre for International Cooperation and Development (CICD) of former Yugoslavia (Slovenia) <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$45,450 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$20,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K01 <u>Duration</u>: Six (6) months <u>Approval</u>: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28-30 September 1988) <u>Completion</u>: 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

 <u>Submitter</u>: Latin American Economic System (SELA), based in Caracas, Venezuela <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Food and agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$83,700 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$202,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K03 <u>Duration</u>: Two years and four months <u>Approval</u>: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28-30 September 1988) <u>Completion</u>: 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

- <u>Submitter</u>: International Center for Public Enterprises of Developing Countries (ICPE) and International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO), based in former Yugoslavia (Slovenia)
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$90,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$9,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K04
 <u>Duration</u>: Eighteen (18) months
 <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
 <u>Completion</u>: 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)
- Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) based in Montevideo, Uruguay Subcontractor: Same as above Priority area: Trade Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Bolivia, Ecuador and Paraguay) PGTF input: US\$120,000 Other inputs: US\$107,971 Number: INT/89/K05 Duration: Twelve (12) months Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989) 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

<u>Submitter</u>: Government of Algeria
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: CNIDE
 <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Algeria, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$65,450
 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil.
 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K06
 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year
 <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
 <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993.

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

Submitter: Government of Nigeria
 Subcontractor: Raw Materials Research and Development Council of Nigeria
 Priority area: Raw materials
 Participating/beneficiary countries: 8 countries (Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, and Uganda)
 PGTF input: US\$100,000
 Other inputs: Nil.
 Number: INT/89/K09
 Duration: Twelve (12) months
 Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28 September 1989)
 Completion: Feasibility Report submitted on 18 June 1996.

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

 Submitter: Caribbean Center for Development Administration (CARICAD) of Barbados <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kits and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$45,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$200,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K10 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28 September 1989) Completion: Final Report submitted on 25 March 1994.

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

 <u>Submitter</u>: Latin American Economic System (SELA), based in Caracas, Venezuela <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Uruguay, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$58,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$309,200 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K12 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28 September 1989) <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 29 May 1998.

(12) South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)

 Submitter: South Commission, based in Geneva, Switzerland Subcontractor: Third World Network (TWN), from Penang, Malaysia Priority area: Information exchange Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77 PGTF input: US\$120,000 Other inputs: US\$164,000 Number: INT/89/K13 Duration: One (1) year Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28 September 1989) Completion: 31 January 1992.

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

- <u>Submitter</u>: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil. <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K14 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) week <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989) <u>Completion</u>: 19 August 1993.
- (14) Integrated management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America

 Submitter: National University of Costa Rica Subcontractor: Foundation of Science, Art and Culture of the National University of Costa Rica (FUNA) Priority area: Food and Agriculture Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama) PGTF input: US\$84,800 Other inputs: US\$60,000 Number: INT/90/K01 Duration: Two (2) years Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990) 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

Submitter: Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 7 countries (Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and
 Venezuela)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$94,500
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$154,188
 <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K02
 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) years
 <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
 <u>Completion</u>: 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
- Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 19 countries (Afghanistan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Lao Popular Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Nepal, Niger, Paraguay, Rwanda, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$95,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$23,800 <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K03 <u>Duration</u>: Nine (9) months <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990) <u>Completion</u>: 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
- 18. <u>Submitter</u>: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia. <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$78,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$103,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K04 <u>Duration</u>: Five and a half months <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990) <u>Completion</u>: 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
- <u>Submitter</u>: Department of Agriculture of Malaysia
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$110,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$191,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K05
 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years
 <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
 <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993
- (19) Organic rice farming system
- <u>Submitter</u>: Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$85,000

<u>Other inputs</u>: US\$78,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K06 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990) <u>Completion</u>: 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
- Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York. 21. Subcontractor: UNCTAD Priority area: Trade Participating/beneficiary countries: 44 countries (Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, and Zimbabwe) PGTF input: US\$350,000 Other inputs: Nil. Number: INT/90/K07 Duration: Sixteen (16) months Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28 September 1989) Completion: Final Report distributed to Member States on 16 June 1993

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

<u>Submitter</u>: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$224,800
 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil.
 <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K08
 <u>Duration</u>: Five (5) years
 <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
 <u>Completion</u>: The final budget revision was submitted on 3 October 2000. Unspent funds for US\$111,236
 were re-allocated to successor project INT/00/K08.

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

 Submitter: Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77
 <u>Subcontractors</u>: Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon; Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá; and the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry <u>Priority area</u>: Trade
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$150,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$270,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/91/K01
 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years
 <u>Approval</u>: 15th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1991)
 <u>Completion</u>: 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 Bogotá Chamber of Commerce on 15 June 1994

(23) Economic Integration in the Southern Cone Common Market

 <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Argentina <u>Subcontractor</u>: Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT) <u>Priority area</u>: Trade <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$88,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil <u>Number</u>: INT/92/K01 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1992) Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 April 1994

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

- 25. <u>Submitter</u>: Raul Prebisch Foundation, based in Argentina <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Finance <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$60,700 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$12,950 <u>Number</u>: INT/92/K02 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) months <u>Approval</u>: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1992) <u>Completion</u>: Complete sets consisting of four volumes distributed in 1994 to the Permanent Missions of the Group of 77 in New York.
- (25) Technical, Secretariat and Other Support to the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP), and Technical Assistance to Countries Participating in the GSTP
- Submitter: Group of 77 in Geneva 26. Subcontractor: UNCTAD Priority area: Trade Participating/beneficiary countries: 44 countries (Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Guvana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, and Zimbabwe) <u>PGTF input:</u> US\$250,000 Other inputs: Nil. Number: INT/92/K03 Duration: One (1) year Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1992) Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 May 1994
- (26) The development and use of a computer simulation model for supply, demand and prices of agricultural commodities in ASEAN countries
- 27. <u>Submitter</u>: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Trade <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$81,600 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil.

<u>Number</u>: INT/92/K04 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1992) <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 7 April 1994

(27) African Agency for Biotechnology (Phase I)

28. Submitter: Government of Algeria

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

 Priority area:
 Technology

 Participating/beneficiary countries:
 16 countries (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia, and Zimbabwe)

 PGTF input:
 US\$150,000

 Other inputs:
 Nil.

 Number:
 INT/92/K06

 Duration:
 One (1) year)

 Approval:
 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1992)

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

(28) African Agency for Biotechnology (Phase II)

29. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Algeria

 Subcontractor: Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research of Algeria (MDURSA)

 Priority area: Technology

 Participating/beneficiary countries: 16 countries (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia, and Zimbabwe)

 PGTF input: US\$150,000

 Other inputs: Nil.

 Number: INT/93/K01

 Duration: One (1) year

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

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

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

 30. <u>Submitter</u>: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York <u>Subcontractor</u>: Inter Press Service (IPS) <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$51,120 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$45,600 <u>Number</u>: INT/93/K02 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992) and IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993) <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 20 December 1995

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

31. <u>Submitter</u>: Third World Network, based in Penang, Malaysia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$59,881 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$158,517 <u>Number</u>: INT/93/K03 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993) <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 10 December 1995

(31) Guidelines and tools for a common industrial policy for Mercosur

 32. Submitter: Government of Brazil Subcontractor: Fundaçao Centro de Estudos do Comercio Exterior (FUNCEX) of Brazil Priority area: Industrialization Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) PGTF input: US\$120,000 Other inputs: US\$36,000 Number: INT/93/K05 Duration: Eight (8) months Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993) Completion: Final Report submitted on 15 September 1997

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

 <u>Submitter</u>: Communauté Economique des Pays des Grands Lacs (CEPGL), based in Gisenyi, Rwanda <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Rwanda) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$43,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$15,200 <u>Number</u>: INT/93/K07 <u>Duration</u>: Eighty-one (81) days <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993) Completion: The final budget revision was submitted on 11 March 1999.

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

 34. <u>Submitter</u>: Association of Educators of Latin America & the Caribbean (AELAC) through the Government of Cuba <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 11 countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$303,370 <u>Number</u>: INT/94/K01 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 30 September 1998

- (34) 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
- 35. <u>Submitter</u>: Chairperson of the Group of 77 in Geneva <u>Subcontractor</u>: UNCTAD <u>Priority area</u>: Trade

<u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 44 countries (Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, and Zimbabwe)
<u>PGTF input</u>: US\$72,363
<u>Other inputs</u>: Nil.
<u>Number</u>: INT/94/K02
<u>Duration</u>: One (1) year
<u>Approval</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)
<u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 18 June 1997. An unspent balance of US\$3,229 reverted to the PGTF

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

36. <u>Submitter</u>: The Steering Committee Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Group of 77 (CCIs) <u>Subcontractor</u>: Private Sector Development Programme, UNDP <u>Priority area</u>: Trade <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$60,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$105,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/94/K03 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994) <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 6 August 1997.

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

37. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Indonesia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Bangladesh, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe) <u>PGTF input</u>: US \$70,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: Nil. <u>Number</u>: INT/94/K04 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994) Completion: Final report submitted on 24 June 1997

(37) Employment and Income Generation in West and Central Africa

 38. <u>Submitter</u>: Sahel Defis through the Government of Benin. <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Senegal, and Togo) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$67,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/94/K05 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years. <u>Approval</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994). <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 16 February 1998.
(38) Low-cost Housing Technology Programme

 39. Submitter: Government of India Subcontractor: Center of Science and Technology of the Non Aligned and Other Developing Countries Priority area: Technology Participating/beneficiary countries: 8 countries (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and United Republic of Tanzania) PGTF input: US\$30,000 Others inputs: US\$34,000 Number: INT/94/K06 Duration: One (1) year Approval: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994) Completion: February 2002. Final financial statement submitted on 30 September 2003

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

 Submitter: Biological Pharmaceutical Laboratories (LABIOFAM) through the Government of Cuba <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 countries (Algeria, Argentina, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, and Nigeria) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$165,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$432,194 <u>Number</u>: INT/95/K01 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 19th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 29 September 1995) <u>Completion</u>: Final budget revision submitted on 11 March 1999.

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

 41. <u>Submitter:</u> CPC Consultora Internacional Ltd. through the Government of Uruguay <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Industrialization <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$140,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$42,200 <u>Number</u>: INT/95/K02 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months <u>Approval</u>: 19th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1995) <u>Completion</u>: Final Report submitted on 23 December 1997

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

<u>Submitter</u>: International Cooperative Alliance, a non-governmental organization, through its American Regional Bureau based in San José, Costa Rica <u>Priority area</u>: Industrialization <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua)
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$65,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$79,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K01 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996) <u>Completion</u>: Final budget revision submitted on 28 August 2000.

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

<u>Submitter</u>: National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) of Trinidad and Tobago, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$90,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$90,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K02
 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years
 <u>Approval</u>: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
 <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 8 December 2005

(43) Training of Personnel in the Field of Standardization and Metrology for the Conformity Assessment among Developing Countries

44. <u>Submitter</u>: Committee for Standardization of Democratic People's Republic of Korea through its Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakistan, and Zimbabwe)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$76,500
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$160,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K03
 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year
 <u>Approval</u>: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
 Completion: The final report was submitted on 13 October 1998

(44) South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development

 45. <u>Submitter</u>: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) based in Guyana. <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All member countries of the Group of 77 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$84,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$93,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K05 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996) Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 8 June 2001.

(45) A Study on the Impact of Enhancing Environmental Standards on International Trade of South-Asian Countries

46. <u>Submitter</u>: Research and Information System (RIS) for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries in India.
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Trade

Participating/beneficiary countries: 7 countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$24,850 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$24,850 <u>Number</u>: INT/97/K01 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997) <u>Completion</u>: Final budget revision submitted on 4 April 2003.

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

47. <u>Submitter</u>: Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries, based in India.

<u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 11 countries (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Peru, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/97/K02 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) years <u>Approval</u>: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 31 January 2002.

(47) Integrated Planning and New Technologies for Sustainable Development

 <u>Submitter</u>: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology, based in Trinidad and Tobago <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technology <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 13 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$37,560 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$41,720 <u>Number</u>: INT/97/K03 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) days <u>Approval</u>: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997) <u>Completion</u>: 21 September 2001

(48) Positioning of a Gender Programme in Cooperatives in the Andean Region

 49. <u>Submitter</u>: International Cooperative Alliance, Office of the Americas in Costa Rica <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 7 countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$61,500 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$85,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/97/K04 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997) <u>Completion</u>: June 1999.

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

- 50. <u>Submitter</u>: Iraqi General Body for Agricultural Research <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syrian Arab Republic) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$50,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$380,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K02 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years <u>Approval</u>: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Completion</u>: The project was closed in 2005
- (50) Training of rice breeding experts for the effective use of rice genetic resources in the developing countries
- 51. <u>Submitter</u>: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali, and Nigeria) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$100,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$146,500 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K03 <u>Duration</u>: Thirteen (13) months <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Completion</u>: The final report was submitted on 1 May 2000.

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

- 52. Submitter: Sahel DEFIS, an NGO with headquarters in Burkina Faso. Subcontractor: Same as above Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 7 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Togo) PGTF input: US\$30,000 Other inputs: US\$224,280 Number: INT/98/K04 Duration: Two (2) years. Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) Completion: The final report was submitted on 17 April 2003.
- (52) Training, consultation, awareness and capacity building for small hydropower in developing countries
- 53. Submitter: International Network on Small Hydro Power IN-SHP), based in the People's Republic of China Priority area: Energy
 Participating/beneficiary countries: 16 countries (Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Venezuela, and Zambia)
 PGTF input: US\$150,000
 Other inputs: US\$330,300
 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K06
 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year
 <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
 <u>Completion</u>: The final report and financial statement were received on 15 February 2001. Final budget revision received on 19 April 2001.

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

54. Submitter: All Nigeria United Nations Students' and Youth Association (ANUNSA) from Nigeria Subcontractor: Same as above Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 11 countries (Algeria, Barbados, Cuba, Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestine, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zimbabwe) PGTF input: US\$20,000 Other inputs: US\$171,695 Number: INT/98/K07 Duration: Six (6) months Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) Completion: Final breakdown of disbursement received on 21 September 2000.

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

 55. Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) based in Montevideo, Uruguay Sub-contractor: Not required Priority area: Industrialization Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 member countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela) PGTF input: US\$50,000 Other inputs: US\$413,000 Number: INT/98/K08 Duration: One (1) year Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 8 March 2001

(55) Harmonization of agricultural policies of the COMESA Member States

- 56. <u>Submitter</u>: Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, (COMESA), based in Lusaka, Zambia. <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 20 member countries (Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$60,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$420,000(estimated) <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K09 <u>Duration</u>: 1 year <u>Approval</u>: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 18 March 2003
- (56) 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
- 57. <u>Submitter</u>: Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA), based in Caracas, Venezuela <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 15 countries (Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe)

PGTF input: US\$100,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$403,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K16 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) years <u>Approval</u>: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Completion</u>: Final report and financial statement submitted on 10 June 2003

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

 58. <u>Submitter</u>: National Drug Directorate from Colombia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$15,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$26,076 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K17 <u>Duration</u>: Four (4) months <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) Completion: Final report submitted on 30 October 2000.

(58) Development of a kit for the diagnosis of the Chagas disease

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

 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Argentina, Mexico, and Venezuela)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$705,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K18
 <u>Duration</u>: Thirteen (13) months.
 <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
 <u>Completion</u>: Final budget revision submitted on 9 September 2000.

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

 60. <u>Submitter</u>: Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Center for South-South Technical Cooperation of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM-CSSTC), headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: All 115-member countries of the Non-Aligned Movement <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$970,950 (in-kind) <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K01 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) years. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 21 June 2004

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

61. <u>Submitter</u>: Committee for Standardization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Nepal) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$73,667 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K02 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 15 May 2001.

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

62. <u>Submitter</u>: Secretariat of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) based in Montevideo, Uruguay
<u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required
<u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange
<u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 12 member countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela)
<u>PGTF input</u>: US\$37,000
<u>Other inputs</u>: US\$113,800
<u>Number</u>: INT/99/K03
<u>Duration</u>: Ten (10) months
<u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
<u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 29 August 2001.

(62) Pacific islands regional biomass energy resource assessment programme (PIRBERAP)

63. <u>Submitter</u>: The South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission (SOPAC) Secretariat, based in Suva, Fiji <u>Subcontractor</u>: Relevant NGOs. <u>Priority area</u>: Energy <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 countries (Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$34,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$166,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K05 <u>Duration</u>: Two (2) years. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 24 September 1999). <u>Completion</u>: Terminal report submitted on 13 July 2004

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

- 64. <u>Submitter</u>: ASEAN Secretariat, based in Jakarta, Indonesia <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Technology <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 10 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$34,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$76,305 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K07 <u>Duration</u>: Six (6) months. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 24 September 1999). <u>Completion</u>: Terminal report submitted on 19 July 2004
- (64) **Preparation, reproduction and distribution of the second edition of the CD-ROM of the Pro-tempore** Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty

65. <u>Submitter</u>: Pro-Tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (Venezuela) <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Information exchange <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 8 member countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$77,200 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K09 <u>Duration</u>: Six (6) months. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 9 November 2000.

(65) Citrus certification programmes in Central America and the Caribbean

66. <u>Submitter</u>: Instituto de Investigaciones de Cítricos y otros Frutales, from Cuba. <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Guatemala) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K10 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 24 September 1999). <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 30 July 2002.

(66) **Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration in Mercosur member countries**

67. <u>Submitter</u>: Member institutions of the Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet) <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$54,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K01 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted in December 2001.

(67) Training of Irrigation and Drainage Designers for Undertaking Development of Water Resources in Developing Countries in Asia

68. <u>Submitter</u>: Agricultural Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: Irrigation Designing Institute from the Agricultural Ministry of DPR of Korea <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Nepal) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$100,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K04 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 15 September 2000) <u>Completion</u>: Final report and final budget revision submitted respectively on 10 January 2002 and 6 October 2003.

(68) Cooperation for Development and Application of Biological Farming Method among Developing Countries in Asia

- 69. <u>Submitter</u>: Biological Branch of the Academy of Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, and Viet Nam) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$112,500 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K05 <u>Duration</u>: One (1) year <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 15 September 2000). <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 10 January 2002. Final budget revision submitted on 6 October 2003.
- (69) Assessment and study of the residual effect of pesticides utilization on crop products and flowers in Latin America
- Submitter: National University of Colombia Subcontractor: Same as above Priority area: Food and Agriculture Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, and Guatemala) PGTF input: US\$35,000 Other inputs: US\$354,085 Number: INT/00/K09 Duration: Three years. Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 15 September 2000). Completion: Final report submitted on 24 June 2004
- (70) Programme of prevention in Peru and control in Ecuador and Colombia against the Guatemalan moth
- <u>Submitter</u>: National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$43,268
 <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K10
 <u>Duration</u>: One year
 <u>Approval</u>: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000).
 Completion: Final report submitted on 5 September 2003
- (71) Support for development of transboundary communities' activities in the Kalahari-Namib region (Namibia, Botswana and South Africa)

 Submitter: UNCCD Secretariat on behalf of the Governments of Namibia, Botswana and South Africa Subcontractor: Southern African Development Community (SADC) Priority area: Food and Agriculture Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa) PGTF input: US\$35,000 Other inputs: US\$25,000 Number: INT/00/K11 Duration: Five years Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000) Completion: Final report submitted on 21 June 2004

(72) Quinoa, a multipurpose crop for agro-industrial uses in the Andean countries

<u>Submitter</u>: Universidad Nacional del Altiplano from Puno, Peru, through the National Council for Science and Technology of Peru.
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$74,900
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$89,800
 <u>Number</u>: INT/01/K01
 <u>Duration</u>: 18 months
 <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
 Completion: Final report and financial statement received on 10 June 2004

(73) Distributed Modeling of Pipeline Networks

 <u>Submitter</u>: Jordan University of Science and Technology <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technology <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Jordan, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$80,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$80,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/01/K05 <u>Duration</u>: One year <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001) Completion: Final report submitted on 27 November 2003

(74) Technical Assistance and Support to the relatively less advanced stage of economic development countries in business missions

Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) Secretariat, base in Montevideo, Uruguay Subcontractor: Same as above.
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$17,500
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$75,300
 <u>Number</u>: INT/01/K06
 <u>Duration</u>: Three months
 <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
 <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 29 June 2005

(75) Water and energy optimization in sugar and alcohol integrated production

Submitter: Submitter: Cuban Research Institute for Sugar Cane Byproducts (ICIDCA), Cuba Subcontractor: Same as above Priority area: Industrialization Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Argentina, Cuba, and Mexico) PGTF input: US\$86,000
 Other inputs: US\$90,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/01/K07
 <u>Duration</u>: One year
 <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
 <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 6 August 2004

(76) Training of Maize breeding experts for effective use of maize germplasm in Africa

77. <u>Submitter</u>: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Guinea, and Mali) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$81,200 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$159,100 <u>Number</u>: INT/02/K01 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve months <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001) <u>Completion</u>: Final report and budget revision submitted on 22 August 2003

(77) Indicators System on Information and Communication Technology

 Submitter: National Institute of Statistical and Informatics (NISIT) from Peru Subcontractor: Same as above Priority area: Technology Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Brazil, Mexico, and Peru) PGTF input: US\$25,000 Other inputs: US\$50,000 Number: INT/03/K03 Duration: Twelve months Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) Completion: Final report submitted on 8 June 2004

(78) Regional technical cooperation programme: support to economic research in Mercosur

 Submitter: The Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet) <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$369,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K05 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve months <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 11 August 2004

(79) Negotiating Trade in Services: Implications for the Andean Community of Nations

 Submitter: The Latin American School for Social Sciences (FLACSO), based in Buenos Aires, Argentina
 <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above
 <u>Priority area</u>: Trade
 <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 member countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$20,000
 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$71,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K06
 <u>Duration</u>: One year
 <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
 Completion: Final report submitted on 11 August 2005

(80) Territorial imbalances and university education: impact of territorial imbalances on university student's performance

81. <u>Submitter</u>: National University of La Plata from Argentina <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Argentina, Brazil, and Peru) PGTF input: US\$20,000 Other inputs: US\$144,400 Number: INT/03/K07 Duration: Nine months Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) Completion: Final report submitted on 23 August 2004

(81) Training, Consultation and Awareness Building for Small Hydropower in Developing Countries

82. <u>Submitter</u>: International Network on Small Hydropower (IN-SHP), base in the People's Republic of China <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Energy <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (China, Egypt, India, and Islamic Republic of Iran) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$117,400 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K08 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve months <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) Completion: Final report submitted on 8 June 2004

(82) Increase of sugar production by microbiological inhibition of the Leuconostoc spp. and other bacteria

 83. <u>Submitter</u>: Cuban Research Institute for Sugar Cane by-Products (ICIDCA), Cuba <u>Subcontractor</u>: Same as above <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$30,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K09 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve months <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 12 September 2005

(83) Training of Irrigation Designers for Undertaking the Work of Developing the Water Resources in Developing Countries

 Submitter: Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: Irrigation Designing Institute under the Ministry of Agriculture of the DPR of Korea <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Burkina Faso, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guinea, Mali, and Senegal) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$110,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K13 <u>Duration</u>: One year <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) <u>Completion</u>: Final report and budget revision submitted on 1 March 2004

(84) Capacity-building in Bio-Safety for the Caribbean

 85. <u>Submitter</u>: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), based in Trinidad and Tobago <u>Subcontractor</u>: Not required <u>Priority area</u>: Technology <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, St. Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$35,300 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K15 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve months <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002) Completion: Final report and budget revision submitted on 16 June 2004

(85) Cooperation for floriculture and vegetable growing technology among developing countries

86. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: Pyongyang Horticulture Group, under the Agricultural Ministry of the DPRK <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 6 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Mali, Sudan, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$101,200 <u>Number</u>: INT/04/K01 <u>Duration</u>: One year <u>Approval</u>: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003) <u>Completion</u>: Final report and budget revision submitted on 2 November 2004

(86) Development of new technologies and products for the whole utilization of marginal and primary yeasts as sources of food (YAF)

87. <u>Submitter</u>: Cuban Institute for Research on Sugar Cane by-Products (ICIDCA) <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Argentina, Cuba and Mexico) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$245,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/04/K04 <u>Duration</u>: One year <u>Approval</u>: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 28 July 2005

- (87) Identification of international cooperation opportunities for the settlement of youth in small communities of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay
- 88. <u>Submitter</u>: Foundation "Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires" <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 3 countries (Argentina, Chile and Uruguay) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/04/K05 <u>Duration</u>: Six months <u>Approval</u>: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 18 May 2005.
- (88) Training programme for the staff of some African Countries Member Chambers
- 89. <u>Submitter:</u> Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), based in Karachi, Pakistan <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 13 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sudan, and Togo) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$24,700 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$24,900

<u>Number</u>: INT/05/K01 <u>Duration</u>: Six (6) days <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 12 July 2005

(89) Training of Researchers for Seed Production, Processing and Inspection Methods in Developing Countries

 <u>Submitter</u>: Seed Technical Center (STC), under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and Agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$45,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$67,500 <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K02 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 10 August 2005

(90) Training of Groundnut Breeding Experts for the Effective Use of Groundnut Genetic Resources in the Developing Countries

 <u>Submitter</u>: Academy of Agricultural Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above <u>Priority area</u>: Food and agriculture <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$45,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$67,500 <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K03 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 13 June 2005

(91) Strengthening development cooperation for poverty reduction between Viet Nam, Benin, Mozambique and the Republic of Congo

 92. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Viet Nam <u>Subcontractor</u>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam <u>Priority area</u>: Technical cooperation among developing countries <u>Participating/beneficiary countries</u>: 4 countries (Benin, Mozambique, Republic of Congo and Viet Nam) <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,400 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K06 <u>Duration</u>: Twelve (12) months <u>Approval</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004) <u>Completion</u>: Final report submitted on 26 May 2006

(92) Training programme for staff of national chambers of commerce of Middle Eastern countries

93. <u>Submitter</u>: Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) based in Karachi, Pakistan with the endorsement of the Organization of the Islamic Conference <u>Subcontractor</u>: same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries Participating/beneficiary countries: 19 countries (Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen) PGTF input: US\$27,400 Other inputs: US\$33,000 Number: INT/06/K06 Duration: Four (4) days in mid-2006 Approval: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005) Completion: Final report submitted on 4 July 2006

B. PROJECTS NOT IMPLEMENTED AND ALLOCATED FUNDS REVERTED TO PGTF

94. One project was cancelled since the previous meeting of the Committee of Experts and the allocated funds reverted to PGTF. This brings the total of projects not implemented to seventeen (17), as follows:

(1) Interregional Trade Financing Facility

95. <u>Submitter</u>: UNCTAD <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000 <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987) <u>Number</u>: INT/88/K02/A/95/99 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1989). <u>Reason</u>: Similar project funded by UNCTAD.

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

<u>Submitter</u>: Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS)/Inter Press Service (IPS)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$15,000
 <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
 <u>Number</u>: INT/88/K05/A/95/99
 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (October 1990).
 <u>Reason</u>: Not implemented three years after approval.

(3) Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation

97. <u>Submitter</u>: International Center for Public Enterprises (ICPE) and Research Center for Cooperation with Developing Countries (RCCDC) of former Yugoslavia (Slovenia)
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000
 <u>Approval</u>: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28-30 September 1988)
 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K02/A/95/99
 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (October 1992).
 <u>Reason</u>: No matching contribution received from project sponsors by the established deadline of 31
 December 1989

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

<u>Submitter</u>: Government of Madagascar
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000
 <u>Duration</u>: To be determined
 <u>Approval</u>: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)
 <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K08/A/95/99
 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 17th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1993).
 <u>Reason</u>: Not implemented by the established deadline of June 1994

(5) The Caribbean into the Twenty-first Century

 99. <u>Submitter</u>: The Nation Organization of Barbados/Eastern Caribbean Research Center (ECRC) of Saint Lucia <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$50,000 <u>Duration</u>: Four days <u>Approval</u>: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989) <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K11/A/95/99 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1994). <u>Reason</u>: Implementing organization failed to deliver substantive and financial reports on the implementation of the project. The Government of Saint Lucia refunded disbursed resources in 1997

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

 100. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Malaysia <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$140,000 <u>Duration</u>: 18 months <u>Approval</u>: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1-2 October 1990) <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K09/A/95/99 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1994). <u>Reason</u>: Not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 1994

(7) **Public Enterprises Rationalization Project**

 101. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Saint Lucia <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$60,800 <u>Duration</u>: Six months <u>Approval</u>: 15th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1991) <u>Number</u>: INT/91/K02/A/95/99 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1994). <u>Reason</u>: Implementing organization failed to deliver substantive and financial reports on the implementation of the project. The Government of Saint Lucia refunded disbursed resources in 1997

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

 102. <u>Submitter</u>: Southern African Development Community (SADC), based in Gaborone, Botswana <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$90,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/92/K07 <u>Duration</u>: 16 months <u>Approval</u>: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992) <u>Date of signature of relevant documents</u>: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 26 August 1993. <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1997). <u>Reason</u>: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 1996.

(9) Development of Agriculture Database for ASEAN

 103. <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Malaysia <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$94,000 <u>Duration</u>: Two years <u>Approval</u>: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992) <u>Number</u>: INT/93/K04/A/95/99 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1994). <u>Reason</u>: Not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 1994.

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

 <u>Submitter</u>: Government of Panama <u>Subcontractor</u>: Instituto Geográfico Nacional Tommy Guardia from Panama <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$38,500 <u>Approval</u>: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993) <u>Number</u>: INT/93/K06 <u>Duration</u>: 4 months <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 1997). <u>Reason</u>: The project was not implemented by the sub-contracting agency. The Government of Panama refunded disbursed funds in 2000.

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

 105. <u>Submitter</u>: Fundación Banco Mayo from Argentina <u>Subcontractor</u>: To be awarded if required <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K01 <u>Duration</u>: 6 months <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting (November 2001). <u>Reason:</u> The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2001.

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

 Submitter: ASEAN Secretariat, based in Jakarta, Indonesia <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$100,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K13 <u>Duration</u>: 7 months <u>Approval</u>: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998) <u>Cancellation decision</u>: Not required. <u>Reason</u>: ASEAN withdrew the project in December 2000, since as a result of a decision by the Economic Affairs Ministers; a similar activity was carried out by ASEAN in the context of a wider project

(13) First Windward Islands exposition on the information technology sector

 107. <u>Submitter</u>: National Development Corporation (NDC) of Saint Lucia <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$35,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K06 <u>Duration</u>: Six months. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting (November 2001). <u>Reason</u>: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2001.

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

108. <u>Submitter</u>: Executive Secretariat of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de L'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC) based in Bangui, Central African Republic
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$22,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K08
 <u>Duration</u>: Two years.
 <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 2002).
 <u>Reason</u>: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2002.

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

 109. <u>Submitter</u>: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$30,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K11 <u>Duration</u>: One year. <u>Approval</u>: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999) <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 2002). <u>Reason</u>: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2002.

(16) Multilateral Trading System Training Centre

 110. <u>Submitter</u>: Institute of Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic_ of Egypt. <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$86,000 <u>Number</u>: INT/01/K08 <u>Duration</u>: 2 years. <u>Approval</u>: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001) <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 2003). <u>Reason</u>: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2003.

(17) Reviving Low Cost Mud Adobe House for Poor Urban and Rural Communities

111. <u>Submitter</u>: Royal Scientific Society from Jordan
 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$40,000
 <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K12
 <u>Duration</u>: Three (3) years
 <u>Approval</u>: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
 <u>Cancellation decision</u>: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting (September 2004).
 <u>Reason</u>: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2004.

SURVEY OF THE IMPACT OF PGTF

1. The Committee recommended at its twelfth meeting in 1997 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 58 of the 92 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 the launching of its operations 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

<u>Number</u>: INT/88/K01 and INT/93/K02
 <u>PGTF input \$US\$</u>):109,520 and 51,120 respectively
 <u>Other inputs (US\$</u>): 68,400 and 45,600 respectively
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1988-1991 and 1993-1994 respectively
 <u>Impact</u>: 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

3. <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K03

<u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 83,700

Other inputs (US\$): 202,000

Date of implementation: 1989-1993

<u>Impact</u>: 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 biotechnologies 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)

<u>Number</u>: INT/89/K05
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 120,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 107,971
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1991-1992

 <u>Impact</u>: Additional exports of US\$3 million through support to 80 small and medium size enterprises and implementation of 33 export promotion activities, benefiting directly and indirectly over 4,200 workers

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

5. Number: INT/89/K06 PGTF input (US\$): US\$65,450 Other inputs (US\$): Nil Date of implementation: 1990-1993 Impact: Between 1993 and 1996 certain databases were established. However, their impact was limited due to obsolescence of acquired material and difficulties in collecting data and bringing together the heads of information centers of Maghreb countries. In 1996 the implementing agency was dissolved and its assets transferred to the Algerian Bureau for Foreign Trade Promotion (PROMEX).

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

- <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K12
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 58,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 309,200
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1991-1997

 <u>Impact</u>: Publication of a book on biodiversity containing all the findings and innovative elements related to the germ plasm issue.
- (7-8) South-North Development Monitor (SUNS); and Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters (SUNS)
- <u>Number</u>: INT/89/K13 and INT/93/K03
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 120,000 and 59,881 respectively
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 164,000 and 158,517 respectively
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1991-1992 and 1994-1995 respectively
 <u>Impact</u>: Supported publication of SUNS during 24 months (over 400 issues). SUNS issues have since been
 made available by fax to the G-77 missions in New York.

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

- 8. Number: INT/89/K14
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 25,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: Nil
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1990-1992
 <u>Impact</u>: 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.
- (10) 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
- 9. <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K03 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 95,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 23,800 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1991-1995 <u>Impact</u>: 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 counties at the international level, in particular those related to international trade.
- (11) Regional symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean
- 10. <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K04 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 78,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 103,000 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1991 <u>Impact</u>: Publication of a book

<u>Impact</u>: 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.

(12) Organic rice farming

11. <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K06

PGTF input (US\$): 85,000

Other inputs (US\$): nil

Date of implementation: 1991-1997

<u>Impact</u>: 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 up scaling the project to the pilot level, and enabling farmers to further exploit these techniques

- (13-15) 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
- <u>Number</u>: INT/90/K07 and INT/92/K03 (First Round), and INT/94/K02 (Second Round) <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 350,000 and 250,000; and 72,363 respectively <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: Nil <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1991-1993, 1992-1994 and 1995-1997 respectively <u>Impact</u>: 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.

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

13. Number: INT/91/K01
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 150,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 270,000
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1991-1994
 <u>Impact</u>: 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.

(17) Economic Integration in the Southern Cone Common Market

- <u>Number</u>: INT/92/K01
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 88,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: Nil
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1992-1994

 <u>Impact</u>: 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 benefited from them
- (18) Development and use of a computer simulation model for supply, demand and prices of agricultural commodities in ASEAN countries
- 15. <u>Number</u>: INT/92/K04 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 81,600 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: Nil <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1993-1994 <u>Impact</u>: 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.
- (19-20) African Agency for Biotechnology
- 16. <u>Number</u>: INT/92/K06 (Phase I) and INT/93/K01 (Phase II) <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 150,000 and 150,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: Nil

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

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

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

17. <u>Number</u>: INT/93/K05

<u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 120,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 36,000 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1994-1997 <u>Impact</u>: 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

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

18. <u>Number</u>: INT/93/K07

PGTF input (US\$): US\$43,000 Other inputs (US\$): US\$15,200 Date of implementation: 1996-1999

<u>Impact</u>: Provided decision-makers in the subregion with recommendations aimed at designing and adopting common agricultural policies. In particular, by identifying shortcomings in national policies that resulted in the disappearance of all national centers for agricultural machinery, and by defining the main features of the subregional center, conceived as a center of excellence and a common endeavor of the member countries.

(23) Employment and income generation in West and Central Africa

19. <u>Number</u>: INT/94/K05

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

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

<u>Number</u>: INT/95/K02
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 140,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 42,200
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1996-1997

 <u>Impact</u>: 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.

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

21. <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K02 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: US\$90,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: US\$90,000 Date of implementation: 1997-1999

<u>Impact</u>: Seminars, workshops and training courses were organized in technical and vocational institutions of 7 English-speaking countries of the Caribbean on the education and training of persons with disabilities. Little known information on existing international standards, conventions, policies and programmes on disability issues was made available.

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

22. <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K03

<u>PGTF input (US\$):</u> US\$76,500 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: US\$160,000

Date of implementation: 1997-1998

<u>Impact</u>: Training of technicians from the participating countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos and Nepal) that would establish the infrastructure of standards, metrology and quality in their countries. Provision of methodological guidelines for conformity assessment using ISO 9000 and ISO 14000, and calibration guidelines needed for establishing a unified system of metrological calibration.

(27) South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development

 23. <u>Number</u>: INT/96/K05 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 84,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 93,000 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1998-2001 <u>Impact</u>: Collection of information on 65 agricultural and rural development projects in seventeen countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Preparation of 30 project summaries and 10 case studies. Publication of 11 issues of a newsletter in English and Spanish.

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

24. <u>Number</u>: INT/97/K02

PGTF input (US\$): US\$25,000 Other inputs (US\$): US\$25,000 Date of implementation: 1999-2002

<u>Impact</u>: Collection of information on crops, pests and weeds, bio-control programmes and integrated pest management from 13 participating countries. Convening of a workshop with 10 participating countries and 21 resource persons to exchange experiences on bio-control programmes. Identification of common problems and of areas for training. Four training programmes completed as of end April 2002.

(29) Integrated Planning and New Technologies for Sustainable Development

25. <u>Number</u>: INT/97/K03

PGTF input (US\$): US\$37,560 Other inputs (US\$): US\$41,720 Date of implementation: 1999-2001

Impact: Substantial progress in adopting an integrated approach in water resources planning, in particular in Barbados, Jamaica, St. Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago. Obstacles encountered in integrating science and technology into overall national development plans, some progress in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, not seen as a priority in the least developed Caribbean countries.

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

26. <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K03 <u>PGTF input (US\$):</u> US\$100,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: US\$146,500

Date of implementation: 1999-2000

<u>Impact</u>: On the basis of the findings of a mission from DPR Korea to the participating countries (Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali and Nigeria), 14 experts from these countries were trained on rice breeding. Main results were country-specific guidelines for evaluation, selection and seed production of rice genetic resources; improved rice breeding systems suited to the various agro-ecological zones; and rice breeding with enhanced disease resistance.

(31) Training, consultation, awareness building for small hydropower in developing countries

 27. <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K06 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 150,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 330,300 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1999-2001 <u>Impact</u>: Five training seminars in four developing countries. Consultation missions to seven countries to carry out feasibility studies. Publication of two training texts. Research and compilation of three surveys and a standards study. Initial funding for an international center for small hydropower through a trust fund administered by UNIDO

(32) International Youth Leadership Training for Promotion of South-South Cooperation

 28. <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K07 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 20,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 171,695 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1999-2000 <u>Impact</u>: Holding of a study and training conference for 70 youth leaders from 16 countries.

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

29. <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K08

<u>PGTF input</u>: US\$50,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$413,000 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1999-2001 <u>Impact</u>: It identified the main trade flows and the supply of transportation services in the region. This will facilitate the enhancement of these services and their infrastructure, as well as their regional production competitiveness.

(34) Establishment of a kit for the diagnosis of the Chagas disease

30. <u>Number</u>: INT/98/K18
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 35,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 705,000
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 1999-2000
 <u>Impact</u>: Development of two new highly selective and specific antigens for the diagnosis of the disease that
 would be the basis for preparing very low-cost kits, which could compete favorably in the market.

(35) Technical assistance based on the regional approach in the field of standardization, metrology and quality control among developing countries

<u>Number</u>: INT/99/K02
 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 25,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 73,667
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2000
 <u>Impact</u>: Training of officers from Lao, Cambodia, Nepal and Bangladesh in the establishment of their own national systems of standards and metrology.

- (36) Transportation information system (TIS) for the member countries of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)
- 32. <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K03 PGTF<u>input (US\$):</u> US\$37,000

<u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: US\$113,800 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2000-2001 <u>Impact</u>: Information system (SIT-A) installed in the Web page of ALADI. Contains information on regulatory and operating issues, as well as on physical infrastructure and related services. Covers air, road, rail, river and maritime transportation. Design is modular and user friendly and meets a sustained demand from the public, private and academic sectors of the region. ALADI is further developing the system.

(37) Pacific islands regional biomass energy resource assessment programme (PIRBERAP)

33. <u>Number</u>: INT/99/K05

PGTF input (US\$): US\$34,000Other inputs (US\$): US\$166,000Date of implementation: 2001-2004Impact: Country nationals from the six Pacific Island Countries (Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) were trained in biomass assessment techniques and methodologies with a focus on identifying and quantifying the biomass energy resources in each of those countries, resulting in greater awareness of and a renewed interest in biomass as a potential energy source.

(38) **Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration in Mercosur member countries**

34. <u>Number</u>: INT/00/K01

 PGTF input:
 US\$40,000

 Other inputs:
 US\$138,000 (estimated)

 Duration:
 One year

 Date of implementation:
 2001

 Impact:
 Publication of a book with experts' views and research on assessment and perspectives of

 Mercosur in its first decade.
 Dissemination activities for policy-makers aimed at reinforcing integration and cooperation within Mercosur.

(39) Training of Irrigation and Drainage Designers for Undertaking Development of Water Resources in Developing Countries in Asia

35. Number: INT/00/K04 PGTF input (US\$): US\$40,000 Other inputs (US\$): US\$100,000 Date of implementation: 2001-2002 Impact: A mission from DPR Korea visited each participating country (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos and Nepal) and collected field data on irrigation and drainage. Based on this assessment, a training workshop was held with the participation of two engineers from each country, in the areas of irrigation and drainage systems planning, technical bases for building the systems, investment estimates, and flood damage prevention.

(40) Cooperation for Development and Application of Biological Farming Method among Developing Countries in Asia

36. Number: INT/00/K05
 <u>PGTF input (US\$):</u> US\$40,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$):</u> US\$112,500
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2001-2002
 <u>Impact</u>: 29 experts from the participating countries (Cambodia, Laos, Nepal and Vietnam) were trained on biological farming. Main results were the analysis of the current situation in each country, guidelines for

developing biological resources and implementing country-specific biological farming methods; provision of bio-fertilizers and agricultural bio-medicines, on the basis of research and trials in various points of each country; and a system for sharing information experiences was established.

(41)Assessment and study of the residual effect of pesticides utilization on crop products and flowers in Latin America

37. Number: INT/00/K09

PGTF input (US\$): US\$35,000 Other inputs (US\$): US\$354,085

Date of implementation: 2001-2004

Impact: Field sampling studies were conducted and samples collection taken in representative areas in Colombia to assess pesticide residues in crop products to evaluate the food quality and safety and environmental impact. In most of the samples (96.4%) residues were below the Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs). Three samples (4.6%) were contaminated with pesticides residues that exceeded the MRLs, which were attributed to the inappropriate or excessive use of pesticides.

Programme of prevention in Peru and control in Ecuador and Colombia against the Guatemalan moth (42)

38. Number: INT/00/K10

PGTF input (US\$): US\$30,000 Other inputs (US\$): US\$43,268 Date of implementation: 2001-2003

Impact: An information network among Colombia, Ecuador and Peru was established to monitor and exchange information about the potato Guatemalan moth. International workshops were held with the participation of national specialists concerned with this pest, which facilitated contacts and the integrated development of sub regional initiatives against the Guatemalan moth. Success was reported in Peru continuing to maintain its status as a country free of this pest.

(43) Quinoa, a multipurpose crop for agro-industrial uses in the Andean countries

- 39. Number: INT/01/K01
 - PGTF input (US\$): US\$74,900

Other inputs (US\$): US\$89,800 Date of implementation: 2002-2004

Impact: 30 varieties of Quinoa seeds were cultivated under different crop conditions in Bolivia, Colombia and Peru. The most adaptable and productive seeds were identified and their respective profitability in the areas of production, agro industrial processing and marketing was assessed.

(44) **Distributed Modeling of Pipeline Networks**

40. Number: INT/01/K05

PGTF input (US\$): US\$80,000 Other inputs (US\$): US\$80,000 Date of implementation: 2002-2003

Impact: Initial work was performed on the design and evaluation of a concurrent system for modeling pipe networks using linear algebraic methods based on cluster computing that could offer a low-cost and highspeed alternative to traditional and expensive solutions based on massively parallel processing systems. The modeling of complex and large dynamic pipe networks poses a major challenge to be addressed.

- (45) Technical assistance and support to the relative less advanced stage of economic development countries in business missions
- 41. Number: INT/01/K06 PGTF input (US\$): US\$17,500

Other inputs (US\$): US\$75,300

Date of implementation: 2002-2005

<u>Impact</u>: Three business missions of businessmen from Bolivia, Ecuador and Paraguay to other Latin American countries were conducted and market studies were published on business opportunities aimed at improving exports of products from these countries.

(46) Training of Maize breeding experts for effective use of maize germplasm in Africa

42. <u>Number</u>: INT/02/K01

PGTF input (US\$): US\$81,200 Other inputs (US\$): US\$159,100 Date of implementation: 2002-2003 Impact: A training course was successfully completed by 11 trainees on the breeding of high-yield maize varieties resistant to unfavorable climate conditions through which information was exchanged on maize breeding and seed selection work done in the participating countries, namely Ethiopia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea and Mali.

(47) Indicators System on Information and Communication Technology

43. <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K03

PGTF input (US\$): US\$25,000 Other inputs (US\$): US\$50,000 Date of implementation: 2003 Impact: A framework to facilitate the identification and formulation of indicators and statistics on information and communication technologies (ICT) was proposed, which member countries of the Statistics Conference of the Americas (SCA) could incorporate in their national statistics plans.

(48) Regional technical cooperation programme: support to economic research in Mercosur

44. <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K05

PGTF input: US\$25,000 Other inputs: US\$369,000 Date of implementation: 2003-2004

<u>Impact</u>: A two-day regional forum was organized, attended by more than 300 participants (government officials, leading negotiators, scholars, experts, businessmen and civil society representatives). The forum provided a venue for presentation and discussion of results of the latest studies completed during 2001-2003 on regional macroeconomic cooperation and creation of a monetary institute; common trade policies and enhancement of the regional market; competitiveness, foreign investment and productive complementarities. As a result of the forum, proposals and recommendations were prepared and addressed to governments and civil society for furthering the process of regional integration.

(49) Negotiating Trade in Services: Implications for the Andean Community of Nations

45. <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K06

PGTF input (US\$): 20,000 Other inputs (US\$): 71,000 Date of implementation: 2003-2005

<u>Impact</u>: Two research reports were published dealing with international trade in professional services and the integration of the Andean countries and on trade services negotiations and investments. Networking of scholars and negotiators was accomplished in order to make the research closer and relevant to policy needs.

(50) Territorial imbalances and university education: impact of territorial imbalances on university students' performance

46. <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K07

<u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: US\$20,000 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: US\$144,400

Date of implementation: 2003-2004

Impact: Three country studies carried out in Argentina, Brazil and Peru proved that the proclaimed goal of equality of opportunities is far from being achieved. University education results, in terms of both qualitative and quantitative indicators are heavily dependent on personal and regional characteristics of students (socio-economic background, family income, and level of economic resources where they live). Results were published in a book widely distributed to public and private libraries, policy-makers in central and local governments, congress members, and authorities and researchers in public and private universities and other institutions. Administrative and academic institutions in the three countries now have the data, analyses and recommendations to make the right decisions regarding university education policies.

(51) Training, Consultation and Awareness Building for Small Hydropower in Developing Countries

47. <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K08

PGTF input (US\$): US\$40,000Other inputs (US\$): US\$117,400Date of implementation: 2003-2004Impact: A two-week training course for 31 participants from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and India was
conducted in India followed by a field visit to China which allowed for the exchange of
information/technical know-how/expertise in small hydropower (SHP); facilitated common understanding
of further SHP cooperation approaches and strategies; explored opportunities for SHP technology transfer;
and made recommendations for SHP cooperation among developing countries.

(52) Increase in sugar production by microbiological inhibition of the Leuconostoc spp. and other bacteria

48. <u>Number</u>: INT/03/K09

PGTF input (US\$): 25,000 Other inputs (US\$): 30,000 Date of implementation: 2003-2004 Impact: An inhibitor was found to have superior effects over commercial disinfection products commonly used for microbial inhibition of sugar cane losses in the sugar production process.

(53) Development of new technologies and products for the whole utilization of marginal and primary yeasts as sources of food (YAF)

 49. <u>Number</u>: INT/04/K04 <u>PGTF input</u>: US\$25,000 <u>Other inputs</u>: US\$245,000 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2004-2005 <u>Impact</u>: Assessment at industrial scale of substitution of molasses by microbial growth enhancer (MGE) QZ-350 in yeast propagation. Two tons of molasses needed as medium enrichment per ton of yeast were fully substituted by 1 Kg of MGE, without significant variation of productive results and with lower yeast production costs.

(54) Training programme for the staff of some African Countries Member Chambers

50. <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K01 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 24,700 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 24,900 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2005 <u>Impact</u>: A six-day training workshop held in Egypt offered training to staff from 12 African countries members of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the general functions of national chambers, computerized trade information systems; organization of national international exhibitions; and participation in industrial trade fairs.

- (55) Training of Researchers for Seed Production, Processing and Inspection Methods in Developing Countries
- 51. <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K02

 PGTF input (US\$): 45,000

 Other inputs (US\$): 67,500

 Date of implementation: 2005

 Impact: 12 seed experts (from Ethiopia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda and the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea) received training in the production of first-generation hybrid seed, its processing and inspection. Application of learned methods of seed production could increases crop production by 12 percent.

(56) Training of Groundnut Breeding Experts for the Effective Use of Groundnut Genetic Resources in the Developing Countries

52. <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K03

<u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: US\$45,000
 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: US\$67,500
 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2005
 <u>Impact</u>: A one-week training course for 10 participants from Guinea, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal was conducted in Guinea, including theoretical training and lectures, field practice and visits. Participants were familiarized with the technologies for breeding and cultivation of groundnuts, as well as with the establishment of groundnut breeding systems fit for their own specific conditions, and capacity building for the self-training of more and competent groundnut breeders.

(57) Strengthening development cooperation for poverty reduction between Viet Nam, Benin, Mozambique and the Republic of Congo

 53. <u>Number</u>: INT/05/K06 <u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 25,400 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 40,000 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2005 <u>Impact</u>: Potential fields of cooperation between Benin, Mozambique and Viet Nam were identified along with recommendations to further enhance development cooperation for poverty reduction in the future.

(58) Training programme for staff of national chambers of commerce of Middle Eastern countries

54. <u>Number</u>: INT/06/K06

<u>PGTF input (US\$)</u>: 27,400 <u>Other inputs (US\$)</u>: 33,000 <u>Date of implementation</u>: 2006 <u>Impact</u>: A six-day training workshop held in the State of Qatar offered training to staff from 12 Middle Easter countries members of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the general functions of national chambers, computerized trade information systems; organization of national international exhibitions; and participation in industrial trade fairs.

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Strengthening development cooperation for poverty reduction between vietnam, Benin, Mozambique and the Republic of Congo	22,860	
Training programme for the staff of some African Countries Member Chambers	22,230	
Caribbean Post Graduate Center	21,932	
Regional integration of postal transportation in the Andean Community.	22,500	
Latin American network for scientific and technical information on Vaccines	18,925	
Exchange of experiences of Export Trade Promotion Organizations in the Andean Region	3,617	
Negotiating Trade in Services: Implication for the Adrean Community	2,000	
Quinoa a multipurpose crop for agro industrial usesin the Adean countries	4,027	
Water and energy optimization in sugar and alcohol Integrated(WESAP)	8,928	
Cooperation in Competitiveness Promotion and Adrean Fair Competition System	934	
Increase in Sugar production by Microbiological Inhibition of Leuconostoc spp. and other Bacteria	2,277	
Agroforest Resources in Amazon Border Areas	2,212	
Development of new technologies and products for the whole utilization of marginal & primary yeast as a source of Food (YAF)	10,676	
Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF, Phase III	22,700	
Cooperation in Competitiveness Promotion and Andean Fair Competition System	8,965	
Design of a system of handling used pesticide containers	8,404	
Territorial imbalances and University Education: Impact of Territorial Imbalances on University Students Performance	4,000	
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Total Project Costs	319,518.00	319,518.00
Administrative Costs		882.00

STATUS OF PGTF-FUNDED PROJECTS: Approved, Authorized, Obligated and Amount available for Programming

Total resources Available

THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF) FOR ECDC/TCDC

Project disbursement /expenditure recorded in 20045 by UNDP Accounts and UNDP Treasury

Opening balance of unexpended resources as per financial statements as of 1 January 2005

Member Countries' Contributions¹ (yr. 2005 and 2006)

Projected interest 1 January -31 December 06

Project Disbursements Recorded in 2005

genetic resources in the developing countries

methods in Developing Countries

Technical Assistance and support to (PMDER) ... of the LAC Integration

Training of researchers for seed production, processing and inspection

Training of Groundnuts breeding experts for the effective use of Groundnut

Technology Transfer: assessing needs and promoting action.

Year 2005 Interest

Association

Add:

1) Less:

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INT/05/K01 INT/03/K10 INT/04/K07 INT/05/K10 INT/05/K05 INT/03/K06

INT/01/K01 INT/01/K07 INT/03/K02

INT/03/K09 INT/00/K03 INT/04/K04 INT/00/K08 INT/03/K02 INT/04/K03 INT/03/K07 Unknown project

78,187.73

242,570.00

270,349.00

1,560

39,500

44.550

44,550

591,106.73

7,402,683.73

6,811,577.00

Other expenditure(Misc.) Total Expenditures 449.00 **320,849.00**

7,081,834.73

Unexpended Resources as of 31/12/05 (incl. yr. 2006 contr. & interest)

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Less Undisbursed authorizations/unrecorded expenditures

	Global System of Trade Preference among Developing Countries - Phase	
INT/94/K02	IV	(3,229.00)
INT/95/K01	Optimization of the Process for Obtaining Crude	(4,677.00)
INT/96/K04	Coop in Tech. Training & Dev re Primary Health Care in Lusophone African Cos.	2,965.00
INT/96/K05	South-South Transfer of Experiences (IICA)	4,814.00
INT/97/K01	Impact of Enhancing Env. Standards on Int. Trade of South Asian Cos.	1,312.01
INT/97/K02	Biological Control of Pests & Weeds for Sus. Agriculture & Biodiversity	-
INT/98/K03	Training of rice breeding experts	(535.00)
INT/98/K04	Women and Youth in the Sahel Region	(10,500.00)
INT/98/K07	Int. Youth Leadership Prom of SSC	-
INT/98/K12	Support for Regional Remote Sensing Activities	45,000.00
INT/98/K17	Strategies to Reduce Drug Demand in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela	-
INT/98/K18	A Kit for the Chagas Disease	35,000.00
INT/99/K01	Development of Info Network & Database System NAM CSSTC	3,000.00
INT/99/K03	Transportation Information for ALADI Mbr cos	2,475.00
INT/99/K04	Inland Fisheries Resources in the COMSA Reg.	34,200.00
INT/99/K05	Pacific Islands Regional Biomas (PIRBERAP) Fiji	-
INT/99/K09	Second Edition of CD Rom - Amazon Coop Treary	-
INT/99/K12	Promotion of Alt Renewable energy sources in	12,525.53
INT/99/K13	Supp Comm Pilot Project -BKFS, Niger, Mali	19,254.60
INT/99/K14	Community Pilot - Burkina Faso	31,500.00
INT/00/K07	Transborder Pilot Project Mali, BFK, Niger	(29,700.00)
INT/00/K10	Programme of Prevention and Control against Guatemalan Moth of Potato"	14.29
INT/03/K01	Support to the Coordinating Secretariat of Zambisa-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Traingle (ZMM-GT) for the	63,000.00
INT/03/K02	Cooperation in Competitiveness Promotion and Adrean Fair Competition System	256.33
INT/03/K04	Preventive(Peru) and Control Programme(Bolivia and Brazil) against anthonomus Grandi boheman beaked Mexican	17,464.00
INT/03/K09	Increase in Sugar production by Microbiological Inhibition of Leuconostoc spp.and other Bacteria	8,206.01
INT/03/K10	Caribbean Post Graduate Center	568.00
INT/03/K11	Development of Water Resources in the Badia Region (Jordan)	465.00
INT/03/K14	Strengthening South-SouthAfrica/Asia/Latin America and Caribbean Cooperation for economic and Social integration	18,000.00
INT/03/K15	Capacity Building in Bio-Safety for the Caribbean	-
INT/04/K01	Cooperation for Floriculture and Vegetable growing technology amaong developing countries	40.00
INT/04/K02	Information network to promote strategies of socio-economic development in South American Camelids of Andean Countries	22,500.00
INT/04/K03	Design of a system of handling used pesticide containers	14,096.00
INT/04/K04	Development of new technologies and products for the whole utilization of marginal & primary yeast as a source of Food (YAF)	23.00
INT/04/K05	Identification of international cooperation opportunities for the settlement of youth in small communities of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay	(1,428.00)

INT/04/K06	Technology Transfer: assessing needs and promoting action.	1,000.00
INT/04/K08	Development & strengthening of mechanisms for solving conflcits on shared natural resources in Karamajong ecosystem in East Africa.	22,500.00
INT/05/K04	Development of technological package aimed at developing opto- mechanical industries in Latin America	31,500.00
INT/05/K05	Exchange of experiences of Export Trade Promotion Organizations in the Andean Region	21,133.00
INT/05/K10	Latin American network for scientific and technical information on Vaccines	12,575.00
INT/06/K01	Training of Irrigation and Drainage Designers for Protecting the Drought and Flood Damage in Developing countries	31,344.30
INT/06/K02	Training of Experts of Construction and Operation of Small- Size Hydropower Plants of Developing countries	27,000.00
INT/06/K03)	Training of Experts of Standardization and Metrology of Developing Countries	31,344.30
INT/06/K04	Yeast and Yeast derivative production from Cheese Whey (YEWHEY)	27,000.00
INT/06/K05	Support to the MERCOSUR Regional Integration Process	22,500.00
INT/06/K06	Training Programme for Staff of National Chambers of Commerce of Middle Eastern Countries	24,660.00
INT/06/K07*	International Youth Leadership training for promotion of South-South Cooperation- 2^{nd} Study Session and Training	27,000.00
INT/06/K08)	Creation of a Rainwater Harvesting Model	27,000.00
INT/06/K09*	Harmonization of Norms and procedures for agronomic evaluation of commercial varieties in Peru, Columbia and Bolivia	27,000.00
unknown project		(2,171)

593,166.37

Total

¹ Algeria, Brazil, DPR, Islamic Rep. Of Iran, Namibia, Singapore, South Africa, Venezuela (January 2005 -July 2006)

Reserved resources	(Fund	Capital)	
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<u>6,000,000.00</u> **6,593,166.37**

488,668.36

Total Remaining Funds (7,081,834.73 - 6,593,166.37)

Less Obligated and Earmarked Fund Obligated ²

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Remaining Budget of approved projects (incl. Obligatory 10% retained to ensure reporting compliance)

INT/90/K08	Support to the PGTF Committee of Experts (final rev. rephasing to INT/00/K08)	(101,236.00)
INT/96/K02	Caribbean Regional	4,500.00
INT/97/K03	Integrated planning	7,000.00
INT/98/K05	Building tech.compet. In the area of conformity	-
INT/98/K09	Harmonization of agric.policies of the COMESA	6,000.00
INT/98/K10	Technology Linkage thru Sharing & Coop in DC's	10,000.00
INT/98/K11	Subregional Intellectual Prop System	27,754.82
INT/98/K12	Regional remote sensing activities	5,000.00
INT/98/K14	Stats Service Unit/Access of WB Database	6,036.00
INT/98/K15	Macro-economic & sectoral coop.programme	50,000.00
INT/99K04	Inland Fisheries Resources in the COMESA Reg.	3,800.00
INT/99/K14	Support Comm Pilot Project - Burikina Faso	3,500.00
INT/00/K02	EPPP in Ethiopia	3,844.38
INT/00/K03	Agroforest in Amazon boarder areas	2,288.00
INT/00/K06	Asia Pacific Renaissance	2,500.00
INT/00/K08	Support to the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (Phase II)	2,176.00

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INT/00/K09 INT/00/K10	Study of pesticides on crop products in LA Prevention and Control against Guatemalan Moth of Potato"	3,500.00 3,000.00
INT/00/K11	Development of Communities in the Kalahara Desert	3,500.00
INT/00/K12	Strengthening livelihood of women potters	1,000.00
INT/00/K13	Transborder pilot project in Mali, BKF, Niger	3,300.00
INT/01/K01	Quinoa multipurpose crop in agroindustry. In Adean countries	17,733.00
INT/01/K02	Improving Awassi Sheep Frozen Semen (Jordan and Palestine)	29,070.00
INT/01/K03	Watershed Management Northern Badia Region (Sirhan Basin/Jordan)	7,500.00
INT/01/K05	Distributed Modeling of Pipe Networks (Jordan)	513.30
INT/01/K06	TA and support to PMDER) LAC Region - ALADI	(310.00)
INT/01/K07	Water and Energy Optimization, Sugar & Alcohol (WESAP) - ICIDCA	3,199.67
INT/03/K01	Support to the Coordinating Secretariat of Zambisa-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Traingle (ZMM-GT) for the	7,000.00
INT/03/K02	Cooperation in Competitiveness Promotion and Adrean Fair Competition System	2,000.00
INT/03/K03	Indicators Sysytem of information and Communication technologies for Statistics Conference of the America (SCA)	1,500.00
INT/03/K04	Preventive(Peru) and Control Programme(Bolivia and Brazil) against anthonomus Grandi boheman beaked Mexican	2,500.00
INT/03/K07	Terrirtorail imbalances and University Education: Impact of Territorial Imbalances on University Students Performance	500.00
INT/03/K08	Training, Consultation and Awareness Building for small Hydro Power in Developing Countries	(4,000.00)
INT/03/K09	Increase in Sugar production by Microbiological Inhibition of Leuconostoc spp.and other Bacteria	1,922.00
INT/03/K10	Caribbean Post Graduate Center	2,500.00
INT/03/K11	Development of Water Resources in the Badia Region (Jordan)	7,000.00
INT/03/K13	Training of Irrigation Designers for Undertaking the Work of Developing of the Water Resources in Developing Countries	4,000.00
INT/03/K14	Strengthening South-SouthAfrica/Asia/Latin America and Caribbean Cooperation for economic and Social integration	4,000.00
INT/03/K15	Capacity Building in Bio-Safety for the Caribbean	2,500.00
INT/04/K01	Cooperation for Floriculture and Vegetable growing technology amaong developing countries	(4,000.00)
INT/04/K02	Information network to promote strategies of socio-economic development in South American Camelids of Andean Countries	2,500.00
INT/04/K03	Design of a system of handling used pesticide containers	2,500.00
INT/04/K06	Technology Transfer: assessing needs and promoting action.	4,500.00
INT/04/K07	Regional integration of postal transportation in the Andean Community.	2,500.00
INT/04/K08	Development & strengthening of mechanisms for solving conflcits on shared natural resources in Karamajong ecosystem in East Africa.	2,500.00
INT/05/K01	Training of researchers for seed production, processing and inspection methods in Developing Countries	2,470.00
INT/05/K04	Development of technological package aimed at developing opto- mechanical industries in Latin America	3,500.00
INT/05/K05	Exchange of experiences of Export Trade Promotion Organizations in the Andean Region	2,750.00
INT/05/K06	Strengthening development cooperation for poverty reduction between vietnam, Benin, Mozambique and the Republic of Congo	2,540.00
INT/05/K10	Latin American network for scientific and technical information on Vaccines	3,500.00
INT/06/K01	Training of Irrigation and Drainage Designers for Protecting the Drought and Flood Damage in Developing countries	3,482.70
INT/06/K02	Training of Experts of Construction and Operation of Small- Size Hydropower Plants of Developing countries	3,000.00
INT/06/K03)	Training of Experts of Standardization and Metrology of Developing Countries	3,482.70
INT/06/K04	Yeast and Yeast derivative production from Cheese Whey (YEWHEY)	3,000.00

INT/06/K05	Support to the MERCOSUR Regional Integration Process	2,500.00	
INT/06/K06	Training Programme for Staff of National Chambers of Commerce of Middle Eastern Countries	2,740.00	
INT/06/K07*	International Youth Leadership training for promotion of South-South Cooperation- 2 nd Study Session and Training	3,000.00	
INT/06/K08)	Creation of a Rainwater Harvesting Model	3,000.00	
INT/06/K09*	Harmonization of Norms and procedures for agronomic evaluation of commercial varieties in Peru, Columbia and Bolivia	3,000.00	
	Total Obligated Funds	165,333.87	
	Earmarked funds approved ³		
INT/99/K08	HRD & Training Int Trade for mbr states of CEMAC	(22,000.00)	
INT/99/K11	Support Bali POA of the G-77	(30,000.00)	
INT/01/K08	Multilateral Trading System Training centre, Egypt	(86,000.00)	
INT/03/K12	`Reviving Low Cost Mud Adobe House for poor Urban and Rural Communities	(40,000.00)	
INT/05/K07	Technical studies for the improvement of the In- Guezam (Algeria)- Arlit(Niger) section of the transsaharan route	35,000.00	
INT/05/K08	Development and integration of the International Offices of the Ministries of Health of South America	18,200.00	
INT/05/K09	Extension course on Tecnological Innovation Management	24,500.00	
INT/06/K10*	Training, Consultation and Awareness for Small Hydropower Development in Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria and Zimbabwe	35,000.00	
INT/06/K11*	Strengthening of Coordination and Cooperation Among Countries for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Americas Region	35,000.00	
	Total Earmarked Funds	(30,300.00)	
	Total Obligated and Earmarked Funds		135,033.87
	Available for new projects 4 (488,668.36 -135,033.87)		353,634.49
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1. Deposited in long-term high yield bonds

2. Signed project documents/subcontract documents finalized

3. Commitments where the project documents are to be finalized/budget revisions to be prepared

4. This figure includes projected interest for 1 Jan-31 December 2005

* Project document sent for implementation but no ASL established yet