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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, 29th, 30th and 31st 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, September 2005, September 2006, and September 2007 the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its twenty-third meeting in New York from 29 July to 1 August 2008.

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 2008-2009. 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. Two representatives of the Treasury Division of UNDP were 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 of 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. Forty (40) project proposals;
2. Twelve ((12) 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 2008 were US\$506,800, including projected interest earnings until 31 December 2008. 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\$72,400.

II. REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF PGTF

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

Highlights of twenty-one years of operation of PGTF (1986-2007)

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 apply to additional core resources.

10. From 1986 to 2007, 610 projects proposals were submitted to the PGTF and, in accordance with the guidelines for its utilization, the Fund has provided support to 179 projects with a total allocation of US\$10.1 million, i.e. a yearly average of 8.5 projects and US\$476,000 respectively.

11. With a view to increasing 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 1986-2007 period amount to US\$ 20.8 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 provided below:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Number of projects</u>	<u>Share of allocated resources (%)</u>
Food and agriculture	51	29
Consulting services, training and other TCDC activities.....	55	25
Trade.....	19	16
Technology.....	15	8
Information exchange and dissemination.....	13	8
Industrialization.....	8	6
Other (energy, raw materials, health and finance).....	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>
TOTAL	179	100

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

<u>Country coverage</u>	<u>Number of projects</u>	<u>Share of allocated resources (%)</u>
Interregional projects.....	58	42
Sub regional projects.....	89	40
Regional projects.....	30	17
Action Committees.	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	179	100

14. According to the status of implementation of approved projects as of 29 July 2008, PGTF support has been distributed as follows:

<u>Status of implementation</u>	<u>Number of projects</u>	<u>Share of allocated resources (%)</u>
Completed.....	115	73
Under implementation.....	35	14
Under preparation, still to be implemented.....	8	3
Under query.....	1	0
Not implemented, allocated funds reverted to PGTF...	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	179	100

15. The Committee welcomed the 2007 South-South Cooperation Award (category “*Leadership*”), presented to PGTF by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of the UNDP on the occasion of the Fourth United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation held in New York on 19 December 2007. This Award recognized the achievements of PGTF in the mobilization of resources through creative approaches and mechanisms.

Yield of PGTF resources

16. The Committee examined at its twenty-third meeting the status of the PGTF portfolio and yield of PGTF resources, in line with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20-23 of the report of the Committee at its ninth meeting in 1994.

17. Total PGTF resources are constituted by the core capital (US\$ 6 million) and unexpended resources. Pursuant 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 for supporting new projects. Between 1987 and 2007, total resources have been in the range of US\$ 6.2 to 7.4 million.

18. 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\$6,844,640. It consists of two time deposits totaling US\$3,000,000 (44 percent of total funds) and six bonds totaling US\$3,440,000 (50 percent), while a small portion of the portfolio (US\$404,640) is kept as liquidity in a money market fund (6 percent). Bonds maturities have a ladder structure: maturities of four of them are staggered from 2008 to 2011 (US\$2,500,000 i.e. 36 percent of total resources) and for two bonds totaling US\$940,000 (14 percent), maturities exceed five years (2013 and 2014). The total marked to market value of the portfolio as of 22 July 2008 was US\$6,868,635.

19. Expected nominal yield of PGTF portfolio for 2008 is 4.37 percent per annum, but after adjusting for the purchase price of the securities, the effective yield would be 4.09 percent. This figure is lower than in 2007 but higher than in previous years (4.69 percent in 2007, 4.20 percent in 2006, 3.62 percent in 2005, 3.30 percent in 2004, and 2.91 percent in 2003), and reflects the decrease of interest rates as well as the investment strategy adopted for PGTF resources.

20. From January to July 2008, total disbursements made by UNDP to beneficiaries of PGTF-funded projects totaled US\$204,398 compared to US\$ 74,750 for the January-July 2007 period. This amount was paid by PGTF as inter-fund settlement to UNDP.

21. On the basis of PGTF portfolio as of 22 July 2008, the projected interest earnings for 2008 are US\$ 270,945. The present and project structure of the portfolio is as follows:

Security	Face value (US\$)	Maturity date	Coupon rate (%)	Buy price (% of face value)	Coupon payment (US\$)	Effective Rate (%)	Effective 2008 income (US\$)
Bonds and deposits matured between 1 January and 22 July 2008							
<i>Deposit</i>	1,000,000	24-Jan-2008	5.340	100.000	3,418	5.340	3,418
<i>Deposit</i>	1,200,000	5-Mar-2008	5.170	100.000	11,029	5.170	11,029
<i>Deposit</i>	1,000,000	14-April-2008	5.370	100.000	15,513	5.370	15,513
<i>Deposit</i>	2,000,000	14-July-2008	2.880	100.000	14,156	2.880	14,156
<i>Money market</i>		up to 30-Jun-2008			12,138		12,138
Bonds and deposits in PGTF portfolio as of 22 July 2008							
Deposit	1,000,000	14-Oct-2008	2.880	100.000	17,680	2.880	17,680
Deposit	2,000,000	16-Jan-2009	3.130	100.000	29,735	3.130	29,735
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 bond maturing on 1-Oct-2008		31-Dec-2008	3.300	100.000	6,747	3.300	6,747
Reinvestment of deposit maturing on 14-Oct-2008		31-Dec-2008	3.300	100.000	7,242	3.300	7,242
Money market	481,117	30-Sept-2008	2.350	-	2,850	2.350	2,850
Money market	183,967	31-Dec-2008	2.500	-	1,159	2.500	1,159
Total	6,623,967		4.37		289,417	4.09	270,945

22. Several time deposits matured in the second half of 2007 and the proceeds were reinvested in short-term time deposits with maturities ranging from 3 to 7 months. This was done to take advantage of the spike in short term interest rates due to credit restrictions triggered by the sub-prime mortgage crisis and massive purchases of medium-term United States Treasuries.

23. As a result of the massive liquidity injections through credit and auction facilities triggered by the sub-prime mortgage losses and massive asset write-downs in international as well as in regional banks; there has been a significant change in the yield curve of the United States Treasuries. While in mid-2007 the curve was inverted in the 6 months to 3 years maturity range (i.e. shorter term treasuries had higher yields than longer term ones), by mid-2008 it had recovered its traditional shape, in particular due to the significant decline in short term interest rates (from 5.25 percent in August 2007 to 2 percent in April 2008). As a result, the 3 to 5 years range of maturities becomes the most attractive from the point of view of yield. Although inflation pressures have been high in the United States due to a combination of high oil prices and a weak United States currency, no adjustment in interest rates by the United States Federal Reserve is expected in the next six months, due to the perilous state of the economy in general and the housing sector in particular.

24. Two (2) time deposits and one bond in the amount of US\$ 3,500,000 will mature between October 2008 and January 2009. In the light of the above, the investment strategy for the next 12 months would be as follows: (a) reinvest the maturing proceeds in bonds with a 3 to 5 years maturity, issued by supranational or sovereign financial corporations having at least an "A" credit rating and with a target interest rate of 4 percent per annum; and (b) drawdown the current money market fund balance (from US\$ 400,000 to some US\$ 184,000 by year-end) and combine with proceeds from the bond maturing in October 2008 when reinvesting in bonds mentioned in (a).

25. Performance of the PGTF portfolio is being measured on a quarterly basis against a benchmark (i.e. the 5-year U.S. Treasury) since the beginning of 2007. As a result of the adopted investment strategy, PGTF portfolio has outperformed the benchmark, as shown in the table below:

	1 st quarter 2007	2 nd quarter 2007	3 rd quarter 2007	4 th quarter 2007	1 st quarter 2008	2 nd quarter 2008
Benchmark (5 yr Treasury)	4.64%	4.76%	4.51%	3.79%	2.75%	3.15%
PGTF	4.61%	4.61%	4.79%	4.78%	4.43%	3.60%

26. This investment strategy represents the best option under the circumstances, but as indicated it translates into interest earnings of only US\$ 270,945 for 2008. In addition, available resources have been increased by some US\$ 236,000 coming from contributions by member countries (US\$ 59,000) plus non-recurrent items such as funds reverted and other adjustments (US\$ 177,000). In summary, total availability for 2008 is US\$ 506,800, a figure slightly lower than in 2007. However, this amount is modest compared to the levels that prevailed in the 1990s, especially in real terms, and calls for actions aimed at expanding the resources of PGTF if the Fund is to remain responsive to support the growing needs for South-South cooperation. A breakdown of the availability of funds since 1990 is as follows:

Year	Available resources (thousand US\$)
1990	1,218
1991	644
1992	900
1993	600
1994	300
1995	880
1996	800
1997	843
1998	1,294
1999	462

Year	Available resources (thousand US\$)
2000	408
2001	796
2002	510
2003	246
2004	325
2005	348
2006	354
2007	520
2008	507

Expansion of PGTF resources

27. 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 resources of PGTF; (b) increase of the yield of the PGTF portfolio; and (c) increase of the multiplier effect of PGTF resources.

(a) Increase of the resources of PGTF

28. 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.

Contributions by member countries of the Group of 77

29. 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 of building evidence of commitment and support that would represent a powerful argument when approaching donors, both countries and institutions.

30. The Committee welcomed seven (7) new contributions made since the last meeting of the Committee by seven (7) developing countries. These contributions totaled US\$ 59,145, as follows:

Algeria (a sixth contribution of US\$ 10,000);
Antigua and Barbuda (a first contribution of US\$ 5,000);
China (a second contribution of US\$ 20,000);
South Africa (a sixth contribution of US\$ 7,645);
Suriname (a first contribution of US\$ 1,500);
Uruguay (a first contribution of US\$ 5,000); and
Venezuela (an eighth contribution of US\$10,000)

31. The Committee also noted the fifty-six (56) contributions already made by twenty-three (23) developing countries up to 1 August 2007, namely:

1997: Mauritius (US\$500);

1998: Pakistan (US\$1,000), and Singapore (US\$2,000);

1999: 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);

2000: China (US\$2,000), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (a second contribution of US\$2,000), and Peru (US\$2,000);

2001: 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);

2002: 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);

2003: 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);

2004: 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);

2005: Algeria (a third and a fourth contribution of US\$10,000 each), 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);

2006: Singapore (a third contribution of US\$2,000), Brazil (a second contribution of US\$20,000), Philippines (a second contribution of US\$ 1,500), Trinidad and Tobago

(US\$4,130), Algeria (a fifth contribution of US\$10,000), and South Africa (a fourth contribution of US\$8,016)

2007 Trinidad and Tobago (a second contribution of US\$2,000), South Africa (a fifth contribution of US\$6,667) and Islamic Republic of Iran (a fourth contribution of US\$10,000).

32. In summary, up to 29 July 2008, PGTF has received sixty-three (63) contributions from twenty-six (26) developing countries. The total amount of contributions received is US\$1,301,476, 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 countries</u>	<u>Number of contributions</u>	<u>Contributions (US\$)</u>
Smaller contributions (up to US\$ 5,000)	25	44	114,195
Larger contributions (more than US\$ 5,000).....	7	18	187,281
Contributions to PGTF core capital	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL	26(*)	63	1,301,476

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

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

34. 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.

35. 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.

36. 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. The results of the subsequent Pledging Conferences have been as follows:

Year	Number of pledges	Amount pledged (US\$)
2004	3	16,000
2005	4	18,000
2006	3	28,016
2007	6	49,145
Cumulative	16	111,161

37. 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.

Contributions by international institutions

38. Consultations have been held with a number of international institutions with a view to exploring their interest in either making contributions to PGTF resources or co-financing projects with PGTF. The experience so far indicates that a practical and flexible approach should be adopted in order to find common grounds for undertaking joint activities from the point of view of both areas of interest or priority and working procedures.

39. In late 2006, a Grant Agreement was signed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and PGTF, providing for a contribution of US\$ 200,000 over a two (2) year period, to be disbursed in two installments of US\$100,000 each. 95 percent of these resources would be utilized to support projects on the basis of a mutually agreed Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB), while the remaining 5 percent would cover PGTF and UNDP overheads.

40. The AWPB for 2007 was prepared and submitted by PGTF, and approved by IFAD. As a result, the first tranche of US\$ 100,000 was disbursed by IFAD in August 2007 and three (3) projects received funding with an allocation of US\$ 95,000 to support the projects and US\$ 5,000 to cover PGTF and UNDP overheads. Two of the three projects are currently under implementation (cf. projects INT/08/K02 and INT/08/K05), while the third is still under preparation (cf. project INT/08/K09).

41. One of the requisites for the disbursement of the second US\$ 100,000 tranche is that a minimum of 75 percent of the resources of the first tranche had actually been spent. In light of the fact that two of the three projects have implementation periods that exceed one year (i.e. 36 months for INT/08/K02 and 18 months for INT/08/K05), the spending requisite is likely to be fulfilled in 2009, when a new AWPB could be submitted.

42. The Committee wished to commend again IFAD for its contribution and the support provided by IFAD to South-South cooperation activities carried out jointly with PGTF. The Committee considers that the present IFAD-PGTF Grant Agreement represents an excellent pilot experience and will ensure that it becomes a successful undertaking that could be expanded and extended, and replicated with other international institutions.

Impact of contributions to PGTF resources

43. 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, 2005, 2006 and 2007 contributions respectively increased by 25, 46, 44 and 77 percent the availability of resources provided by interest earnings of the initial core capital, and up to 29 July 2008 they have increased it by 24 percent. It should be noted that more contributions might be forthcoming during the rest of the year since PGTF has received seven pledges still to be paid from seven member countries for a total of US\$ 52,000.

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

<u>Impact of new contributions</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total number of new contributions by member countries	10	8	7	8	2(*)
Member countries contributions (US\$)	46,000	56,200	55,700	65,200	12,600
Contribution by IFAD (US\$).....				100,000	
Interest from US\$ 1 million contribution to core capital (US\$)..	2,500	39,000	43,000	43,000	43,000
SUB-TOTAL (US\$)	48,500	95,200	98,700	208,200	55,600
Interest earnings from initial core capital of US\$ 5 million (US\$)	192,500	208,700	227,000	272,000	228,000
TOTAL (US\$)	241,000	303,900	325,700	475,200	422,600
New contributions as percentage of interest earnings of initial core capital (%)	25	46	44	77	24

(*) January-July 2008

(b) Increase of the yield of the PGTF portfolio

45. 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 2008 14 percent of PGTF portfolio. In the second half of 2008 this percentage is likely to remain unchanged since the most attractive range of maturities is 3 to 5 years, and there is no incentive to invest in securities with longer maturities.

46. In the light of the weakness of the United States currency, the possibility of investing in other currencies has been discussed on a preliminary basis. However, this is an option that would require further analysis and careful consideration, in particular with regard to merits and risks associated to the foreign exchange exposure that would be instilled in the PGTF portfolio

47. 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, but under the current economic circumstances it does not seem advisable in the near future.

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

48. 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.

Guidelines for the utilization of PGTF resources

49. According to the standard practice, proposals received after the established deadline of 30 April 2008 of each year were considered as automatically submitted to the next meeting of the Committee, which would be normally held the following year. With a view to ensuring that these proposals were still relevant, up-to-date and continued to be within the submitting entities' priorities, the Committee recommended in the report of its 20th meeting held in 2005 that submitting entities be requested to resubmit these late proposals, in their original form or updated as appropriate, before the deadline of the following year. Even though the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 has timely informed all the late proposals' submitters that they should resubmit the proposals, only a limited number has actually replied to this request. Concerned by the fact that lack of information or uncertainty regarding interest of the submitters or validity of the proposals might mislead the Committee in its consideration of the proposals, it was recommended to include a new guideline to this effect, which would read as follows:

“Project proposals received after the established deadline of each given year would not be considered by the Committee at its meeting of that year and consideration would be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee. However, these proposals would only be considered by the Committee if the submitting entities resubmit these proposals, in their original form or updated as appropriate, before the deadline of the following year”.

Operating arrangements

50. The Committee examined the operating arrangements of PGTF and agreed to focus on dissemination of information on PGTF. In this regard, the Committee was informed of the significant improvements in the information available in the PGTF section of the website of the Group of 77 (www.g77.org), which includes:

- a. Comprehensive and easily accessible information regarding PGTF main features, aimed at facilitating the preparation and submission of proposals to PGTF, including the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, model formats and checklists in the working languages of the Group of 77, as well as the full texts of the reports of all the meetings of the PGTF Committee of Experts held since 1987;
- b. Full texts of the final reports (in their original languages) of the majority of the PGTF-funded projects that have been completed. In order to facilitate and encourage direct communications and exchanges between the institutions that implemented these projects and other interested parties in the developing countries, a summary of the main features of each completed project and detailed contact information is provided in addition to the reports.

51. While translations of the project summaries into the working languages of the Group of 77 are being envisaged, their inclusion in the present structure of the PGTF section of the website will require an additional programming effort that might take some time.

52. The Committee commended the work done in this regard by the Office of the Chairman and recommended that the Permanent Missions of the Group of 77, as well as the institutions and organizations of the developing countries that normally interact with PGTF, be informed of these new developments and encouraged to take advantage of them.

53. The Committee also discussed about new operating arrangements aimed at ensuring better and smoother functioning of the PGTF, including ways and means to better balance the geographical distribution of incoming proposals and ensure adequate responsiveness of PGTF in the light of significant fluctuations in the availability of resources, stemming from the prevailing volatility of financial markets and interest rates. The Committee decided to continue following up on these issues with a view to making timely recommendations and adjustments, as appropriate.

Survey of the impact of PGTF

54. 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 78 of the 115 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

55. The Committee had before it forty (40) project proposals submitted before the established deadline of 30 April 2008 to avail from the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) *Investigating the Anti microbial Activities and Development of Pesticides from Honey Bee Propolis*
- (2) *Monitoring of Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides in the Kherbet Assamra Region in Jordan*
- (3) *Biological Decontamination of Mycotoxins Contaminated Feeds, Eggs and Poultry Meats*
- (4) *Biomass Accumulation and Nutrient Dynamics of Saltbushes in Low Rainfall Areas of Jordan*
- (5) *Research Capacity Building in Higher Education Institutions in Southern Africa*
- (6) *Preliminary study of project on renewable energy, geothermal energy in particular*
- (7) *Characterization of Recent Sediments across the Red Sea using multiple analytical techniques: Comparison between the Jordanian, Egyptian and Saudi Coasts*
- (8) *Integrated environmental conservation project proposal*
- (9) *Preventing desertification by PEK/WAI/ASI initiative*
- (10) *Training programme on micro finance sector development*
- (11) *Support to the Mercosur regional integration process*
- (12) *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*
- (13) *Training and preparation of youth for democratic sustenance leadership and for professional manpower development through mentoring*
- (14) *Promotion of consumer protection in the Caribbean*
- (15) *International Youth Leadership Training for Promotion of South-South Cooperation - 3rd Study Session and Training*
- (16) *Implementation of occupational health and safety management systems OHSAS (18001) for central electricity generating company*

- (17) *Implementation of an environmental management system for Aqaba and Rehab Power Stations that meets ISO 14000, General Guidelines for EMS*
- (18) *Flame arrestor*
- (19) *Technical cooperation among Jordan, Egypt and Syria in the field of biodiesel*
- (20) *Serving Bedouins at remote areas in Jordan with potable water through mobile solar photovoltaic powered reverse osmosis unit*
- (21) *Technical and economic assessment of a photovoltaic grid-connected system in Jordan through a pilot project*
- (22) *Lighting a public garden in Jordan using solar photovoltaic energy*
- (23) *Small-scale photovoltaic powered systems for lighting and TV uses for the Bedouins at remote areas in Jordan*
- (24) *South American inter-laboratories network for standardization and accreditation of value-added textile products made with fibers from South American camelids in Argentina, Bolivia and Peru*
- (25) *Implementation of the Electronic Vote Observatory in Latin America*
- (26) *Exchange of Experiences on Assistance Services for Exporters and Utilization of Technological Tools for Supporting Export-promotion organizations in the Andean Region*
- (27) *Decontamination of Distillery Slops by Microbial Protein Propagation (DDS/MPP)*
- (28) *Training Plan for Popularizing the Clean Burning Technology of Environment Protection Boiler*
- (29) *Promoting dairy economic and technical cooperation between China and Africa through value-added functional dairy products*
- (30) *Regional Cooperation on Edible Mushroom Technology*
- (31) *TCDC/ECDC Facilitation E-center of Bamboo*
- (32) *Rural postal delivery in the Andean Community*
- (33) *Market analysis and feasibility of establishing a competitive Anthurium industry in the Caribbean*
- (34) *Agro-based and Micro Home-based Enterprise Livelihood Projects for the Conflict Affected Barangays in the Province of Bohol, Philippines*
- (35) *Establishment of Bohol Mari-culture Zones/Demo Sites (as a Strategy to Curb Illegal Fishing and Institutionalize Sustainable Resource Use)*
- (36) *Professionalizing Local Government Management for Elective Local Government Officials in Region XI*
- (37) *Mainstreaming Natural Family Planning: The Davao Region Initiative*
- (38) *Food security and invasive species*
- (39) *SIM EMWG Training and Development*
- (40) *First Iberian American Congress of Human Milk Banks and Second Latin American Forum on Human Milk Banks*

56. The following four (4) proposals were received after the established deadline of 30 April 2008 and were not considered by the Committee at this meeting:

- (1) *Project for the establishment of a community center on support, counseling, human rights and gender equality in Western Africa*
- (2) *Innovations on water and energy distribution, and sewage treatment for poor populations*
- (3) *Training and Mentoring Program for Facilitators of Integrated Sustainable Rural Development in the Kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland*

(4) *Training of Trainers on HIV and AIDS Mainstreaming at communities in Lesotho and Swaziland*

57. The Office of the Chairman should request the submitting entities to resubmit these late proposals not later than 30 April 2009, in their original form or updated as appropriate, for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee. As recommended by the Committee, the requirement for resubmission of the late proposals will become mandatory in 2009 since it will be adopted as a new guideline for utilization of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 1 - *Investigating the Anti microbial Activities and Development of Pesticides from Honey Bee Propolis*

58. The University of Jordan, based in Amman, Jordan, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations. No other participating countries are identified in the proposal.

59. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to investigate the anti microbial effect of propolis (bee glue) collected by honeybees from different flora on plant diseases, with the aim of developing environmentally friendly pesticides to control some of the most important plant diseases.

60. The supporting documentation indicates that the expected duration of the project is two (2) years, but provides no cost estimates or budget figures.

61. The Committee noted that this proposal was submitted in 2007 after the 30 April deadline, but it was not resubmitted by the sponsors for the 2008 project cycle, as required by the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 of the report of the Twentieth meeting of the Committee, held in 2005. Moreover, the Committee considered that, in addition to being an incomplete proposal, both the scope and activities provided in the documentation correspond to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF resources, as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No.2 - *Monitoring of Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides in the Kherbet Assamra Region in Jordan*

63. The University of Jordan and the Royal Scientific Society, both based in Amman, Jordan, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations. The proposal does not identify any other participating countries.

64. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to monitor the persistent organic pollutants (POPs) (chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides) residues in the Kherbet Assamra region in Jordan, as an important suspected contamination site with a view to detecting and monitoring POPs in (a) soil samples at different depths, (b) waste water both in and outlet treatment samples, (c) agricultural commodities from cultivated plants nearby the Kherbet Assamra waste water treatment station, and (d) mothers' milk in the area.

65. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$ 299,800 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 50,000. Others contribution comes from the

project sponsors, namely the University of Jordan (US\$134,800) and the Royal Scientific Society (US\$115,000). A breakdown of the total cost is presented below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	12,000	125,800	137,800
Collection of samples	15,520	0	15,520
Samples analysis (gas chromatography)	19,000	40,000	59,000
Local travel	0	2,000	2,000
Laboratories	0	80,000	80,000
Equipment	0	2,000	2,000
Other	3,480	0	3,480
Total	50,000	249,800	299,800

66. The Committee noted that this proposal was submitted in 2007 after the 30 April deadline, but it was not resubmitted by the sponsors for the 2008 project cycle, as required by the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 of the report of the Twentieth meeting of the Committee, held in 2005. In addition, the Committee considered that, on the basis of the documentation provided, both the objectives and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF resources, as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No.3 - Biological Decontamination of Mycotoxins Contaminated Feeds, Eggs and Poultry Meats

68. The University of Jordan submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations. The supporting documentation contains no indication of other participating countries.

69. Mycotoxins are a group of naturally occurring toxins, they include the aflatoxins that are considered as potential carcinogens and can cause toxicity in mammalian and avian species. The potential source of human exposure to aflatoxins is through ingestion of contaminated food as grains, peanuts, tree nuts, and cottonseed meal where aflatoxin-producing fungi commonly grow. Also, poultry meat, eggs, milk and other edible products from animals that consume aflatoxin-contaminated feed are additional sources of potential exposure. Mycotoxins have a significant economic and commercial impact: (a) both the productivity and nutritive value of the infected cereal and forage are affected, and (b) in farm animals, mycotoxins have negative effects on production, reproductive rate, growth efficiency and immunological defense, as well as causing damage to the liver and kidneys.

70. According to the text of proposal, the aim of the project is to isolate suitable microorganisms from soil samples and to decontaminate the aflatoxin or aflatoxin metabolites in poultry feed, meat and eggs by biological means in order to recuperate mycotoxin contaminated commodities and protect the poultry industry as well as human health in Jordan.

71. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a thirty (30) month period, is estimated at US\$107,350 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$79,100. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	25,425	0	25,425
Transportation	2,825	0	2,825
Equipment	31,075	0	31,075
Operating expenses	0	28,250	28,250
Other	19,775	0	19,775
Total	79,100	28,250	107,350

72. The Committee noted that this proposal was submitted in 2007 after the 30 April deadline, but it was not resubmitted by the sponsors for the 2008 project cycle, as required by the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 of the report of the 20th meeting of the Committee, held in 2005. In addition, since inputs from other sources only amount to US\$ 28,250, support of PGTF would be limited to this amount as stated in guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF resources. Finally, the Committee considered that, on the basis of the documentation provided, both the objectives and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF resources, as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 4 - *Biomass Accumulation and Nutrient Dynamics of Saltbushes in Low Rainfall Areas of Jordan*

74. The University of Jordan, based in Amman, Jordan, submitted this proposal through the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations. The proposal contains no indication of other participating countries.

75. Rehabilitation of degraded rangelands is limited by low rainfall and unfavorable soil physical condition. Because of drought and scarcity of precipitation, fodder shrubs are preferred to herbaceous species for rangeland re-vegetation. In this regard, several species of saltbushes are strong candidates for plant establishment in desert rangelands because of their tolerance to salinity and fairly high forage productivity. In Jordan, there is an increasing argument regarding the rehabilitation of degraded rangelands through remediation approaches and their associated costs. In this regard, the nutritional properties of cultivated shrubs compared to native vegetation, acceptance of fodder plantations by animals (goats and sheep), costs of re-vegetation and acceptance by pastoral communities are the main critical issues hindering the scaling out of fodder plantations in the desert rangelands of Jordan. To date, there is no published data on biomass accumulation and dynamics of nutrient contents with progressive age of cultivated shrubs compared to those of native plants species in Jordan.

76. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to monitor annual biomass production of native vegetation and cultivated saltbushes for several growing seasons, (b) to determine nutrient concentration in the browse of cultivated saltbushes and forage of native vegetation, and (c) to compute the nutritional index of native vegetation and cultivated saltbushes compared to that of conventional feedstuffs.

77. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a five (5) year period, is estimated at Jordanian Dinars 37,330 (equivalent to US\$52,725 at the July 2008 United Nations operational rate of exchange). There is no indication of the contribution requested from PGTF or of the source of other contributions. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	(*)	(*)	29,450
Chemical and minerals analyses	(*)	(*)	14,125
Travel	(*)	(*)	4,520
Equipment	(*)	(*)	1,410
Other	(*)	(*)	3,220
Total	(*)	(*)	52,725

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

78. The Committee noted that this proposal was submitted in 2007 after the 30 April deadline, but it was not resubmitted by the sponsors for the 2008 project cycle, as required by the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 of the report of the Twentieth meeting of the Committee, held in 2005. The proposal was incomplete since there is no indication of the contribution requested from PGTF or of the amount of other sources contribution, as required by the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In addition, the Committee considered that, on the basis of the documentation provided, both the objectives and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF resources, as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 5 - Research Capacity Building in Higher Education Institutions in Southern Africa

80. The National University of Science and Technology (NUST) based in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Zambia.

81. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to build capacity by training staff from higher education institutions, mainly universities, in research methodology and policy development and analysis. The training will place great emphasis on preparation of grant proposals, implementation of research projects, documentation of research findings and knowledge translation. To this end, the project main activities include: (a) establishment of a regional course on research methodology and science and technology policy development and analysis, (b) development of modules for the proposed course, (c) training of young scientists from participating higher education institutions, and (d) assessment of research activities in the participating higher education institutions.

82. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$ 92,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 42,000 and others contribution is a US\$ 50,000 grant of the Kellogg Foundation to NUST. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	6,300	(*)	(*)
Travel	4,000	(*)	(*)
Training	17,800	(*)	(*)
Equipment	1,600	(*)	(*)
Research	6,300	(*)	(*)
Other	6,000		
Total	42,000	50,000	92,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

83. The Committee noted that this proposal was submitted in 2007 after the 30 April deadline, but it was not resubmitted by the sponsors for the 2008 project cycle, as required by the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 of the report of the Twentieth meeting of the Committee, held in 2005.

84. The requirement for resubmission of late proposals will become in 2009 part of the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and failing to comply would result in non consideration of the proposal. However, in the light of the fact that the Committee considered that this proposal addressed a very important area of cooperation, i.e. capacity building, involving five higher education institutions from the participating countries, and complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF resources, the Committee agreed to positively consider the proposal within the transition from the current operational request for resubmission to the mandatory condition that will prevail in 2009.

85. 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 two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being subject to the timely submission of substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 6 - Preliminary study of project on renewable energy, geothermal energy in particular

86. The Permanent Mission of Comoros to the United Nations submitted the proposal, which provides no indication of other participating countries.

87. The Committee found that the supporting documentation made available contained only the transmittal letter, which broadly described the problem but provided no information on project objectives, activities, duration or budget. It was therefore not possible to assess the proposal and determine whether it would be eligible for funding. However, as described in the transmittal letter, the proposal seemed to correspond to a national project that is not eligible for funding from PGTF resources, as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 7 - Characterization of Recent Sediments across the Red Sea using multiple analytical techniques: Comparison between the Jordanian, Egyptian and Saudi Costs

89. The Nuclear Materials Authority, based in Cairo, Egypt submitted directly the proposal. Other participating countries would be Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

90. The Gulf of Aqaba is an area that has been poorly studied from the mineralogical and geomorphologic points of view, and has not been explored for economic minerals to a satisfactory degree. The objective of the project, according to the text of the proposal, is to study the mineral occurrences and the geomorphology of the area through several ground-based and remote sensing methods. The geomorphology (i.e. coastal stability, landscape features, erosion, etc.) is important in supporting decision-making regarding resources and land development efforts along the Red Sea.. In addition, the project will build capacity and train student on various analytical techniques, including reflectance spectroscopy.

91. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$103,700 and the contribution being requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 90,000. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	(*)	(*)	27,200
Travel	(*)	(*)	16,500
Materials and equipment	(*)	(*)	30,000
Spectral and chemical analyses	(*)	(*)	30,000
Total	90,000	13,700	103,700

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

92. 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 (Jordan and Saudi Arabia) are identified in the proposal, the supporting documentation contains no written evidence of their interest in participating as required by the guidelines. In addition, inputs from other sources are significantly lower than the resources requested from PGTF and this would limit to US\$13,700 the maximum support that could be given to the project, according to the provisions of guideline A(m). While in the proposal there is an indication that the Jackson School of Geosciences would provide in in-kind resources matching PGTF contribution, it is unclear how this would be achieved since funding of the project activities as presented would have to be made in cash.

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

Project proposal No. 8 - Integrated environmental conservation project proposal

94. The Bidii Women Self Help Group (WSHG), a non-profit non-governmental organization based in Kitui, Eastern Province, Kenya, submitted directly the proposal. No other participating countries are mentioned in the supporting documentation.

95. Environmental degradation, especially in the fragile and semi-arid lands of Kenya, has increased over the last two decades creating a major threat to the survival of fauna and flora and overall human existence. These changes in the environmental setting have resulted into widespread social and economic hardships on the farming community and the economy in general.

96. According to the text of the proposal, the overall goal of the project is to equip inhabitants of semi-arid areas with appropriate techniques to conserve their environment in a “participatory approach” whereby the community will plant and manage trees through establishment of tree nurseries and eventually plant the tree seedling on their farms and water catchments

97. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a three (3) year period, is estimated at US\$1,731,267 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$1,026,200. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Social & resource mobilization	62,708	(*)	(*)
Reclaim land & increase groundwater recharge	23,278	(*)	(*)
Develop water harvesting & reservoirs	119,776	(*)	(*)
Implement agro-forestry technology system	496,050	(*)	(*)
Build strategic reserve management system	180,438	(*)	(*)
Project coordination & administration	143,950	(*)	(*)
Total	1,026,200	705,067	1,731,267

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

98. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that both the scope and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project, which is not eligible for funding as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources. Moreover, the proposed project is a large one and the amount of resources required is well beyond the purview of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 9 - Preventing desertification by PEK/WAI/ASI initiative (PEK – Persons with Ecology Knowledge; WAI – Women Awake Initiative; ASI – Adaptable Skills Initiative)

100. The Community Integrated Development International (CIDI), a non-profit non-governmental organization based in Nairobi, Kenya, submitted directly the proposal. There is no reference to other participating countries in the supporting documentation.

101. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to reduce environmental degradation through soil/water/forest conservation targeting women to improve the living standards of the population within the catchments areas.

102. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$ 952,000 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 787,700. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	(*)	(*)	63,970
Travel & per diems	(*)	(*)	75,140
Baseline survey	(*)	(*)	108,000
Equipment/materials	(*)	(*)	455,000
Training	(*)	(*)	77,920
Contracts	(*)	(*)	63,970
Project coordination & follow-up	(*)	(*)	20,000
Other	(*)	(*)	88,000
Total	787,700	164,300	952,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

103. The Committee considered that, in the light of the information provided, both the scope and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project, which is not eligible for funding as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources. In addition, the proposed project is a large one and the amount of resources required is well beyond the purview of PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 10 - Training programme on micro finance sector development

105. The Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, based in Karachi, Pakistan submitted this proposal through the Permanent Observer Mission of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to the United Nations. Beneficiaries would be the 57 member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

106. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a training programme in Khartoum, Sudan, designed to create awareness on the micro finance sector and its effective use in alleviating poverty by providing poor with access to credit. The training programme aims at understanding the nexus between micro finance and poverty from the OIC member countries perspective in general and developing strategies for designing and developing micro finance services for poverty reduction in particular. Participants, which should preferably be actors or stakeholders already directly engaged in the relevant fields, would be exposed to the operation, monitoring and management of credit services, particularly those focused on women from deprived, destitute and disadvantaged groups in the region.

107. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a four (4) day period, is estimated at US\$ 106,000 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 39,750. Other contributions would come from the submitting institution (US\$ 14,150), the host country (US\$18,100) and the Islamic Research and Training Institute (US\$34,000). A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel (consultants)	15,000	0	15,000
Travel and per diems	24,750	39,800	64,550
Training	0	24,100	24,100
Equipment and materials	0	2,000	2,000
Other	0	350	350
Total	39,750	66,250	106,000

108. The Committee noted that the proposal has government support as it received the approval of the Twenty-seventh Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in July 2000 (cf. Resolution 5/27-E), as required by guideline A(k) for utilization of the PGTF resources.

109. 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 one single tranche.

Project proposal No. 11 - Support to the Mercosur regional integration process

110. The Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet), based in Montevideo, Uruguay, submitted directly the proposals. Participating countries would be Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

111. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to assist in defining the process of Latin America's growing participation in international politics based upon Mercosur's experience and MercoNet's contributions in economic research. The current international and regional context of international trade, the financial crisis, the slow progress in the Doha Round and new conceptions in Latin America about trade integration create both opportunities and challenges for the countries of the region. The final results expected are (a) the Regional Forum Mercosur 2008, (b) a series of policy-oriented documents, and (c) regional capacity building for economic research.

112. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a six (6) months period, is estimated at US\$61,047 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 33,547. Other sources contribution would come from the International Development Research Center (IDRC) from Canada (US\$ 27,500). A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel (consultants)	5,000	(*)	(*)
Regional Forum	27,000	(*)	(*)
Other	1,547	(*)	(*)
Total	33,547	27,500	61,047

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

113. While the Committee noted that the other sources contribution is lower than the one requested from PGTF and, therefore, the maximum support that could be given to the project is equal to the other sources contribution (i.e. US\$ 27,500), as established in guideline A(m) for utilization of PGTF resources, it considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines and is thus eligible for funding.

114. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 21,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in one single tranche.

Project proposal No. 12 - A review of TCDC/ECDC three decades of politics 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

115. Ms. Victoria Taiwo Obasaju-Ayo, from Nigeria, submitted directly the proposal. The project would be implemented by herself and Prof. Parakoyi, from the College of Medicine of the University of Illorin, Kwara State, Nigeria. Participating countries would be Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

116. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a review of TCDC/ECDC projects 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.

117. 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.

118. The Committee noted that this proposal is an update of the one submitted in 2006. On that occasion, the Committee considered that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project, as required by the guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF, since the supporting documentation did not contain any written endorsements by potential beneficiary or participating countries. This update of the proposal brings into the picture the Justice, Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) from Nigeria and Caritas, a charitable organization present in 192 countries, as the vehicle for interacting with other participating countries. However, the supporting documentation indicated that this organization is willing to make the necessary contacts to enlist other countries' participation through its international network, but no there are no actual indications of interest or endorsement. The Committee wished to reiterate that participation of other countries in cooperative projects has to be secured prior to the consideration of the proposal by the Committee and not afterwards. Guideline A (f) for utilization of PGTF resources states very clearly this fact and has been consistently applied by the Committee in its consideration of proposals.

119. In addition, shortcomings of the proposal regarding lack of clarity on whether the requested contribution is US\$ 40,000 or an annual contribution of this amount over the proposed three years of project implementation, as well as the inconsistencies between detailed and summary budget figures have

not been corrected. Because of the confusing information regarding the actual amount of the contribution requested, 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 were 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.

120. The Committee therefore considered that this proposal does not comply with several of the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is not eligible for funding. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 13 - Training and preparation of youth for democratic sustenance leadership and for professional manpower development through mentoring

121. Ms. Victoria Taiwo Obasaju-Ayo, from Nigeria, submitted directly the proposal. The project would be implemented by herself and Prof. Parakoyi, from the College of Medicine of the University of Illorin, Kwara State, Nigeria. Participating countries would be Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

122. 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 unpreparedness 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.).

123. The project would be implemented over a three (3) year period and in the supporting documentation there is lack of clarity regarding the actual cost of the project and contribution requested from PGTF. While some of the summary figures refer to a total cost of US\$ 125,000 and a contribution from PGTF of US\$ 45,000, other summary figures indicate that the cost is US\$ 125,000 per annum and the contribution requested from PGTF is US\$ 45,000 per annum. In addition, there are inconsistencies between the summary figures and the detailed budget figures, where a US\$ 122,000 PGTF contribution is requested for a two year period (i.e. US\$ 55,000 for the first year and US\$ 67,000 for the second one).

124. The Committee noted that this proposal is also an update of a previous one submitted in 2006. On that occasion the Committee considered that the proposal was incomplete, in addition to not complying with guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF and therefore not providing for a cooperative component in the project.

125. The update submitted, as in the case of project proposal No. 12 above, brings also the JDPC from Nigeria and Caritas into the picture, as a vehicle for enlisting participation of other developing countries. Here again, there is an indication of the willingness of Caritas to do so, but there is no actual evidence of written endorsements. The view of the Committee is similar to the one regarding project proposal No. 12.

126. The Committee noted inconsistency in budget figures and confusion regarding the actual contribution requested from PGTF. In the light of the above, the Committee considered that this proposal does not comply with several of the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is not thus eligible for funding.

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

Project proposal No. 14 - *Promotion of consumer protection in the Caribbean*

128. The Caribbean Consumer Council, a non-governmental organization based in Castries, St. Lucia, submitted directly the proposal. Participating countries would be the member countries of CARICOM.

129. According to the text of proposal, the project aims at (a) strengthening the capacity of consumer organizations and government agencies in the Caribbean, and (b) strengthening the regional knowledge base by investing in consumer education. Main activities include training of consumer agencies' personnel in (i) model building and data analysis, (ii) consumer protection policy, (iii) management and financing of their organizations, and (iv) campaigning methods, as well as the creation of the Caribbean Consumer Council website and database.

130. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two (2) year period, is estimated at US\$45,000, the totality of which is the contribution sought from PGTF. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Training (seminars/workshops)	35,800	0	35,800
Website development & maintenance	6,000	0	6,000
Database development	3,200	0	3,200
Total	45,000	0	45,000

131. The Committee considered that this proposal does not comply with two of the guidelines for utilization of PGTF resources: (a) It was not possible to ascertain the cooperative component of the project, as required by guideline A(f), since the supporting documentation contains no written evidence of support from any of the potential participants or beneficiaries; and (b) The project contains no inputs from other sources and therefore does not comply with guideline A(m), which requires that project sponsors should secure inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 15 - *International Youth Leadership Training for Promotion of South-South Cooperation - 3rd Study Session and Training*

133. The United Nations Youths and Students Association of Togo (UNYSAT-AJENU), based in Lome, Togo, submitted directly the proposal. Participating countries would be Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Chile, Cuba, Dominica, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestine, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.

134. This project is a follow up of a two previous projects funded by PGTF (cf. projects INT/03/K09 and INT/06/K07 in Annex II). The 1st International Youth Leadership Training for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation Study Session held in Lagos in 1999 (project INT/03/K09) saw the project participating organizations declare their "commitments to take actions in order to promote South-South cooperation". The actions indicated, among others, include strategic trainings at all levels as a follow-up. The 2nd Youth Leadership Training & Study Session was organized in Barbados in 2006 (project

INT/06/K07) to engage youth organizations of the South in the systematic follow up to the UN Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The proposed project would correspond to the 3rd Study Session and Training.

135. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to engage youth organizations of the South in the strategic follow up to the World Summit on the Information Society (phase 1 and 2); and (b) to further South-South cooperation initiatives for financing sustainable development, greener economics and poverty eradication.. Participants in the study sessions and training would be some 60 students and youth organization leaders from the abovementioned countries.

136. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a six (6) months period, is estimated at US\$164,562 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$45,000. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel	3,000	(*)	(*)
Training	37,000	(*)	(*)
Documentation & reporting	5,000	(*)	(*)
Total	45,000	119,562	164,562

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

137. As indicated in the proposal, this project is a follow up of projects INT/98/K07, completed in September 2000, and INT/06/K07, completed in September 2006. According to guideline B(f) for utilization of PGTF resources, follow up projects can only be considered after completion of the previous one, which is the case for this proposal.

138. The Committee considered that this proposal does not comply with two guidelines for utilization of PGTF resources. Firstly, the proposal was not submitted through the host country's focal point for ECDC/TCDC or national competent authority, as appropriate, as stated in guideline A(n). Even though the supporting documentation indicated that endorsement from the government of the host country was forthcoming, the submitting entity was unable to provide an endorsement letter on time for consideration by the Committee. Secondly, the proposal does not comply with guideline A(f), which requires that the cooperative element of the project be established through written evidence of interest in or participation of the potential beneficiaries. The supporting documentation contained the outcomes of the previous two projects and a list of prospective participating youth organizations, but failed to include written endorsements from these organizations. The Committee wished to highlight that the proposal submitted in 2005 for consideration (that later became project INT/06/K07) contained all the required written endorsements and was supported by PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 16 - Implementation of occupational health and safety management systems OHSAS (18001) for central electricity generating company

140. The Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations submitted the proposal. The Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 received the transmittal letter with the title of the project proposal, but

the text of the proposal was never provided. This incomplete proposal cannot be appraised and the Committee therefore recommended that it should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

141. The abovementioned transmittal letter also included the titles of seven other project proposals, the texts of which were never forwarded for consideration by the Committee. The titles of these proposals are provided below:

Project proposal No.17 - *Implementation of an environmental management system for Aqaba and Rehab Power Stations that meets ISO 14000, General Guidelines for EMS*

Project proposal No. 18 - *Flame arrestor*

Project proposal No. 19 - *Technical cooperation among Jordan, Egypt and Syria in the field of biodiesel*

Project proposal No. 20 - *Serving Bedouins at remote areas in Jordan with potable water through mobile solar photovoltaic powered reverse osmosis unit*

Project proposal No. 21 - *Technical and economic assessment of a photovoltaic grid-connected system in Jordan through a pilot project*

Project proposal No. 22 - *Lighting a public garden in Jordan using solar photovoltaic energy*

Project proposal No. 23 - *Small-scale photovoltaic powered systems for lighting and TV uses for the Bedouins at remote areas in Jordan*

142. As in the case of project proposal No. 16, these proposals cannot be appraised and the Committee therefore recommended that they should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 24 - *South American inter-laboratories network for standardization and accreditation of value-added textile products made with fibers from South American camelids in Argentina, Bolivia and Peru*

143. The Technical Office of the Technological Innovation Centers (CITE), under the Ministry of Production of Peru, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Argentina and Bolivia..

144. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to promote a quality management system among Alpaca breeders and in the textile-clothing production chain, and (b) to strengthen services rendered by the laboratories thus facilitating their accreditation under the international ISO standard 17025, through the establishment of an inter-laboratory network of textiles made of South American camelids fibers.

145. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$ 86,753, and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 43,273. Other sources of contributions would be the Government of Peru (US\$ 19,720) and other counterparts (US\$ 23,760). A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	18,000	0	18,000
Travel	24,845	0	24,845
Workshops	0	28,380	28,380
Design exhibits of textiles & blends	0	15,100	15,100
Other	428	0	428
Total	43,273	43,480	86,753

146. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being submitted to the timely submission of the relevant substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 25 - Implementation of the Electronic Vote Observatory in Latin America

147. The National Office of Electoral Processes of Peru submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Colombia and Costa Rica.

148. Electronic voting solutions are increasingly gaining place in the agenda of democratic governments. The main reasons behind this innovation reside in the advantages of the system, such as elimination of null votes, significant reduction of material errors and especially the reduction in the time required for tallying votes and delivering results. Several countries in Latin America have already proved electronic voting solutions, including a fifteen-year experience in Brazilian elections and automation of the basic steps in Mexico, Paraguay and Venezuela.

149. However, the Latin American region shows heterogeneous efforts, and a great need to share information, exchange experiences, as well as the results of studies, case analyses, statistics and news that can contribute to improve the strategies around electronic voting in the region. The proposed project aims at organizing this information in a day-to-day service, which can enable sharing of best practices and interconnect all electoral organizations, political parties and professionals interested in electronic voting issues.

150. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to design, organize and launch operations of a resource center named “Latin American Observatory of Electronic Vote”. It will be a virtual space to store specialized information, promote the exchange of experiences, and disseminate the latest experiences in the utilization of electronic voting solutions in Latin America and the world.

151. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$90,000 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 45,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel	2,400	(*)	(*)
Research & information gathering	15,000	(*)	(*)
Training	1,600	(*)	(*)
Design & development of website	8,000	(*)	(*)
Implementation of web debate spaces and forums (management of the website)	12,000	(*)	(*)
Equipment (computer)	6,000	(*)	(*)
Total	45,000	45,000	90,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

152. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being submitted to the timely submission of the relevant substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 26 - Exchange of Experiences on Assistance Services for Exporters and Utilization of Technological Tools for Supporting Export-promotion organizations in the Andean Region

153. PROMPERU, the Trade Promotion Agency of Peru, under the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Bolivia, Colombia, Chile and Ecuador.

154. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to promote exchange of information and experiences among the trade promotion agencies of participating countries through a three-day workshop, where participating agencies will share their knowledge, expertise and experience on services and assistance they provide to their exporters, as well as the technological tools developed by them, with a view to identifying best practices according to the different country conditions. The workshop will also be attended by international experts in these areas, that would bring experiences from outside the region, present the latest development on these matters, set benchmarks for services and assistance programmes and make recommendations to the participating agencies.

155. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in two (2) months, is estimated at US\$85,600 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$42,750. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel (consultants)	10,500	(*)	(*)
Travel	26,250	(*)	(*)
Other	6,000	(*)	(*)
Total	42,750	42,850	85,600

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

156. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 one single tranche.

Project proposal No. 27 - Decontamination of Distillery Slops by Microbial Protein Propagation (DDS/MPP)

157. The Cuban Institute for Research on Sugar Cane by-Products (ICIDCA), based in Havana, Cuba, submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Brazil and Nicaragua.

158. In a number of developing countries, the prevailing level of fossil fuels prices has encouraged the production of sugarcane-based ethanol as an attractive alternative to fossil fuels. However, one of the main drawbacks in ethanol production is the production of distillery slops when the main product is distilled, and every sugarcane ethanol-producing country is struggling with slops treatment. In this regard, microbial protein production has been recently proposed in light of the bio-ethanol production explosion, and as a way of converting a polluting waste into a highly demanded commodity protein.

159. According to the text of the proposal, the main objective of the project is to provide procedures for a significant reduction of the organic load (i.e. polluting potential) of distillery slops by the simultaneous production of microbial biomass protein for animal feeding.

160. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$132,500 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$44,500. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Project management	19,000	32,800	51,800
Project development	24,000	46,020	70,020
Other	1,500	9,180	10,680
Total	44,500	88,000	132,500

161. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being submitted to the timely submission of the relevant substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 28 - Training Plan for Popularizing the Clean Burning Technology of Environment Protection Boiler

162. The Jiangxi Association for International Economic Cooperation submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be India, Indonesia and Thailand.

163. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to popularize the clean burning technology of the Jiangxi energy-saving and environment protection boiler. This technology can lower the cost of electricity generation and reduce pollution and, through supply of lower cost electricity, help the inhabitants around the power plants to increase income, reduce poverty and improve the quality of life. .

164. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$135,000 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$45,000. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel (consultants)	(*)	(*)	25,000
Travel	(*)	(*)	53,000
Training	(*)	(*)	42,000
Reporting costs	(*)	(*)	15,000
Total	45,000	90,000	135,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

165. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being submitted to the timely submission of the relevant substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 29 - Promoting dairy economic and technical cooperation between China and Africa through value-added functional dairy products

166. The South-South (Beijing) Biological Technology Center submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Kenya and Senegal.

167. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at promoting high-level development of the dairy industry and improving health conditions of citizens. It will be carried out in three regions where the dairy industry is less developed, namely west of China, and east and west of Africa. The project entails training of personnel from thirty (30) dairy producing enterprises, summarizing research results, establishing medium-scale demonstration plants in the China, Kenya and Senegal, training of workers and determining the best way to disseminate this experience.

168. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in six (6) months, is estimated at US\$127,460 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 42,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Travel	15,000	(*)	(*)
Training	22,000	(*)	(*)
Other	5,000	(*)	(*)
Total	42,000	85,460	127,460

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

169. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being submitted to the timely submission of the relevant substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 30 - Regional Cooperation on Edible Mushroom Technology

170. The Asia Pacific Edible Mushroom Training Center (APEMTC), based in Fuzhou, Fujian province, China submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be the Philippines and Vietnam.

171. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to improve mushroom cultivation technology in the Philippines and Vietnam, (b) to share information on mushroom science in the participating countries, (c) to introduce Chinese technology and equipment for mushroom processing and cultivation in the participating countries, and (d) to guide Chinese mushroom enterprises to invest and explore market in the participating countries. Through the implementation of the project, at least 200 technicians and 600 individual farmers from the participating countries will be trained and one additive

and retrievable database will be built, providing access to cultivation skills, edible mushroom science, and technical information regarding production commercialization.

172. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$ 90,000 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 45,000. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Field trips to participating countries	(*)	(*)	35,500
Training	(*)	(*)	30,000
Database and website development	(*)	(*)	24,500
Total	45,000	45,000	90,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

173. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being submitted to the timely submission of the relevant substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 31 - TCDC/ECDC Facilitation E-center of Bamboo

174. The China National Bamboo Research Center (CBRC), based in Hangzhou submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Colombia, Fiji, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Philippines and Uganda.

175. China has one third of the world bamboo resources and after three decades of efforts has developed a complete bamboo industry from cultivation to processing, utilization and exports, and from traditional uses to modern integrated uses (floors, plywood, curtain, fabric, etc.). Many developing countries have requested to share in this successful technologies and experiences, but cooperation in this areas has faced numerous difficulties due to (a) lack of a flexible platform to update technologies for former trainees and train new people in bamboo development, (b) lack of a proper platform of bamboo technology transfer from China to other countries, and (c) lack of an efficient mechanism to catalyze and expand ECDC and TCDC in this area.

176. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to edit a training manual on bamboo technology, (b) to establish a bamboo training E-center, (c) to establish a bamboo technology transfer E-database, (d) to create a bamboo ECDC/TCDC cooperation E-network, (e) to identify six regional liaison offices, and (f) to promote the E-center worldwide.

177. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$99,000 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$45,000. Other sources contributions would be Chinese government (US\$20,000), other participating countries (US\$15,000) and CBRC (US\$ 19,000). A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel (consultants)	6,000	(*)	(*)
Travel	10,000	(*)	(*)
Training	5,000	(*)	(*)
Equipment	5,500	(*)	(*)
Sub-contracts	13,000	(*)	(*)
Reporting costs	3,000	(*)	(*)
Other	2,500	(*)	(*)
Total	45,000	54,000	99,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

178. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 37,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches, disbursement of the second tranche being submitted to the timely submission of the relevant substantive and financial reports.

Project proposal No. 32 - Rural postal delivery in the Andean Community

179. The Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (PUASP), based in Montevideo, Uruguay, submitted directly the proposal. The project would be implemented through a sub-contract with the “*Universidad Externado de Colombia*”, based in Bogotá, Colombia. Participating countries would be Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

180. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at improving the quality of the postal network in the Andean Community countries. On the basis of information to be collected mainly through field work (e.g. scope of post delivery in rural and urban areas, population density around rural post offices, number of post employees, delivery characteristics, transportation means for mail delivery, level of track and tracing of delivery in rural areas, etc.), the objectives of the project are (a) developing methodologies for delivery and corrective actions, (b) measuring delivery times following implementation of the corrective actions, (c) sustaining search for standards of distribution, and (d) identifying criteria for sustainability of the project.

181. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in (4) months, is estimated at US\$ 73,000 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 25,000. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	(*)	(*)	53,318
Travel	(*)	(*)	13,040
Equipment	(*)	(*)	1,696
Documentation	(*)	(*)	3,234
Other	(*)	(*)	1,712
Total	25,000	48,000	73,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

182. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$ 19,000 be allocated to this end. This contribution should be disbursed in one single tranche.

Project proposal No. 33 - Market analysis and feasibility of establishing a competitive Anthurium industry in the Caribbean

183. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat submitted the proposal through the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations. Participating countries would be Dominica, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.

184. The anthurium (a tropical ornamental flower) industry has been in decline in the 1990s due to pest infestations and the high cost of quality planting material. The proposed feasibility study will be the precursor for a wider project aimed at rejuvenating the anthurium industry, which will seek to provide support to the research and development initiatives already underway at the University of West Indies to develop pest resistant strains of the flower and expand the spectrum of colors to improve marketing.

185. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to undertake a feasibility study, which will focus on conducting an analysis of the anthurium market, determining the resource requirements for the full implementation of the project, the financial viability of the industry and the capital requirements for creating a competitive anthurium industry.

186. Total cost of the project, to be carried in eight (8) months, is estimated at US\$96,500 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$45,000. The other source of contribution would be the University of West Indies (US\$ 51,500). A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
International and regional travel	11,150	(*)	(*)
Sub-contracts	27,250	(*)	(*)
Workshop and website design	3,000	(*)	(*)
Reporting costs	3,600		
Total	45,000	51,500	96,500

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

187. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 one single tranche.

Project proposal No. 34 - Agro-based and Micro Home-based Enterprise Livelihood Projects for the Conflict Affected Barangays in the Province of Bohol, Philippines

188. The Bohol Provincial Peace and Order Council (BPOC) and the Bohol Provincial Government, from the Philippines submitted the proposal through its Permanent Mission to the United Nations. No other participating countries are mentioned in the supporting documentation.

189. In mid-2006 the BPOC in partnership with the UNDP conducted a capacity building for peace, initially in 21 insurgency affected “barangays” (communities), with the government and civil society sectors as trainers and peace advocates. At the end of the year, a Workshop for Peace and Development trained and organized some 300 local peace builders, now equipped with skills to address their own issues causing conflicts in their respective communities. In order to sustain the fruits and victories of the collaborative peace efforts, the issues for unrest causing the conflicts need to be addressed, and the number one in the list is the lack of livelihood opportunities.

190. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to support two small income-generating livelihood projects, (a) an agro-based named “Share a kid for peace”, relating to goat production and (b) a micro-enterprise livelihood project named “*Ambit Negosyo para sa Kalinaw*”, done by providing a minimal capital to micro home-based enterprises of poor families in the conflict affected communities.

191. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$ 74,570 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 42,571. The other two contributors are the Provincial Government of Bohol (US\$ 26,642) and the Municipal Local Government Unit (US\$ 5,357). No indication of the project duration is provided in the supporting documentation. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Project planning & proposal preparation	0	211	211
Barangay consultation & planning	0	928	928
Community organizing/advocacy/networking	6,857	0	6,857
Training & capacity building	0	23,274	23,274
“Share a kid for peace” project (Goat production)	10,714	95	10,809
“Ambit sa Negosyo para sa Kalinaw” (Micro home-based enterprises)	25,000	0	25,000
Monitoring & evaluation	0	4,095	4,095
Other	0	3,396	3,396
Total	42,571	31,999	74,570

192. The Committee considered that the proposal addressed a very critical issue for the communities involved in this peace building effort. However, both the scope and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project, which is not eligible for funding as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources.

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

Project proposal No. 35 - Establishment of Bohol Mari-culture Zones/Demo Sites (as a Strategy to Curb Illegal Fishing and Institutionalize Sustainable Resource Use)

194. The Bohol Provincial Government from the Philippines submitted the proposal through its Permanent Mission to the United Nations. No other participating countries are mentioned in the supporting documentation.

195. The coastal waters area in the province of Bohol in the Philippines is one-and-a-half times larger than the land area. However, Bohol's natural wealth has been subjected to a variety of undesirable practices and their consequences, such as destructive fishing methods, overfishing, siltation and simple lack of management. The rapid degradation of resources has resulted in an equally rapid reduction in their ability to produce food and other benefits that the Bohol's inhabitants have enjoyed for centuries.

196. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to curb illegal activities within the coastal waters of the Province of Bohol, (b) to provide employment opportunities and alternative livelihoods to the affected communities, most particularly the households formerly practicing illegal fishing and rebels returnees in need of employment/livelihood, (c) to ensure the sustainability of natural aquamarine resources throughout the Province of Bohol, (d) to encourage private sector investment and participation in key aspects of mari-culture zone operations and in the overall protection of the environment.

197. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$ 119,047 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 45,000. No breakdown of the total cost or indication of the duration of the project is provided in the supporting documentation.

198. The Committee considered that both the scope and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project, which is not eligible for funding as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources.

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

Project proposal No. 36 - Professionalizing Local Government Management for Elective Local Government Officials in Region XI

200. The Department of the Interior and Local Government of the Davao Region in the Philippines submitted the proposal through its Permanent Mission to the United Nations. No other participating countries are mentioned in the supporting documentation.

201. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to assist Elective Local Government Officials in reaching a proficient level of competency in running their respective local government units. It aims at strengthening their local governance capacities to respond to the demands of modernization and development, to work effectively in changing environments and to enrich their development practice, techniques and planning mechanisms.

202. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twenty (20) months, is estimated at US\$ 11,286 to totality of which is the contribution requested from PGTF. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Project management	2,381	0	2,381
Preliminary activities	5,095	0	5,095
Training courses	3,214	0	3,214
Monitoring & evaluation	596	0	596
Total	11,286	0	11,286

203. The Committee considered that both the scope and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project, which is not eligible for funding as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources. In addition, the proposal did not comply with guideline A(m), which requires that project sponsors should secure inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 37 - *Mainstreaming Natural Family Planning: The Davao Region Initiative*

205. The Center for Health Development of the Davao Region in the Philippines submitted the proposal through its Permanent Mission to the United Nations. No other participating countries are mentioned in the supporting documentation.

206. The modern natural family planning (NFP) methods have been recognized as effective along with other family planning methods promoted by the Philippine Government. However, despite their effectiveness their acceptance has been very low due in part to the low level of technical expertise and confidence on NFP among health providers and other volunteer workers.

207. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to train on modern NFP methods the health service providers and volunteer workers with a view to capacitating and equipping them on NFP service provision, and (b) to discuss plans and actions aimed at strengthening the NFP programmes.

208. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in eighteen (18) months, is estimated at US\$ 70,000 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 45,000. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Orientation on fertility awareness	9,500	(*)	(*)
Training of frontline health workers	18,600	(*)	(*)
Organization of NFP support groups	200	(*)	(*)
Increase demand for NFP services	11,700	(*)	(*)
Monitoring & evaluation	5,000	(*)	(*)
Total	45,000	25,000	70,000

(*) No breakdown was provided in the supporting documentation

209. The Committee considered that both the scope and activities of the proposal correspond to a national project, which is not eligible for funding as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources.

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

Project proposal No. 38 - *Food security and invasive species*

211. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda submitted directly the proposal. Other participating countries would be St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

212. Many small island developing states are constantly under threat from invasive and/or alien species, which involve threats to biodiversity, agriculture and human health. Many of these species are introduced to the countries by means of trade of agricultural products as well as the importation of live species for landscaping within the tourism industry. The proposed project will focus on the identification and eradication in Antigua and Barbuda of the Giant African Snail, which is known to be the vector of the Rat Long Worm, a parasite which can cause the development of meningitis in humans. Although the actual pathway for introduction of the snail is unknown, it is most likely to occur via the process of trade in food and other agricultural products with other countries such as St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

213. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to identify invasive and alien species that threaten disruption of trade among Eastern Caribbean countries. To this end, activities of the project involve (a) to conduct public awareness and research activities in St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines aimed at determining whether the snails are present in these countries, (b) to conduct and document an eradication programme in Antigua and Barbuda, and (c) to prepare a report on the possible pathways of the species and disseminate this information to all other Eastern Caribbean states (Dominica, Grenada and St. Kitts and Nevis).

214. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in twelve (12) months, is estimated at US\$ 100,200 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 45,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	0	20,000	20,000
Travel	22,000	13,000	35,000
Sub-contract	10,000	0	10,000
Training	10,000	17,000	27,000
Equipment	0	1,200	1,200
Other	3,000	4,000	7,000
Total	45,000	55,200	100,200

215. The Committee considered that this proposal does not comply with guideline A(f), which requires that the cooperative element of a nationally-executed project has to be established through written evidence of interest in or participation of at least two other developing countries. The supporting documentation contained only one such written endorsement.

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

Project proposal No. 39 - *SIM EMWG Training and Development*

217. The National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality of Brazil (Inmetro), based in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil submitted the proposal through its Permanent Mission to the United

Nations. Other participating countries would be Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

218. Electrical metrology is important for the evaluation of the performance of a large number of manufactured goods that utilize electrical technology; the performance of the electrical power transmission and distribution network of each country; and the security and quality of the communications network. All the measurements of the electrical quantities involved need to be reliable and traceable to a National Metrology Institute (NMI) in each country, this traceability being ensured by periodic calibrations of the industry standards both nationally and internationally through the respective regional metrology organizations (RMOs). In Latin America and the Caribbean, the RMO is the Inter American Metrology System (SIM), which resulted from a broad agreement among the national metrology organizations of all 34 member countries of the Organization of American States. The SIM has a working group dealing with electrical measurements, named the SIM Electricity and Magnetism Working Group (SIM EMWG).

219. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is the training and capacity building in the field of electrical metrology of representatives of ten (10) countries, members of the SIM EMWG. To this end, activities of the project include (a) organization of an annual meeting of the SIM EMWG, (b) tutorials on electrical metrology by international consultants and experts, and (c) participation in the VIII International Seminar on Electrical Metrology, to be held in the city of Joan Pessoa/Paraiba in June 2009.

220. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in six (6) months is estimated at US\$ 90,860 and the contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$ 39,520. A breakdown of the total cost is provided below:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	0	21,600	21,600
Travel	28,000	500	28,500
Per diems	11,520	540	12,060
Meeting facilities and support	0	28,700	28,700
Total	39,520	51,340	90,860

221. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for funding. 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 one single tranche.

Project proposal No. 40 - First Iberian American Congress of Human Milk Banks and Second Latin American Forum on Human Milk Banks

222. The Ministry of Health of Brazil submitted the proposal through its Permanent Mission to the United Nations. Other participating countries would be Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

223. The First Latin American Forum on Human Milk Banks took place in Brazil in 2005, during the Second International Congress on Human Milk Banks held in Brazil. Thirteen (13) countries from Latin

America and the Caribbean signed the “*Carta de Brasilia*”, which established the guidelines for the creation of the Latin America Human Milk Bank Net,

224. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to support the First Iberian American Congress of Human Milk Banks and Second Latin American Forum on Human Milk Banks, to be held in Brasilia, Brazil in October 2009, which represent a significant occasion for the concrete development and coordination of the Latin American System of Human Milk Banks.

225. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one (1) month, is estimated at US\$ 230,000 and the contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$ 45,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Personnel	0	(*)	(*)
Travel	27,550	(*)	(*)
Per diems	17,100	(*)	(*)
Meeting facilities and support	0	(*)	(*)
Other	350	(*)	(*)
Total	45,000	185,000	230,000

226. The Committee considered that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperation element of the project since, as stated in guideline A(f) for utilization of PGTF resources, for nationally-executed projects the cooperative element should be established through written evidence of interest in or participation of other developing countries. Even though the supporting documentation identifies 19 other prospective participating countries, it does not contain a single letter of endorsement. The transmittal letter of the proposal indicated that these letters were forthcoming, but they were not provided in time for consideration by the Committee.

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

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

228. In 2006 the budget of project INT/00/K08, which provides support to the work of the Committee of Experts, was increased by US\$75,000. Maximum disbursements of US\$ 30,000 in 2007 and US\$ 40,000 in 2008 were approved with a view to providing the resources to hold up to a maximum of two meetings of the Committee per year, as established in guideline B(i) for utilization of PGTF resources. This allocation was based on actual costs of the meetings of the Committee, which averaged US\$ 15,000 per meeting from 1998 to 2005, but increased to US\$ 18,000 in 2006 and US\$ 20,000 in 2007.

229. The cost per meeting has increased to US\$ 22,500 in 2008 as a result of the significant increase in airfares, in spite of the fact that experts travel on the most economical routes as a means of keeping costs at the bare minimum. In addition, expenses to be incurred in the fund-raising effort aimed at increasing PGTF resources and expenses related to the dissemination of the results of PGTF-funded projects, in particular through digitalization of paper-based reports and preparation of brochures, require an additional allocation of US\$10,000 for 2009.

230. Actual expenditures in 2008 (i.e. holding of Committee meetings plus fund-raising and dissemination related expenses) would be around US\$25,000 and cash available at beginning of 2008 was

US 5,000. Therefore the remaining balance from last year's US\$40,000 allocation would some US\$ 20,000. It would then be necessary to make a new allocation of US\$35,000 for 2009 in order to be able to provide funding to a maximum of two meetings of the Committee (at a cost per meeting of US\$22,500) and to the abovementioned fund-raising and dissemination effort. (US\$ 10,000).

231. Since the budget increase of US\$ 75,000 approved in 2006 has been entirely depleted following the allocations for 2007 and 2008 (i.e. a total of US\$ 70,000), the Committee recommended a further budget increase of US\$ 75,000, which would be sufficient to cover estimated expenses for 2009-2010.

232. As indicated in last year's report, it would be necessary to examine the situation every year in order to calculate the required allocation (i.e. US\$22,500 when only one meeting is held and US\$ 45,000 in the event of two meetings).

233. The Committee therefore recommended that the budget of project INT/00/K08 be increased by US\$ 75,000, with a maximum disbursement of US\$ 35,000 in 2009 and, to this end, to allocate this amount from PGTF resources.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

234. In summary, the Committee recommended that the following fourteen (14) 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\$ 483,000. A breakdown of this total is provided below:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Allocation</u> <i>(\$US)</i>
(1)	<i>Research Capacity Building in Higher Education Institutions in Southern Africa</i>	35,000
(2)	<i>Training programme on micro finance sector development</i>	33,000
(3)	<i>Support to the Mercosur regional integration process.....</i>	21,000
(4)	<i>South American inter-laboratories network for standardization and accreditation of value-added textile products made with fibers from South American camelids in Argentina, Bolivia and Peru</i>	33,000
(5)	<i>Implementation of the Electronic Vote Observatory in Latin America.....</i>	34,000
(6)	<i>Exchange of Experiences on Assistance Services for Exporters and Utilization of Technological Tools for Supporting Export-promotion organizations in the Andean Region.....</i>	33,000
(7)	<i>Decontamination of Distillery Slops by Microbial Protein Propagation (DDS/MPP).....</i>	34,000
(8)	<i>Training Plan for Popularizing the Clean Burning Technology of Environment Protection Boiler</i>	35,000
(9)	<i>Promoting dairy economic and technical cooperation between China and Africa through value-added functional dairy products.....</i>	35,000
(10)	<i>Regional Cooperation on Edible Mushroom Technology</i>	34,000
(11)	<i>TCDC/ECDC Facilitation E-center of Bamboo.....</i>	37,000
(12)	<i>Improvement of the quality in postal network of the Andean countries.....</i>	19,000
(13)	<i>Market Analysis and Feasibility of establishing a Competitive Anthurium Industry in the Caribbean.....</i>	34,000
(14)	<i>SIM EMWG Training and Development.....</i>	31,000
(15)	<i>Budget increase for project INT/00/K08 "Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF – Phase III".....</i>	<u>35,000</u>
	TOTAL	483,000

235. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 2008 amount to approximately US\$506,800. This amount includes the projected interest earnings from 1 January to 31 December 2008. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex IV.

236. Total resources requested by the eligible proposals recommended for adoption shown in the table above are US\$ 606,000. Since this amount exceeded the resources available, the Committee, in accordance with the provisions of guideline B(b) for utilization of PGTF, made an allocation of resources to these projects on the basis of priorities derived from the specific merits of the proposals, country and regional coverage, and equitable geographical distribution.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

237. The Committee examined the status of implementation of projects adopted by the 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, held in New York respectively in September 1996, September 1998, September 1999, September 2000, September 2002, September 2003, September 2004, September 2005, September 2006, and September 2007.

238. The following twelve (12) progress, terminal and financial reports on projects under implementation were made available to the Committee of Experts:

1. *Final report submitted by the National Institute for Development from Peru for project INT/00/K03 – “Sustainable Management of Agro forest resources in Amazon border areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru”*
2. *Final report submitted by the Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) for project INT/03/K14 – “Strengthening South-South Africa/Asia/Latin America and the Caribbean Cooperation for Economic and Social Integration”*
3. *Final report submitted by the Peruvian Trade Commission (PROMPEX) for project INT/05/K05 - “Exchange of experiences of export trade promotion organizations in the Andean Region”*
4. *Final report submitted by the Jordan University of Science and Technology for project INT/07/K05 – “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”*
5. *Final report submitted by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) for project INT/07/K11 – “Training programme for devising national small and medium enterprises (SME) programmes for member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)”*
6. *Progress report submitted by the Zambia Investment Center for project INT/03/K01 - “Support to the Coordinating Secretariat of the Zambia-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Triangle for the Implementation of the ZMM-GT”*
7. *Progress report submitted by the National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru for project INT/03/K04 - “Prevention in Peru and Control Programme in Bolivia and Brazil against Anthonomus Grandis Boheman “The Mexican Cotton Boll Weevil””*
8. *Progress report submitted by ---- for project INT/04/K08 - “Development and strengthening of mechanisms for solving conflicts on shared natural resources in the Karamajong ecosystem in East Africa”*
9. *Progress report submitted by the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru for project INT/05/K04 - “Development of a technological package aimed at developing opto-mechanical industries in Latin America”*

10. *Progress report submitted by the Finlay Institute - Center for Research-Production of Vaccines from Cuba for project INT/05/K10 - "Latin American network for scientific and technical information on vaccines"*
11. *Progress report submitted by FUNDABITAT from Venezuela for project INT/07/K10 - "Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experiences as a basis for implementing the "Red de Tecnologías Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM) – Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies"'"*
12. *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"*

239. 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

240. 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**

241. Thirty-five (35) approved projects were being implemented as of the date of the Twenty-third Meeting of the Committee of Experts. This total is the result of thirty-six (36) projects that were under implementation during the period between the twenty-second and twenty-third meetings of the Committee, plus seven (7) 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) ***Rural Education and Agricultural Extension Facility for the Nomads of the Sahel and Sahara Regions***

242. 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 sub-contract agreement concluded between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Foundation for Social Peace was signed on 1 March 1997.

243. 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.

244. 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.

245. 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.

246. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this matter with the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). A potential focal point within the OIC has been identified and a request for information has been sent by the UNDP.

(2) *Sub-regional intellectual property system*

247. Submitter: Andean Community General Secretariat, based in Lima, Peru

Subcontractor: Not required

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 member countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela)

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Other inputs: US\$50,000

Number: INT/98/K11

Duration: 2 years

Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

248. 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.

249. 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, had been completed. The second phase would be aimed at developing interconnecting modules between or among the intellectual property administrations of Bolivia and Ecuador and Venezuela.

250. 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 entailed 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 would be the contribution by the Andean Community secretariat, which was increased to US\$60,815.

251. 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.

252. 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.

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

254. On 9 May 2007, the UNDP requested the country office in Peru to provide information on the status of implementation of this project. The UNDP country office was informed by the Andean Community secretariat that there had been some delays in the implementation due to the departure of the person in charge of the project, but that an official letter would be issued shortly stating the alternative arrangements put in place as well as the renewed commitment of the Andean Community to the project. This letter was received on 30 July 2007 and a revised project document was submitted by the Andean Community.

(3) *Regional remote sensing activities*

255. Submitter: Southern African Development Community (SADC), based in Gaborone, Botswana

Subcontractor: Not required

Priority area: Food and Agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Other inputs: US\$400,000

Number: INT/98/K12

Duration: 2 years

Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

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

256. 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.

257. 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.

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

258. Submitter: Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, with headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Subcontractor: Not required

Priority area: Information exchange

Participating/beneficiary countries: All 53-member states of the African Union

PGTF input: US\$80,000

Other inputs: US\$1,206,690

Number: INT/98/K14

Duration: 3 years

Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by OAU/AEC on 31 December 1998 and by UNDP on 19 January 1999

259. 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.

260. 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.

261. On 13 June 2007, the UNDP sent a reminder to the country office in Ethiopia, which indicated that it was unable to help and referred the request to the focal point at the African Union Secretariat. On 10 July 2007, the UNDP sent a message to the focal point requesting information on the status of the project.

262. On 14 July 2008, The UNDP requested the African Union to provide information on the project and sent a reminder on 30 July 2008. A reply is still awaited from the African Union.

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

263. Submitter: Governments of Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger

Subcontractor: NGOs in Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger

Priority area: Energy

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, and Niger)

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Other inputs: US\$135,000

Number: INT/99/K12

Duration: One year.

Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Governments of Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger on 6 June 2000 and by the UNDP on 3 May 2000.

264. 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.

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

266. 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.

267. 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.

268. 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.

269. The sub-contractor for Kenya (the NGO Forest Action Network) submitted a progress report on 6 June 2006. The Committee requested UNDP to follow up on this project.

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

270. Submitter: Governments of Algeria, Mali and Niger

Subcontractor: NGO "CARI"

Priority area: Food and Agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Algeria, Mali, and Niger)

PGTF input: US\$35,000

Other inputs: US\$83,000

Number: INT/99/K13

Duration: Three years.

Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Governments of Algeria, Mali and Niger on 23 April 2001 and by UNDP on 13 April 2000.

271. 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.

272. 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.

273. The Committee noted that the last progress report was received in October 2002 and expressed concern over the difficulties faced in obtaining reports on implementation of the project in spite of the repeated requests made. The Committee also noted a similar situation for four (4) other projects that have been implemented with the assistance of the UNCCD Secretariat, namely INT/99/K14, INT/00/K07, INT/00/K12 and INT/00/K13.

274. In the light of the above, the Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 approaches directly the UNCCD Secretariat and requests its cooperation in assisting the implementing NGOs in preparing the required reports for these five projects, the activities of which should already have been completed given the time elapsed since the beginning of their implementation.

275. Following a direct inquiry by the Chairman of the Group of 77 through a letter dated 21 November 2007, the UNCCD Executive Secretary indicated that the October 2002 progress report provided information on the utilization of resources from all contributors, including the PGTF. Due to security concerns stemming from the rebellion occurring in this border area, the implementation of the

project has been suspended for the last two years. On 24 July 2008, the Office of the Chairman was informed that a report containing an overall update of the project had been sent by pouch.

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

276. Submitter: Governments of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger
Subcontractor: Association Walte Edjef and NGO Tassaght
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger)
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$140,000
Number: INT/99/K14
Duration: 3 years
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Governments of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger on 22 May 2000 and by UNDP on 14 April 2000

277. 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.

278. 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.

279. Following a direct inquiry by the Chairman of the Group of 77 through a letter dated 21 November 2007, the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD informed on 21 July 2008 that implementation of this project had been completed in December 2002, and the following activities had been carried out: (a) Consolidation of the training in management, (b) Strengthening of the trans-boundary committee for management of the shared resources, (c) Strengthening of working capitals, and (d) Drilling of water wells.

280. The NGO in charge of the project had the responsibility of forwarding the substantive and financial reports through the respective UNDP country office. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this matter with the UNDP country office in Burkina Faso.

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

281. 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.

282. 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.

283. 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.

284. 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.

285. 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.

286. 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.

287. 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.

288. The subcontractor submitted a progress report on 14 June 2007.

(9) ***Trans-border Pilot Project in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger (Azaouak)***

289. 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

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, Niger and Burkina Faso on 9 April 2001 and by the UNDP on 18 January 2001

290. 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.

291. 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.

292. Following a direct inquiry by the Chairman of the Group of 77 through a letter dated 21 November 2007, the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD informed on 21 July 2007 that a progress report on this project had been sent by pouch to the Office of the Chairman.

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

293. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York

PGTF input: US\$111,236

Other inputs: Nil

Number: INT/00/K08

Duration: Four years

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)

Date of signature of relevant documents: 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

294. 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.

295. 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.

296. 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.

297. 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.

298. 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.

299. 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.

300. The Office of the Chairman submitted a financial statement on 6 December 2006. On the same date, the Office of the Chairman requested a disbursement of US\$ 30,000 to cover expenses related to the Twenty-second Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF. Funds were received on 24 April 2007.

301. A financial statement was submitted by the Office of the Chairman on 26 December 2007. On 7 April 2008 the Office requested a disbursement of US\$ 20,000 to cover expenses related to the Twenty-third Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF and funds were received on 9 July 2008.

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

302. Submitter: Governments of Burkina Faso, Ghana and Togo
Subcontractor: NGOs “ABC Ecologie” in Niger and “ACAS” in Mali
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Togo)
PGTF input: US\$10,000
Other inputs: US\$20,300
Number: INT/00/K12
Duration: Two (2) 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 Burkina Faso, Ghana and Togo on 9 April 2001 and by the UNDP on 18 January 2001.

303. 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.

304. 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.

305. Following a direct inquiry by the Chairman of the Group of 77 through a letter dated 21 November 2007, the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD informed on 21 July 2007 that a progress report on this project had been sent by pouch to the Office of the Chairman.

(11) ***Trans-border Pilot Project in Mali, Mauritania and Senegal***

306. 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

307. 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.

308. 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.

309. Following a direct inquiry by the Chairman of the Group of 77 through a letter dated 21 November 2007, the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD informed on 21 July 2007 that a progress report on this project had been sent by pouch to the Office of the Chairman.

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

310. Submitter: Zambia Investment Centre

Subcontractor: Same as above

Priority area: Trade

Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia)

PGTF input: US\$70,000

Other inputs: US\$95,000

Number: INT/03/K01

Duration: One year

Approval: 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 both the Government of Zambia and by the UNDP on 24 January 2003.

311. 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.

312. 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.

313. The subcontractor submitted progress reports on 15 June 2007 and 23 July 2008.

(13) ***Prevention in Peru and Control Programme in Bolivia and Brazil against Anthonomus Grandis Boheman “The Mexican Cotton Boll Weevil”***

314. Submitter: National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$25,000
Number: INT/03/K04
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: 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 Peru on 11 July 2003 and by UNDP on 2 May 2003

315. 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.

316. The sub-contractor submitted progress reports on 18 June 2007 and 11 July 2008.

(14) ***Caribbean Postgraduate Center***

317. 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
Approval: 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

318. 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).

319. 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 and a reminder was sent on 9 May 2007. The Committee requested the UNDP to follow up on this matter.

320. A new request for information was sent by the UNDP on 11 July 2008 and no reply has been received so far. In addition to the foregoing follow up effort, the Committee recommended to seek the assistance of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and to this end requested that copies of the relevant communication be sent to the Permanent Mission.

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

321. Submitter: Al al-Bayt University from Jordan
Subcontractor: Same as above

Priority area: Food and Agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Jordan, Palestine, and Syrian Arab Republic)

PGTF input: US\$70,000

Other inputs: US\$643,640

Number: INT/03/K11

Duration: Twelve months

Approval: 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 Jordan on 1 April 2003 and by the UNDP on 17 January 2003

322. 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.

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

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

324. Submitter: UNCCD Secretariat on behalf of the governments of Kenya, Sudan and Uganda, as participating countries

Subcontractor: African Union – IBAR (Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources), based in Nairobi, Kenya

Priority area: Food and Agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Kenya, Sudan and Uganda)

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Other inputs: US\$25,000 (in-kind)

Number: INT/04/K08

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 Kenya on 20 May 2005 and by the UNDP on 16 June 2005

325. 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.

326. 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 submitted several revisions but there were still some inconsistencies that need to be solved before reauthorizing disbursement of funds.

327. On 25 July 2007, the subcontractor submitted a revised budget to UNDP, with the amendments required to ensure compliance with PGTF guidelines.

328. The subcontractor submitted a progress report on 11 July 2008.

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

329. Submitter: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru), based in Lima, Peru
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$81,910
Number: INT/05/K04
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 20 December 2005 and by the UNDP on 21 December 2005

330. 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.

331. 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.

332. The sub-contractor submitted progress reports on 30 July 2007 and 6 June 2008.

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

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

334. 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.

335. The Committee was informed that the electronic copy was being prepared so as to finalize the project document, but no electronic copy has been received by late July 2007. Given that almost three years have elapsed since the approval of the project and no progress was achieved so far regarding implementation, the Committee recommended that a notice be sent to the submitter requesting finalization

of the project document by 31 December 2007. Otherwise the project would be cancelled and allocated funds would revert to PGTF resources.

336. On 29 November 2007, the UNDP sent to the country office in Algeria 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 one single tranche.

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

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

338. 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.

339. 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. The subcontractor submitted progress reports on 10 January 2007 and 11 July 2008.

(20) *Yeast and yeast derivative production from cheese whey (YEWHEY)*

340. Submitter: “Universidad Nacional de Quilmes” based in Buenos Aires, Argentina
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Mexico)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$347,000
Number: INT/06/K04
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 Argentina on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

341. 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).

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

343. A request for a progress report was sent on 9 May 2007. The subcontractor requested a 4-month extension of the project implementation that was on 26 May 2008. A revised project document was received on 11 July 2008.

(21) ***Creation of a rainwater-harvesting model***

344. Submitter: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) based in Trinidad and Tobago
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Health
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$35,000
Number: INT/06/K08
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 Trinidad and Tobago and by the UNDP on 22 August 2006

345. 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.

346. On 17 May 2007 the subcontractor submitted a progress report. The UNDP sent a request for a progress report on 9 July 2008.

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

347. Submitter: National Service of Agrarian Health (SENASA) from Peru
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Bolivia, Colombia and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$40,000
Number: INT/06/K09
Duration: Eight (8) 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 Peru on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

348. 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.

349. The subcontractor submitted a progress report on 11 May 2007. A request for a progress report was sent by the UNDP on 2 June 2008.

- (23) ***Training, consultation and awareness for small hydropower development in Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria and Zimbabwe***
350. Submitter: International Center on Small Hydropower (IC-SHP), based in Hangzhou, China
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Energy
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (China, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zimbabwe)
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$40,840
Number: INT/06/K10
Duration: Fifteen (15) 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 China on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)
351. 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).
352. On 9 May 2007, the UNDP requested submission of a progress report and a new request was sent on 9 June 2008..
- (24) ***Strengthening of coordination and cooperation among countries for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Americas region***
353. Submitter: Ministry of Health of Jamaica
Subcontractor: Pan American Health Organization
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 9 June 2007 and by the UNDP on 11 June 2007
354. 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).
355. On 9 June 2008 the UNDP requested submission of a progress report.
- (25) ***Deployment of information retrieval systems towards Mercosur integration on WTO information related to technical barriers to trade***
356. Submitter: National Institute on Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO), from Brazil

Subcontractor: Instituto Stela, an NGO based in Brazil
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$ 30,000
Other inputs: US\$ 70,000
Number: INT/07/K02
Duration: Seventeen (17) months
Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Instituto Stela on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

357. On 13 February 2007, the UNDP sent to the country office in Brazil the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$ 27,000 (90% of allocated resources).

358. The implementing institution informed through the UNDP country office that it was proposing to limit training only to INMETRO personnel, thus excluding training of personnel from institutions (INTI, LATU and Cedral) of the other three participating countries. Instituto Stela was informed that this change was not acceptable since the amended project would not comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF resources. New developments are awaited on this matter.

359. A request for an update of the project situation was sent by the UNDP on 2 June 2008.

(26) ***Building National Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) capacity of developing countries to effectively harness small hydropower***

360. Submitter: International Center of Small Hydropower (ICSHP), based in Hangzhou, China,
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Energy
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, China, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe)
PGTF input: US\$ 33,000
Other inputs: US\$ 50,360
Number: INT/07/K06
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of the People's Republic of China on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

361. On 11 June 2007, the UNDP sent to the country office in the People's Republic of China the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$ 29,700 (90% of allocated resources).

362. Following a request for information by the UNDP made on 2 June 2008, the UNDP replied that the work plan had just been received and that the activities of the project are yet to commence.

(27) ***International cooperation of computational intelligence study and research exchange in city information management***

363. Submitter: The Tongji University based in Shanghai, China and the Shanghai Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization

Subcontractor: The Tongji University

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (China, Malaysia, Turkey, and Viet Nam)

PGTF input: US\$ 30,000

Other inputs: US\$ 50,000

Number: INT/07/K07

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of the People's Republic of China on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

364. On 11 June 2007, the UNDP sent to the country office in the People's Republic of China the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$ 27,000 (90% of allocated resources).

365. Following a request for information by the UNDP made on 2 June 2008, the UNDP replied that the work plan had just been received and that the activities of the project are yet to commence.

(28) ***Training and transfer of sea buckthorn technology to enhance the sustainable development of developing countries***

366. Submitter: The International Center for Research and Training on Sea Buckthorn (ICRTS), based in Beijing, China

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Food and agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 7 countries (China, India, Mongolia, Nepal, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine)

PGTF input: US\$ 32,000

Other inputs: US\$ 40,000

Number: INT/07/K08

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of the People's Republic of China on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

367. On 11 June 2007, the UNDP sent to the country office in the People's Republic of China the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$ 28,800 (90% of allocated resources).

368. Following a request for information by the UNDP made on 2 June 2008, the UNDP replied that the work plan had just been received and that the activities of the project are yet to commence.

(29) ***Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experiences as a basis for implementing the "Red de Tecnologías Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM) – Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies"***

369. Submitter: FUNDABITAT, a non-governmental organization based in Caracas, Venezuela

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Technology

Participating/beneficiary countries: 8 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela)

PGTF input: US\$ 30,000

Other inputs: US\$ 206,952

Number: INT/07/K10

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Venezuela on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

370. On 14 June 2007, the UNDP sent to the country office in Venezuela the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$ 27,000 (90% of allocated resources).

371. The subcontractor submitted a progress report on 3 June 2008.

(30) ***Sustainable rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge in developing countries – Human resource development and technology transfer***

372. Submitter: Center for Science & Technology of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries, based in New Delhi, India

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 9 countries (Bhutan, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Myanmar, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia)

PGTF input: US\$ 42,309

Other inputs: US\$ 46,300

Number: INT/08/K02

Duration: Thirty-six (36) months

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Center of Science & Technology of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries on 21 February 2008 and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

373. This project will receive funds from IFAD's contribution under the IFAD-PGTF Grant Agreement signed in November 2006. On 1 February 2008, the UNDP sent to the country office in India the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$ 27,000 (90% of allocated resources). This amount should be disbursed in three tranches.

(31) ***Capacity building in plant genomics in Latin America***

374. Submitter: Cayetano Heredia Peruvian University (*Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia*), based in Lima, Peru

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Food and agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Brazil, Chile and Peru)

PGTF input: US\$ 38,000

Other inputs: US\$ 135,600

Number: INT/08/K03

Duration: One (1) year

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on 27 March 2008 and by the UNDP on 1 April 2008

375. On 4 January 2008, 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\$ 34,200 (90% of allocated resources). This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches.

(32) ***Harmonization of norms and procedures for value-added timber products in South America***

376. Submitter: The Wood Technology Innovation Center (*CITE Madera*) from Peru

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Chile, Peru and Uruguay)

PGTF input: US\$ 36,000

Other inputs: US\$ 53,930

Number: INT/08/K04

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Peru on (date to be established) and by the UNDP on (date to be established)

377. On 14 February 2008, 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\$ 32,400 (90% of allocated resources). This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches.

(33) ***Strengthening of capacities of private sector agencies and NGOs in selected African countries through regional networking and ECDC/TCDC supporting Women and Youth Entrepreneurship (WED/YED)***

378. Submitter: UNIDO

Subcontractor: Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) from Tanzania

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Eritrea, Kenya, Malawi, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe)

PGTF input: US\$ 42,330

Other inputs: US\$ 83,000

Number: INT/08/K05

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Tanzania on 15 April 2008 and by the UNDP on 22 April 2008. The subcontractor signed the project document on 14 April 2008

379. This project will receive funds from IFAD' contribution under the IFAD-PGTF Grant Agreement signed in November 2006. On 3 March 2008, the UNDP sent to the country office in Tanzania the project document for signature as well as an authorization for disbursement to the sub-contractor of US\$ 37,800 (90% of allocated resources). This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches.

(34) ***Increased sugar production through microbial inhibition of *Leuconostoc* sp. And other bacteria (Phase II)***

380. Submitter: Cuban research Institute for Sugar Cane by-Products (ICIDCA), based in Havana, Cuba
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Industrialization
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Cuba and Mexico)
PGTF input: US\$ 38,000
Other inputs: US\$ 55,000
Number: INT/08/K06
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Government of Cuba on 10 July 2008 and by the UNDP on 16 July 2008

381. On 11 March 2008, 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\$ 27,000 (90% of allocated resources). This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches.

(35) ***Interactive CD-ROMs on Climate Change for public education among Caribbean audiences***

382. Submitter: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), based in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and Tobago
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
PGTF input: US\$ 36,000
Other inputs: US\$ 42,000
Number: INT/08/K07
Duration: Fifteen (15) months
Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)
Date of signature of relevant documents: 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)

383. On 2 June 2008, 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\$ 32,400 (90% of allocated resources). This contribution should be disbursed in two tranches.

B. Projects under preparation still to be implemented

384. A total of eight (8) projects were under preparation as of the date of the Twenty-third Meeting of the Committee of Experts. These are three (3) of the ten projects approved by the 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group in September 2006 and five (5) of the twelve projects approved by the 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group in September 2007.

(1) ***Training of experts on standardization and metrology of developing countries***

385. Submitter: State Administration for Quality Management of the Democratic People's Republic

of Korea

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Nepal)

PGTF input: US\$ 30,000

Other inputs: US\$ 41,000

Number: INT/07/K03

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)

386. On 9 January 2007, 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). Signature of the project document is still pending.

(2) *Training of maize breeding experts for the effective use of maize genetic resources of developing countries*

387. Submitter: Academy of Agricultural Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Food and agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania)

PGTF input: US\$ 34,000

Other inputs: US\$ 42,000

Number: INT/07/K04

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)

388. On 9 January 2007, 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\$ 30,600 (90% of allocated resources). Signature of the project document is still pending.

(3) *Environmentally friendly integrated production of sugar and by-products*

389. Submitter: The National University of Tucuman based in Tucuman, Argentina

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Industrialization

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, and Mexico)

PGTF input: US\$ 30,000

Other inputs: US\$ 157,000 (estimated)

Number: INT/07/K09

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)

390. On 26 September 2006, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No draft project document has been received as of 29 July 2008.

(4) ***Training on the development and application of natural high-priced substances in developing countries***

391. Submitter: National Coordinating Committee for UNDP of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam)

PGTF input: US\$ 36,000

Other inputs: US\$ 86,000 (estimated)

Number: INT/08/K01

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

392. On 29 October 2007, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No draft project document has been received as of 29 July 2008.

(5) ***International cooperation of higher education popularization and reformation study for developing countries***

393. Submitter: The Tongji University, based in Shanghai, China

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (China, Indonesia, Nepal and Sri Lanka)

PGTF input: US\$ 35,000

Other inputs: US\$ 65,000 (estimated)

Number: INT/08/K08

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

394. On 29 October 2007, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No draft project document has been received as of 29 July 2008.

(6) ***Training of agriculture administrators, technicians and farmers on sustainable development in the mountainous upland areas of the Greater Mekong subregion***

395. Submitter: Lancang-Mekong Sub-regional Economic Cooperation & Trade Development Center (LMEC), based in Yunnan, China

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Food and agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Cambodia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam)

PGTF input: US\$ 42,000

Other inputs: US\$ 62,000 (estimated)

Number: INT/08/K09

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

396. This project will receive funds from IFAD's contribution under the IFAD-PGTF Grant Agreement signed in November 2006. On 29 October 2007, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No draft project document has been received as of 29 July 2008.

(7) ***Community based sustainable alternative livelihood development for lake protection***

397. Submitter: Office of Mountain-River-Lake Development Committee (MRLDO) of the province of Jiangxi, China

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (China, Indonesia and Sri Lanka)

PGTF input: US\$ 38,000

Other inputs: US\$ 49,000 (estimated)

Number: INT/08/K10

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

398. On 29 October 2007, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No draft project document has been received as of 29 July 2008.

(8) ***Fee-for-service pico hydro: model for providing power to remote, low-income households***

399. Submitter: International Center on Small Hydropower (ICSHP), based in Hangzhou, China

Subcontractor: same as above

Priority area: Energy

Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (China, India and Sri Lanka)

PGTF input: US\$ 38,000

Other inputs: US\$ 59,500 (estimated)

Number: INT/08/K11

Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)

400. On 29 October 2007, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the submitting entity of the approval of the project and provided instructions on the procedures that should be followed to secure the disbursement of funds from PGTF. No draft project document has been received as of 29 July 2008.

C. **Projects under query**

401. On the basis of the recommendation made at its 22nd meeting in 2007, the Committee decided to put the following project under query, and requested the UNDP to closely follow up on this matter.

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

402. Submitter: Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), based in Lusaka, Zambia

Subcontractor: Not required

Priority area: Food and Agriculture

Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)

PGTF input: US\$38,000

Other inputs: US\$120,000

Number: INT/99/K04

Duration: Two years.

Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by UNDP on 9 November 2000 and by the Secretary-General of COMESA on 9 March 2001

403. 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.

404. 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.

405. 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 and 13 June 2007.

406. Since no reply has been received, the Committee recommended that the UNDP request the country office in Zambia to issue a strong letter to the implementing institution, including a request for reimbursement of funds if no adequate explanation is provided on the matter. In addition, the Committee recommended putting the project under query if the situation is not solved by 31 December 2007.

407. On 15 July 2008 the UNDP sent a letter to the UNDP country office in Zambia with a request to follow up on this matter. Receipt of the letter was acknowledged by the country office but the reply is still awaited. In line with the recommendation of the Committee at its Twenty-second meeting in 2007, this project is put under query.

V. OTHER MATTERS

408. 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 2009, 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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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 one hundred fifteen (115), as follows:

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

2. 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 1991

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

3. Submitter: 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)

Subcontractor: Not required

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$70,000

Other inputs: Nil.

Number: INT/88/K03

Duration: Six (6) months

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

Completion: Feasibility report circulated to Member States on 2 November 1989.

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Angola, Brazil, Cuba, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guinea, Jamaica, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, and Viet Nam)

PGTF input: US\$38,500

Other inputs: US\$38,500

Number: INT/88/K04

Duration: Six (6) months

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

Completion: Final Report circulated to Member States on 16 June 1993.

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

5. Submitter: Centre for International Cooperation and Development (CICD) of former Yugoslavia (Slovenia)
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$45,450
Other inputs: US\$20,000
Number: INT/89/K01
Duration: Six (6) months
Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28-30 September 1988)
Completion: Feasibility report circulated to Member States on 24 October 1990.
- (5) ***Technical Cooperation among Member States of SELA in the Field of Artificial insemination and embryo transplant***
6. Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA), based in Caracas, Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$83,700
Other inputs: US\$202,000
Number: INT/89/K03
Duration: Two years and four months
Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28-30 September 1988)
Completion: Final report submitted on 12 February 1993.
- (6) ***Cooperation among developing countries' consultancy and engineering design organizations for better access and position in international consultancy and engineering market***
7. Submitter: 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)
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$90,000
Other inputs: US\$9,000
Number: INT/89/K04
Duration: Eighteen (18) months
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 4 January 1996
- (7) ***Export promotion and cooperation in favor of less developed countries within the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)***
8. 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***
9. Submitter: Government of Algeria
Subcontractor: CNIDE
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Algeria, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia)
PGTF input: US\$65,450
Other inputs: Nil.
Number: INT/89/K06
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993.
- (9) ***Feasibility study for establishing a raw materials research and development center information system***
10. 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***
11. Submitter: Caribbean Center for Development Administration (CARICAD) of Barbados
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)
PGTF input: US\$45,000
Other inputs: US\$200,000
Number: INT/89/K10
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 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***
12. Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA), based in Caracas, Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Uruguay, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$58,000
Other inputs: US\$309,200
Number: INT/89/K12
Duration: Two (2) years

- Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 28 September 1989)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 29 May 1998.
- (12) ***South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)***
13. 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***
14. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: Nil.
Number: INT/89/K14
Duration: One (1) week
Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)
Completion: 19 August 1993.
- (14) ***Integrated management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America***
15. 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***
16. Submitter: Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 7 countries (Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$94,500
Other inputs: US\$154,188
Number: INT/90/K02
Duration: Three (3) years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 15 December 1993

- (16) ***In-depth review of the actions taken by the international community in favor of the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries and a basis for a new strategy to overcome these needs and problems in the future***
17. Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 19 countries (Afghanistan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Nepal, Niger, Paraguay, Rwanda, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)
PGTF input: US\$95,000
Other inputs: US\$23,800
Number: INT/90/K03
Duration: Nine (9) months
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 4 December 1995
- (17) ***Regional symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean***
18. Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$78,000
Other inputs: US\$103,000
Number: INT/90/K04
Duration: Five and a half months
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 13 August 1991
- (18) ***Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN countries***
19. Submitter: Department of Agriculture of Malaysia
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand)
PGTF input: US\$110,000
Other inputs: US\$191,000
Number: INT/90/K05
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993
- (19) ***Organic rice farming system***
20. Submitter: Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand)
PGTF input: US\$85,000

- Other inputs: US\$78,000
Number: INT/90/K06
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 16 September 1997
- (20) ***Technical, secretariat and other support to the Global System on Trade Preferences among developing countries (GSTP), and technical assistance to countries participating in the GSTP***
21. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York.
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***
22. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$224,800
Other inputs: Nil.
Number: INT/90/K08
Duration: Five (5) years
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 3 October 1990)
Completion: 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***
23. Submitter: Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77
Subcontractors: Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon; Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá; and the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$150,000
Other inputs: US\$270,000
Number: INT/91/K01
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 15th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1991)
Completion: Final Reports submitted respectively by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 29 May 1994, by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon on 28 March 1994, and by the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce on 15 June 1994
- (23) ***Economic Integration in the Southern Cone Common Market***

24. Submitter: Government of Argentina
Subcontractor: Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT)
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$88,000
Other inputs: Nil
Number: INT/92/K01
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 April 1994
- (24) ***Raul Prebisch: Completed Works, 1919-1948, Comparative Experiences of Monetary Policies of Developing Countries, Vols. III and IV***
25. Submitter: Raul Prebisch Foundation, based in Argentina
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Finance
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$60,700
Other inputs: US\$12,950
Number: INT/92/K02
Duration: Three (3) months
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1992)
Completion: 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***
26. Submitter: Group of 77 in Geneva
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\$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. Submitter: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand)
PGTF input: US\$81,600
Other inputs: Nil.

Number: INT/92/K04
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 1 October 1992)
Completion: 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. Submitter: 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. 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\$51,120
Other inputs: US\$45,600
Number: INT/93/K02
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992) and IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 20 December 1995

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

31. Submitter: Third World Network, based in Penang, Malaysia
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$59,881

- Other inputs: US\$158,517
Number: INT/93/K03
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 10 December 1995
- (31) ***Guidelines and tools for a common industrial policy for Mercosur***
32. Submitter: Government of Brazil
Subcontractor: Fundação 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***
33. Submitter: Communauté Economique des Pays des Grands Lacs (CEPGL), based in Gisenyi, Rwanda
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Rwanda)
PGTF input: US\$43,000
Other inputs: US\$15,200
Number: INT/93/K07
Duration: Eighty-one (81) days
Approval: 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. Submitter: Association of Educators of Latin America & the Caribbean (AELAC) through the Government of Cuba
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 11 countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$303,370
Number: INT/94/K01
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)
Completion: 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. Submitter: Chairperson of the Group of 77 in Geneva
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\$72,363
Other inputs: Nil.
Number: INT/94/K02
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)
Completion: 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. Submitter: The Steering Committee Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Group of 77 (CCIs)
Subcontractor: Private Sector Development Programme, UNDP
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$60,000
Other inputs: US\$105,000
Number: INT/94/K03
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)
Completion: 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. Submitter: Government of Indonesia
Subcontractor: Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Bangladesh, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)
PGTF input: US \$70,000
Other inputs: Nil.
Number: INT/94/K04
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 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. Submitter: Sahel Defis through the Government of Benin.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Senegal, and Togo)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$67,000
Number: INT/94/K05
Duration: Two (2) years.
Approval: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994).
Completion: 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***
40. Submitter: Biological Pharmaceutical Laboratories (LABIOFAM) through the Government of Cuba
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 countries (Algeria, Argentina, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, and Nigeria)
PGTF input: US\$165,000
Other inputs: US\$432,194
Number: INT/95/K01
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 19th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 29 September 1995)
Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 11 March 1999.
- (40) ***Productive internationalization in Mercosur: Foreign direct investment and regional transnational corporations***
41. Submitter: CPC Consultora Internacional Ltd. through the Government of Uruguay
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Industrialization
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$140,000
Other inputs: US\$42,200
Number: INT/95/K02
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 19th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1995)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 23 December 1997
- (41) ***ECDC/TCDC Information Support to Group of 77 Chapters (Phase III) – Journal of the Group of 77***
42. Submitter: Inter Press Service (IPS) Third World News Agency through the Government of Costa Rica as Chairman of the Group of 77 for 1996.
Sub-contractor: Same as above
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$75,120 (US\$51,120 + US\$24,000)
Other inputs: US\$45,600
Number: INT/95/K03
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 19th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 29 September 1995)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 16 July 2007

- (42) ***Entrepreneurial Strengthening of Industrial and Artisan Cooperatives in Central America***
43. Submitter: International Cooperative Alliance, a non-governmental organization, through its American Regional Bureau based in San José, Costa Rica
Priority area: Industrialization
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua)
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$65,000
Other inputs: US\$79,000
Number: INT/96/K01
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 28 August 2000.
- (43) ***Caribbean Regional Technical Support Programme to Promote the Equalization of Training and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities***
44. Submitter: National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) of Trinidad and Tobago, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)
PGTF input: US\$90,000
Other inputs: US\$90,000
Number: INT/96/K02
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
Completion: Final report submitted on 8 December 2005
- (44) ***Training of Personnel in the Field of Standardization and Metrology for the Conformity Assessment among Developing Countries***
45. Submitter: Committee for Standardization of Democratic People's Republic of Korea through its Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakistan, and Zimbabwe)
PGTF input: US\$76,500
Other inputs: US\$160,000
Number: INT/96/K03
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
Completion: The final report was submitted on 13 October 1998
- (45) ***Program for Cooperation in Training and Development of Technologies to Support Primary Health Care in African Countries with Portuguese Official Language***
46. Submitter: Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) through the Government of Brazil
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

- Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 countries (Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, and Sao Tome and Principe)
PGTF input: US\$59,300
Other inputs: US\$60,000
Number: INT/96/K04
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
Completion: Financial report submitted on 29 August 2000. The project was closed in July 2008. An unspent balance of US\$ 2,965 reverted to PGTF
- (46) ***South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development***
47. Submitter: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) based in Guyana.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: All member countries of the Group of 77
PGTF input: US\$84,000
Other inputs: US\$93,000
Number: INT/96/K05
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 8 June 2001.
- (47) ***A Study on the Impact of Enhancing Environmental Standards on International Trade of South-Asian Countries***
48. Submitter: Research and Information System (RIS) for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries in India.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 7 countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka)
PGTF input: US\$24,850
Other inputs: US\$24,850
Number: INT/97/K01
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)
Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 4 April 2003.
- (48) ***Biological Control of Pests and Weeds for Sustainable Agriculture and Bio-diversity***
49. Submitter: Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries, based in India.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 11 countries (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Peru, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$25,000
Number: INT/97/K02
Duration: Three (3) years
Approval: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)
Completion: Final report submitted on 31 January 2002.
- (49) ***Integrated Planning and New Technologies for Sustainable Development***

50. Submitter: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology, based in Trinidad and Tobago
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)
PGTF input: US\$37,560
Other inputs: US\$41,720
Number: INT/97/K03
Duration: Three (3) days
Approval: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)
Completion: 21 September 2001
- (50) ***Positioning of a Gender Programme in Cooperatives in the Andean Region***
51. Submitter: International Cooperative Alliance, Office of the Americas in Costa Rica
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 7 countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$61,500
Other inputs: US\$85,000
Number: INT/97/K04
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 26 September 1997)
Completion: June 1999.
- (51) ***Emergency control measures of the Moroccan locust and other insect pests***
52. Submitter: Iraqi General Body for Agricultural Research
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syrian Arab Republic)
PGTF input: US\$50,000
Other inputs: US\$380,000
Number: INT/98/K02
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: The project was closed in 2005
- (52) ***Training of rice breeding experts for the effective use of rice genetic resources in the developing countries***
53. Submitter: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali, and Nigeria)
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Other inputs: US\$146,500
Number: INT/98/K03
Duration: Thirteen (13) months
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: The final report was submitted on 1 May 2000.

- (53) ***Programme for women and youth in the Sahel region***
54. Submitter: Sahel DEFIS, a 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.
- (54) ***Training, consultation, awareness and capacity building for small hydropower in developing countries***
55. Submitter: International Network on Small Hydro Power (IN-SHP), based in the People's Republic of China
Subcontractor: Same as above
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
Number: INT/98/K06
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: The final report and financial statement were received on 15 February 2001. Final budget revision received on 19 April 2001.
- (55) ***International youth leadership training for promotion of South-South cooperation***
56. 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.
- (56) ***Master Plan for the sustainable development of transportation and related infrastructure in South America***
57. 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

(57) ***Harmonization of agricultural policies of the COMESA Member States***

58. Submitter: Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, (COMESA), based in Lusaka, Zambia.
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)
PGTF input: US\$60,000
Other inputs: US\$420,000(estimated)
Number: INT/98/K09
Duration: 1 year
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: Final report submitted on 18 March 2003

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

59. Submitter: Asian Alliance of Appropriate Technology Practitioners (Approtech), based in Manila, Philippines
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Bangladesh, Chile, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand)
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Other inputs: US\$150,000
Number: INT/98/K10
Duration: 3 years
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: Final report submitted on 21 October 2003

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

60. Submitter: Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), based in Lagos, Nigeria
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Other inputs: US\$194,000
Number: INT/98/K15
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: The project was closed in July 2008. An unspent balance of US\$ 50,000 reverted to PGTF.

(60) ***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***

61. Submitter: Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA), based in Caracas, Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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
Other inputs: US\$403,000
Number: INT/98/K16
Duration: Three (3) years
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: Final report and financial statement submitted on 10 June 2003
- (61) ***Design of a regional project to strengthen strategies to reduce drug demand in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela***
62. Submitter: National Drug Directorate from Colombia
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$15,000
Other inputs: US\$26,076
Number: INT/98/K17
Duration: Four (4) months
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: Final report submitted on 30 October 2000.
- (62) ***Development of a kit for the diagnosis of the Chagas disease***
63. Submitter: University of Los Andes from Venezuela through the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Argentina, Mexico, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$705,000
Number: INT/98/K18
Duration: Thirteen (13) months.
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 9 September 2000.
- (63) ***Development of information network and database system for NAM-CSSTC***
64. Submitter: Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia
Subcontractor: Center for South-South Technical Cooperation of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM-CSSTC), headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: All 115-member countries of the Non-Aligned Movement
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$970,950 (in-kind)
Number: INT/99/K01
Duration: Three (3) years.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Completion: Final report submitted on 21 June 2004

- (64) ***Technical assistance in the field of standardization, metrology and quality management among developing countries***
65. Submitter: Committee for Standardization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: 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)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$73,667
Number: INT/99/K02
Duration: One (1) year.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Completion: Final report submitted on 15 May 2001.
- (65) ***Transportation information system (TIS) for the member countries of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)***
66. Submitter: Secretariat of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) based in Montevideo, Uruguay
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 member countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$37,000
Other inputs: US\$113,800
Number: INT/99/K03
Duration: Ten (10) months
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Completion: Final report submitted on 29 August 2001.
- (66) ***Pacific islands regional biomass energy resource assessment programme (PIRBERAP)***
67. Submitter: The South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission (SOPAC) Secretariat, based in Suva, Fiji
Subcontractor: Relevant NGOs.
Priority area: Energy
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 countries (Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu)
PGTF input: US\$34,000
Other inputs: US\$166,000
Number: INT/99/K05
Duration: Two (2) years.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 24 September 1999).
Completion: Terminal report submitted on 13 July 2004
- (67) ***Development of innovative systems for programme management and revenue generation for ASEAN science and technology***
68. Submitter: ASEAN Secretariat, based in Jakarta, Indonesia
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries: 10 member countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam)
PGTF input: US\$34,000
Other inputs: US\$76,305
Number: INT/99/K07
Duration: Six (6) months.

- Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 24 September 1999).
Completion: Terminal report submitted on 19 July 2004. An unspent balance of US\$3,019 reverted to the PGTF
- (68) ***Preparation, reproduction and distribution of the second edition of the CD-ROM of the Pro-tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty***
69. Submitter: Pro-Tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (Venezuela)
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: 8 member countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$77,200
Number: INT/99/K09
Duration: Six (6) months.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Completion: Final budget revision submitted on 9 November 2000.
- (69) ***Citrus certification programmes in Central America and the Caribbean***
70. Submitter: Instituto de Investigaciones de Cítricos y otros Frutales, from Cuba.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Guatemala)
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$25,000
Number: INT/99/K10
Duration: One (1) year.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 24 September 1999).
Completion: Final report submitted on 30 July 2002.
- (70) ***Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration in Mercosur member countries***
71. Submitter: Member institutions of the Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet)
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$54,000
Number: INT/00/K01
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000)
Completion: Final report submitted in December 2001.
- (71) ***Sustainable Management of Agro forest resources in Amazon Border Areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru***
72. Submitter: Peruvian Technical Unit (UTP) in the National Institute for Development (INADE) of Peru
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Brazil, Colombia and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$45,000
Other inputs: US\$75,000
Number: INT/00/K03
Duration: One year.

- Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000)
Completion: Final report submitted on 7 August 2007
- (72) ***Training of Irrigation and Drainage Designers for Undertaking Development of Water Resources in Developing Countries in Asia***
73. Submitter: Agricultural Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: Irrigation Designing Institute from the Agricultural Ministry of DPR of Korea
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Nepal)
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$100,000
Number: INT/00/K04
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 15 September 2000)
Completion: Final report and final budget revision submitted respectively on 10 January 2002 and 6 October 2003.
- (73) ***Cooperation for Development and Application of Biological Farming Method among Developing Countries in Asia***
74. Submitter: Biological Branch of the Academy of Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, and Viet Nam)
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$112,500
Number: INT/00/K05
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 15 September 2000).
Completion: Final report submitted on 10 January 2002. Final budget revision submitted on 6 October 2003.
- (74) ***Toward Asia Pacific Renaissance: Recovery, regional cooperation and the public sector***
75. Submitter: Asian and Pacific Development Center (APDC), based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 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)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$105,100
Number: INT/00/K06
Duration: Six months
Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000)
Completion: Following dissolution of the submitting entity by its governing body in September 2004, the project was operationally closed in July 2007
- (75) ***Assessment and study of the residual effect of pesticides utilization on crop products and flowers in Latin America***
76. 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
- (76) ***Programme of prevention in Peru and control in Ecuador and Colombia against the Guatemalan moth***
77. Submitter: National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$43,268
Number: INT/00/K10
Duration: One year
Approval: 24th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 September 2000).
Completion: Final report submitted on 5 September 2003
- (77) ***Support for development of transboundary communities' activities in the Kalahari-Namib region (Namibia, Botswana and South Africa)***
78. 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
- (78) ***Quinoa, a multipurpose crop for agro-industrial uses in the Andean countries***
79. Submitter: Universidad Nacional del Altiplano from Puno, Peru, through the National Council for Science and Technology of Peru.
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$74,900
Other inputs: US\$89,800
Number: INT/01/K01
Duration: 18 months
Approval: 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
- (79) ***Improving Awassi Sheep Productivity by using frozen semen in Jordan and the Palestinian Authority***
80. Submitter: Jordan University of Science and Technology
Subcontractor: Same as above.
Priority: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Egypt, Jordan and Palestine)

- PGTF input: US\$110,000
Other inputs: US\$260,000
Number: INT/01/K02
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
Completion: Final report submitted on 2 October 2006
- (80) ***Watershed Management in the Northern Badia Region as an example for desert regions***
81. Submitter: AL al-Bayt University from Jordan
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Syrian Arab Republic)
PGTF input: US\$75,000
Other inputs: US\$142,720
Number: INT/01/K03
Duration: Three (3) years
Approval: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
Completion: Final report submitted on 16 May 2007
- (81) ***Distributed Modeling of Pipeline Networks***
82. Submitter: Jordan University of Science and Technology
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Jordan, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates)
PGTF input: US\$80,000
Other inputs: US\$80,000
Number: INT/01/K05
Duration: One year
Approval: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
Completion: Final report submitted on 27 November 2003
- (82) ***Technical Assistance and Support to the relatively less advanced stage of economic development countries in business missions***
83. Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) Secretariat, based in Montevideo, Uruguay
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Bolivia, Ecuador, and Paraguay)
PGTF input: US\$17,500
Other inputs: US\$75,300
Number: INT/01/K06
Duration: Three months
Approval: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
Completion: Final report submitted on 29 June 2005
- (83) ***Water and energy optimization in sugar and alcohol integrated production***
84. 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
Number: INT/01/K07

- Duration: One year
Approval: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
Completion: Final report submitted on 6 August 2004
- (84) ***Training of Maize breeding experts for effective use of maize germplasm in Africa***
85. Submitter: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Guinea, and Mali)
PGTF input: US\$81,200
Other inputs: US\$159,100
Number: INT/02/K01
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
Completion: Final report and budget revision submitted on 22 August 2003
- (85) ***Cooperation in promoting an Andean Fair Competition System (SICCLA)***
86. Submitter: Export Promotion Commission (PROMPEX) from Peru
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Colombia, Ecuador and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$20,000
Other inputs: US\$32,750
Number: INT/03/K02
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
Completion: Final report submitted on 23 March 2005
- (86) ***Indicators System on Information and Communications Technology***
87. Submitter: National Institute of Statistics 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
- (87) ***Regional technical cooperation programme: support to economic research in Mercosur***
88. Submitter: The Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet)
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$369,000
Number: INT/03/K05
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
Completion: Final report submitted on 11 August 2004

- (88) ***Negotiating Trade in Services: Implications for the Andean Community of Nations***
89. Submitter: The Latin American School for Social Sciences (FLACSO), based in Buenos Aires, Argentina
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 member countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$20,000
Other inputs: US\$71,000
Number: INT/03/K06
Duration: One year
Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
Completion: Final report submitted on 11 August 2005
- (89) ***Territorial imbalances and university education: impact of territorial imbalances on university student's performance***
90. Submitter: National University of La Plata from Argentina
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: 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
- (90) ***Training, Consultation and Awareness Building for Small Hydropower in Developing Countries***
91. Submitter: International Network on Small Hydropower (IN-SHP), base in the People's Republic of China
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Energy
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (China, Egypt, India, and Islamic Republic of Iran)
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$117,400
Number: INT/03/K08
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
- (91) ***Increase of sugar production by microbiological inhibition of the *Leuconostoc spp.* and other bacteria***
92. Submitter: Cuban Research Institute for Sugar Cane by-Products (ICIDCA) from Cuba
Subcontractor: Same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Argentina, Cuba, and Mexico)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$30,000
Number: INT/03/K09
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
Completion: Final report submitted on 12 September 2005

- (92) ***Training of Irrigation Designers for Undertaking the Work of Developing the Water Resources in Developing Countries***
93. Submitter: Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: Irrigation Designing Institute under the Ministry of Agriculture of the DPR of Korea
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Burkina Faso, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guinea, Mali, and Senegal)
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$110,000
Number: INT/03/K13
Duration: One year
Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
Completion: Final report and budget revision submitted on 1 March 2004
- (93) ***Strengthening South-South Africa/Asia/Latin America and the Caribbean Cooperation for Economic and Social Integration***
94. Submitter: The Latin American Economic System (SELA) Permanent Secretariat, based in Caracas, Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 9 countries (Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Kenya, Peru, South Africa, Uruguay, and Venezuela)
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$92,000
Number: INT/03/K14
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
Completion: Final report submitted on 21 November 2007. An unspent balance of US\$ 4,726 reverted to PGTF
- (94) ***Capacity-building in Bio-Safety for the Caribbean***
95. Submitter: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), based in Trinidad and Tobago
Subcontractor: Not required
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, St. Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$35,300
Number: INT/03/K15
Duration: Twelve months
Approval: 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
- (95) ***Cooperation for floriculture and vegetable growing technology among developing countries***
96. Submitter: Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: Pyongyang Horticulture Group, under the Agricultural Ministry of the DPRK
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 6 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Mali, Sudan, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania)
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$101,200
Number: INT/04/K01

- Duration: One year
Approval: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003)
Completion: Final report and budget revision submitted on 2 November 2004
- (96) ***Information network to promote strategies of socio-economic development in South American camelids of Andean Countries***
97. Submitter: Research Center of the Universidad Católica de Santa María (St. Mary's Catholic University) from Arequipa, Peru
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$44,200
Number: INT/04/K02
Duration: Sixteen months
Approval: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003)
Completion: Final report and financial statement submitted on 30 October 2006
- (97) ***Design of a system of management of used pesticide containers***
98. Submitter: National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) from Peru
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$25,000
Number: INT/04/K03
Duration: One year
Approval: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003)
Completion: Final report and financial statement submitted on 20 December 2006
- (98) ***Development of new technologies and products for the whole utilization of marginal and primary yeasts as sources of food (YAF)***
99. Submitter: Cuban Research Institute for Sugar Cane by-Products (ICIDCA) from Cuba
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Argentina, Cuba and Mexico)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$245,000
Number: INT/04/K04
Duration: One year
Approval: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003)
Completion: Final report submitted on 28 July 2005
- (99) ***Identification of international cooperation opportunities for the settlement of youth in small communities of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay***
100. Submitter: Foundation "Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires"
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Argentina, Chile and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$40,000
Number: INT/04/K05

Duration: Six months
Approval: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 2003)
Completion: Final report submitted on 18 May 2005.

(100) ***Technology Transfer: Assessing Needs – Promoting Action***

101. 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)
Completion: Final report submitted in August 2007

(101) ***Regional integration of postal transportation in the Andean Community***

102. 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)
Completion: Final report submitted on 1 August 2007

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

103. Submitter: Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), based in Karachi, Pakistan
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 13 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sudan, and Togo)
PGTF input: US\$24,700
Other inputs: US\$24,900
Number: INT/05/K01
Duration: Six (6) days
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Completion: Final report submitted on 12 July 2005. An unspent balance of US\$ 8,846 reverted to PGTF

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

104. Submitter: Seed Technical Center (STC), under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Food and Agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)

- PGTF input: US\$45,000
Other inputs: US\$67,500
Number: INT/05/K02
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Completion: Final report submitted on 10 August 2005
- (104) ***Training of Groundnut Breeding Experts for the Effective Use of Groundnut Genetic Resources in the Developing Countries***
105. Submitter: Academy of Agricultural Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal)
PGTF input: US\$45,000
Other inputs: US\$67,500
Number: INT/05/K03
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Completion: Final report submitted on 13 June 2005
- (105) ***Exchange of Experiences of Export Trade Promotion Organizations in the Andean Region***
106. Submitter: The Peruvian Trade Commission (PROMPEX), based in Lima, Peru
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$27,500
Other inputs: US\$32,200
Number: INT/05/K05
Duration: Five (5) months
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Completion: Final report submitted on 31 December 2007
- (106) ***Strengthening development cooperation for poverty reduction between Viet Nam, Benin, and Mozambique***
107. Submitter: Government of Viet Nam
Subcontractor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Benin, Mozambique, and Viet Nam)
PGTF input: US\$25,400
Other inputs: US\$40,000
Number: INT/05/K06
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Completion: Final report submitted on 26 May 2006
- (107) ***Training of irrigation and drainage designers for protection from drought and flood damage in developing countries***
108. Submitter: Irrigation Designing Research Institute (IDRI) from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Food and agriculture

- Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda)
PGTF input: US\$34,827
Other inputs: US\$43,173
Number: INT/06/K01
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005)
Completion: Final report submitted on 16 August 2006
- (108) ***Training of experts on construction and operation of small-size hydropower plants in developing countries***
109. 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)
Completion: Final report submitted on 8 August 2006
- (109) ***Training of experts on standardization and metrology of developing countries***
110. Submitter: State Administration for Quality Management from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda)
PGTF input: US\$34,827
Other inputs: US\$43,173
Number: INT/06/K03
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005)
Completion: Final report was submitted on 17 August 2006
- (110) ***Support to the MERCOSUR regional integration process***
111. Submitter: Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet) based in Montevideo, Uruguay
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$41,000
Number: INT/06/K05
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 29th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2005)
Completion: Final report was submitted on 29 June 2007
- (111) ***Training programme for staff of national chambers of commerce of Middle Eastern countries***
112. Submitter: Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) based in Karachi, Pakistan with the

- endorsement of the Organization of the Islamic Conference
Subcontractor: 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. An unspent balance of US\$6,097 reverted to PGTF
- (112) ***International youth leadership training for promotion of South-South cooperation – 2nd Study session and training***
113. 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, Chile, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Zimbabwe)
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)
Completion: Final report submitted on 13 September 2006
- (113) ***First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions***
114. Submitter: Department of Science, Technology and Environment of the Pernambuco State Government (Brazil)
Subcontractor: Friends of the Caatinga Biosphere Institute, an NGO based in Brazil
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 7 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, and Peru)
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Other inputs: US\$45,000
Number: INT/07/K01
Duration: Five (5) months
Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)
Completion: Final report submitted on 27 July 2007
- (114) ***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***
115. Submitter: Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), based in Irbid City, Jordan
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Health
Participating/beneficiary countries: 3 countries (Algeria, Egypt and Jordan)
PGTF input: US\$ 33,000
Other inputs: US\$ 35,000
Number: INT/07/K05
Duration: Twelve (12) months

Approval: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 22 September 2006)
Completion: Final report submitted on 12 March 2008

- (115) ***Training programme for devising national small and medium enterprises (SME) programmes for member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)***

116. Submitter: Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), based in Karachi, Pakistan
Subcontractor: same as above
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 12 countries (Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Sultanate of Oman, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Turkey, and Yemen)
PGTF input: US\$39,000
Other inputs: US\$59,500
Number: INT/07/K11
Duration: Four (4) days
Approval: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 2007)
Completion: Final report submitted on 7 January 2008. An unspent balance of US\$18,184 reverted to PGTF

B. PROJECTS NOT IMPLEMENTED AND ALLOCATED FUNDS REVERTED TO PGTF

117. Two (2) projects were 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 twenty (20), as follows:

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

118. Submitter: UNCTAD
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
Number: INT/88/K02
Cancellation decision: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 28 September 1989).
Reason: Similar project funded by UNCTAD.

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

119. Submitter: Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS)/Inter Press Service (IPS)
Priority area: Information exchange
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$15,000
Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987)
Number: INT/88/K05
Cancellation decision: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 3 October 1990).
Reason: Not implemented three years after approval.

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

120. Submitter: International Center for Public Enterprises (ICPE) and Research Center for Cooperation with Developing Countries (RCCDC) of former Yugoslavia (Slovenia)
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 28-30 September 1988)
Number: INT/89/K02

Cancellation decision: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 1 October 1992).
Reason: 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***

121. Submitter: Government of Madagascar
Priority area: Finance
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Duration: To be determined
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K08
Cancellation decision: 17th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, September 1993).
Reason: Not implemented by the established deadline of June 1994

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

122. Submitter: The Nation Organization of Barbados/Eastern Caribbean Research Center (ECRC) of Saint Lucia
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$50,000
Duration: Four days
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K11
Cancellation decision: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 30 September 1994).
Reason: 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***

123. Submitter: Government of Malaysia
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$140,000
Duration: 18 months
Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 1-2 October 1990)
Number: INT/90/K09
Cancellation decision: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 30 September 1994).
Reason: Not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 1994

(7) ***Public Enterprises Rationalization Project***

124. Submitter: Government of Saint Lucia
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$60,800
Duration: Six months
Approval: 15th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 1 October 1991)
Number: INT/91/K02
Cancellation decision: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 30 September 1994).
Reason: 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***

125. Submitter: Southern African Development Community (SADC), based in Gaborone, Botswana
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$90,000
Number: INT/92/K07
Duration: 16 months
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 1 October 1992)
Cancellation decision: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 26 September 1997).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 1996.

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

126. Submitter: Government of Malaysia
Priority area: Food and agriculture
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$94,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 1 October 1992)
Number: INT/93/K04
Cancellation decision: 18th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 30 September 1994).
Reason: Not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 1994.

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

127. Submitter: Government of Panama
Subcontractor: Instituto Geográfico Nacional Tommy Guardia from Panama
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$38,500
Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Number: INT/93/K06
Duration: 4 months
Cancellation decision: 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 26 September 1997).
Reason: 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***

128. Submitter: Fundación Banco Mayo from Argentina
Priority area: Industrialization
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Number: INT/98/K01
Duration: 6 months
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Cancellation decision: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 15 November 2001).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2001.

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

129. Submitter: National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality of Brazil, through the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations
Subcontractor: Centro para Inovação e Competitividade (CIC)
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries

- Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$50,000
Number: INT/98/K05
Duration: 2 years
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Cancellation decision: 30th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 22 September 2006).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2006.
- (13) ***A trading/industrial cooperation scheme to promote intra-industry trade in ASEAN***
130. Submitter: ASEAN Secretariat, based in Jakarta, Indonesia
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Number: INT/98/K13
Duration: 7 months
Approval: 22nd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 25 September 1998)
Cancellation decision: Not required.
Reason: 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
- (14) ***First Windward Islands exposition on the information technology sector***
131. Submitter: National Development Corporation (NDC) of Saint Lucia
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$35,000
Number: INT/99/K06
Duration: Six months.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Cancellation decision: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 15 November 2001).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2001.
- (15) ***Human resource development and training in international trade for the member states of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)***
132. Submitter: Executive Secretariat of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de L'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC) based in Bangui, Central African Republic
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$22,000
Number: INT/99/K08
Duration: Two years.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 24 September 1999)
Cancellation decision: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 19 September 2002).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2002.
- (16) ***Support to the implementation of the Bali Plan of Action of the Group of 77***
133. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Number: INT/99/K11
Duration: One year.
Approval: 23rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 24 September 1999)

- Cancellation decision: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 19 September 2002).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2002.
- (17) ***Multilateral Trading System Training Centre***
134. Submitter: Institute of Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
Priority area: Trade
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$86,000
Number: INT/01/K08
Duration: 2 years.
Approval: 25th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 15 November 2001)
Cancellation decision: 27th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 25 September 2003).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2003.
- (18) ***Reviving Low Cost Mud Adobe House for Poor Urban and Rural Communities***
135. Submitter: Royal Scientific Society from Jordan
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries:
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Number: INT/03/K12
Duration: Three (3) years
Approval: 26th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 19 September 2002)
Cancellation decision: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 30 September 2004).
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2004.
- (19) ***Development and integration of the International Offices of the Ministries of health of South America***
136. Submitter: Government of Brazil
Priority area: Technical cooperation among developing countries
Participating/beneficiary countries: 5 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$18,200
Number: INT/05/K08
Duration: Four (4) months
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Cancellation decision: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 27 September 2007)
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2007.
- (20) ***Extension course on Technological Innovation Management***
137. Submitter: The Brazilian Association of Technological Research Institutions (ABIPTI), based in Brasilia, Brazil
Priority area: Technology
Participating/beneficiary countries: 4 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay)
PGTF input: US\$24,500
Number: INT/05/K09
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: 28th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 2004)
Cancellation decision: 31st Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 (New York, 27 September 2007)
Reason: The project was not implemented by the established deadline of 31 December 2007.

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 78 of the 115 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:

(1-3) ***Group of 77 Information Bulletin; and ECDC/TCDC Information support to the Group of 77 Chapters***

2. Number: INT/88/K01; INT/93/K02 and INT/95/K03
PGTF input (US\$): 109,520; 51,120; and 75,120 respectively
Other inputs (US\$): 68,400; 45,600; and 45,600 respectively
Date of implementation: 1988-1991; 1993-1994; and 1995-2007 respectively
Impact: Established an important communication link between the various G-77 chapters. It also helped to disseminate the views of the G-77 to a wider audience.

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

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

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

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

(6) ***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).

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

6. Number: INT/89/K12
PGTF input (US\$): 58,000
Other inputs (US\$): 309,200
Date of implementation: 1991-1997
Impact: Publication of a book on biodiversity containing all the findings and innovative elements related to the germ plasm issue.
- (8-9) ***South-North Development Monitor (SUNS); and Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters (SUNS)***
7. Number: INT/89/K13 and INT/93/K03
PGTF input (US\$): 120,000 and 59,881 respectively
Other inputs (US\$): 164,000 and 158,517 respectively
Date of implementation: 1991-1992 and 1994-1995 respectively
Impact: Supported publication of SUNS during 24 months (over 400 issues). SUNS issues have since been made available by fax to the G-77 missions in New York.
- (10) ***Assistance to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund***
8. Number: INT/89/K14
PGTF input (US\$): 25,000
Other inputs (US\$): Nil
Date of implementation: 1990-1992
Impact: Following a decision by the Group of 77 to fund the participation of the members of the Committee of Experts at its meetings, this project ensured participation of Committee members by covering travel, subsistence and terminal expenses for the Fifth Meeting (1990), Sixth Meeting (1991) and partially the Seventh Meeting in 1992.
- (11) ***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. Number: INT/90/K03
PGTF input (US\$): 95,000
Other inputs (US\$): 23,800
Date of implementation: 1991-1995
Impact: Inventory of a large number of studies and projects served as a basis for recommending a coordinated action. In particular it is recommended that a high level office be created with a view to coordinating joint efforts of the land-locked countries at the international level, in particular those related to international trade.
- (12) ***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. Number: INT/90/K04
PGTF input (US\$): 78,000
Other inputs (US\$): 103,000
Date of implementation: 1991
Impact: Publication of a book containing the conclusions of the symposium which aimed mainly at an integrated approach to the problem including both producing and consumer countries, with solutions ranging from eradication to crop substitution.
- (13) ***Organic rice farming***
11. Number: INT/90/K06

- PGTF input (US\$): 85,000
Other inputs (US\$): nil
Date of implementation: 1991-1997
Impact: The study has provided information on the characteristics of various organic matter sources when used for organic rice farming. It also provided information for both up scaling the project to the pilot level, and enabling farmers to further exploit these techniques
- (14-16) ***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***
12. Number: INT/90/K07 and INT/92/K03 (First Round), and INT/94/K02 (Second Round)
PGTF input (US\$): 350,000 and 250,000; and 72,363 respectively
Other inputs (US\$): Nil
Date of implementation: 1991-1993, 1992-1994 and 1995-1997 respectively
Impact: First round led to launching of the agreement, with 43 member countries and negotiations on 1,700 tariff lines. Second round enabled accession of 8 additional member countries and a sub-regional grouping, with consolidated list of concessions covering 700 tariff lines.
- (17) ***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
PGTF input (US\$): 150,000
Other inputs (US\$): 270,000
Date of implementation: 1991-1994
Impact: Sixty chambers of commerce participated in the pilot project. They were assisted in formulating a plan of action for their respective centers. In addition, Web pages were created for this pilot group.
- (18) ***Economic Integration in the Southern Cone Common Market***
14. Number: INT/92/K01
PGTF input (US\$): 88,000
Other inputs (US\$): Nil
Date of implementation: 1992-1994
Impact: Greatly facilitated the negotiations of the sub-regional integration scheme that led to the emergence of a customs union known as Mercosur. The studies were widely circulated in the region and a large number of experts, academics and policy makers benefited from them
- (19) ***Development and use of a computer simulation model for supply, demand and prices of agricultural commodities in ASEAN countries***
15. Number: INT/92/K04
PGTF input (US\$): 81,600
Other inputs (US\$): Nil
Date of implementation: 1993-1994
Impact: Improved the skills of the participants in forecasting trends in export agricultural commodities. Some of the participants were able to set-up national training programs on computer simulation models.
- (20-21) ***African Agency for Biotechnology***
16. Number: INT/92/K06 (Phase I) and INT/93/K01 (Phase II)
PGTF input (US\$): 150,000 and 150,000
Other inputs (US\$): Nil

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

Impact: Provided seed money for the setting up of the Agency. Financed 16 country studies (one for each member state), 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.

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

17. Number: INT/93/K05

PGTF input (US\$): 120,000

Other inputs (US\$): 36,000

Date of implementation: 1994-1997

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

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

18. Number: INT/93/K07

PGTF input (US\$): US\$43,000

Other inputs (US\$): US\$15,200

Date of implementation: 1996-1999

Impact: 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.

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

19. Number: INT/94/K05

PGTF input (US\$): 30,000

Other inputs (US\$): 67,000

Date of implementation: 1995-1998

Impact: Eleven (11) projects were launched in Benin, Burkina Faso and Togo providing income for 5,000 people and protecting natural resources.

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

20. Number: INT/95/K02

PGTF input (US\$): 140,000

Other inputs (US\$): 42,200

Date of implementation: 1996-1997

Impact: The study provided a clear and objective understanding of the role that FDI is playing in the integration process of the region. Extracts from the study were reproduced as discussion papers in technical and policy level meetings in the Mercosur. However, its actual impact on FDI policies needs further clarification.

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

21. Number: INT/96/K02

PGTF input (US\$): US\$90,000

Other inputs (US\$): US\$90,000

- Date of implementation: 1997-1999
Impact: 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.
- (27) ***Training of Personnel in the Field of Standardization and Meteorology for the Conformity Assessment among Developing Countries***
22. Number: INT/96/K03
PGTF input (US\$): US\$76,500
Other inputs (US\$): US\$160,000
Date of implementation: 1997-1998
Impact: 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.
- (28) ***South-South Transfer of Experiences in Sustainable Agricultural Development***
23. Number: INT/96/K05
PGTF input (US\$): 84,000
Other inputs (US\$): 93,000
Date of implementation: 1998-2001
Impact: 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.
- (29) ***Biological Control of Pests and Weeds for Sustainable Agriculture and Bio-diversity***
24. Number: INT/97/K02
PGTF input (US\$): US\$25,000
Other inputs (US\$): US\$25,000
Date of implementation: 1999-2002
Impact: 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.
- (30) ***Integrated Planning and New Technologies for Sustainable Development***
25. Number: 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.
- (31) ***Training of rice breeding experts for the effective use of rice genetic resources in the developing countries***
26. Number: INT/98/K03
PGTF input (US\$): US\$100,000
Other inputs (US\$): US\$146,500

- Date of implementation: 1999-2000
Impact: 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.
- (32) ***Training, consultation, awareness building for small hydropower in developing countries***
27. Number: INT/98/K06
PGTF input (US\$): 150,000
Other inputs (US\$): 330,300
Date of implementation: 1999-2001
Impact: 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
- (33) ***International Youth Leadership Training for Promotion of South-South Cooperation***
28. Number: INT/98/K07
PGTF input (US\$): 20,000
Other inputs (US\$): 171,695
Date of implementation: 1999-2000
Impact: Holding of a study and training conference for 70 youth leaders from 16 countries.
- (34) ***Master Plan for the sustainable development of transportation and related infrastructure in South America***
29. Number: INT/98/K08
PGTF input: US\$50,000
Other inputs: US\$413,000
Date of implementation: 1999-2001
Impact: 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.
- (35) ***Technology linkage through sharing and cooperation among developing countries***
30. Number: INT/98/K10
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Other inputs: US\$150,000
Date of implementation: 1999-2003
Impact: A network was established for technology sharing and cooperation among technology developers, innovators, R&D institutions and technology enablers in government and non-government organizations as well as the private sector. Participants in an interregional workshop defined the most effective mechanism for technology transfer and information and evaluating the effectiveness of the technologies transferred and the methodology employed.
- (36) ***Establishment of a kit for the diagnosis of the Chagas disease***
31. Number: INT/98/K18
PGTF input (US\$): 35,000
Other inputs (US\$): 705,000
Date of implementation: 1999-2000

- Impact: 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.
- (37) ***Technical assistance based on the regional approach in the field of standardization, metrology and quality control among developing countries***
32. Number: INT/99/K02
PGTF input (US\$): 25,000
Other inputs (US\$): 73,667
Date of implementation: 2000
Impact: Training of officers from Lao, Cambodia, Nepal and Bangladesh in the establishment of their own national systems of standards and metrology.
- (38) ***Transportation information system (TIS) for the member countries of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)***
33. Number: INT/99/K03
PGTF input (US\$): US\$37,000
Other inputs (US\$): US\$113,800
Date of implementation: 2000-2001
Impact: 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.
- (39) ***Pacific islands regional biomass energy resource assessment programme (PIRBERAP)***
34. Number: INT/99/K05
PGTF input (US\$): US\$34,000
Other inputs (US\$): US\$166,000
Date of implementation: 2001-2004
Impact: 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.
- (40) ***Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration in Mercosur member countries***
35. Number: INT/00/K01
PGTF input: US\$40,000
Other inputs: US\$54,000
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.
- (41) ***Sustainable Management of Agro forest resources in Amazon Border Areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru***
36. Number: INT/00/K03
PGTF input: US\$45,000
Other inputs: US\$75,000
Duration: One year
Date of implementation: 2001-2004

- Impact: Identified opportunities for cooperation in the Amazon border areas aimed at facilitating the rational and sustainable utilization of shared forest resources through research, promotion and development of agroforest systems in the Amazon border areas.
- (42) ***Training of Irrigation and Drainage Designers for Undertaking Development of Water Resources in Developing Countries in Asia***
37. 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.
- (43) ***Cooperation for Development and Application of Biological Farming Method among Developing Countries in Asia***
38. Number: INT/00/K05
PGTF input (US\$): US\$40,000
Other inputs (US\$): US\$112,500
Date of implementation: 2001-2002
Impact: 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.
- (44) ***Assessment and study of the residual effect of pesticides utilization on crop products and flowers in Latin America***
39. 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.
- (45) ***Programme of prevention in Peru and control in Ecuador and Colombia against the Guatemalan moth***
40. 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.
- (46) ***Quinoa, a multipurpose crop for agro-industrial uses in the Andean countries***

41. 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.
- (47) ***Improving Awassi Sheep Productivity by using frozen semen in Jordan and the Palestinian Authority***
42. Number: INT/01/K02
PGTF input: US\$110,000
Other inputs: US\$260,000
Date of implementation: 2002-2006
Impact: Increased the productive potential of genetically improved Awassi sheep in the region through the use of frozen and fresh semen obtained from disease-free proven sires.
- (48) ***Watershed Management in the Northern Badia Region as an example for desert regions***
43. Number: INT/01/K03
PGTF input: US\$75,000
Other inputs: US\$142,720
Date of implementation: 2002-2007
Impact: Improved management of the surface water resources of the Badia region could be achieved through the use of modern and advanced modeling techniques.
- (49) ***Distributed Modeling of Pipeline Networks***
44. 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 high-speed 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.
- (50) ***Technical assistance and support to the relative less advanced stage of economic development countries in business missions***
45. Number: INT/01/K06
PGTF input (US\$): US\$17,500
Other inputs (US\$): US\$75,300
Date of implementation: 2002-2005
Impact: 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.
- (51) ***Training of Maize breeding experts for effective use of maize germplasm in Africa***
46. Number: 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.

(52) ***Cooperation in promoting an Andean Fair Competition System (SICCLA)***

47. Number: INT/03/K02

PGTF input: US\$20,000

Other inputs: US\$32,750

Date of implementation: 2003-2004

Impact: Establishment of a portal promoted the sharing of information and experiences in the cattle-leather-footwear and manufactures production chain among Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, which strengthened their efforts to combat unfair competition practices.

(53) ***Indicators System on Information and Communication Technology***

48. Number: 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.

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

49. Number: INT/03/K05

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Other inputs: US\$369,000

Date of implementation: 2003-2004

Impact: 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.

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

50. Number: INT/03/K06

PGTF input (US\$): 20,000

Other inputs (US\$): 71,000

Date of implementation: 2003-2005

Impact: 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.

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

51. Number: INT/03/K07

PGTF input (US\$): US\$20,000

Other inputs (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.

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

52. Number: INT/03/K08

PGTF input (US\$): 40,000

Other inputs (US\$): 117,400

Date of implementation: 2003-2004

Impact: 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.

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

53. Number: 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.

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

54. Number: INT/03/K14

PGTF input (US\$): 40,000

Other inputs (US\$): 92,000

Date of implementation: 2007

Impact: Officials in charge of international cooperation from participating developing countries exchanged experiences on coordination and cooperative actions, with emphasis in the area of natural disaster risk reduction, and participated in a workshop that examined the needs and challenges facing international cooperation from a Latin American and Caribbean perspective.

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

55. Number: INT/04/K02

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Other inputs: US\$44,200

Date of implementation: 2004-2006

Impact: Identified and linked up 315 institutions from Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru involved in the management of South American camelids (SACs) (llamas, alpacas and similar species) with a view to sharing and disseminating national and regional work and research experiences in production and commercialization, aiding in the institutionalization of the agents involved in the implementation of strategies of socio-economic development of SACs in the Andean countries.

- (61) ***Design of a system of management of used pesticide containers***
56. Number: INT/04/K03
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$25,000
Date of implementation: 2004-2006
Impact: Developed a framework for the design of a system to manage the disposal of pesticide containers, with an emphasis on conservation and recycling of a non-renewable resource into many other useful products, with a view to reducing damage caused by inadequate disposal of pesticide containers and providing an alternative to incineration or dumping of empty pesticide containers.
- (62) ***Development of new technologies and products for the whole utilization of marginal and primary yeasts as sources of food (YAF)***
57. Number: INT/04/K04
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$245,000
Date of implementation: 2004-2005
Impact: 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.
- (63) ***Technology Transfer: Assessing Needs - Promoting Action***
58. Number: INT/04/K06
PGTF input: US\$45,000
Other inputs: US\$65,000
Date of implementation: 2005-2006
Impact: Contributed to the development of a concrete and efficient technology needs assessment methodology aimed at strengthening institutional capacity in assessing technological capabilities and needs at national, sectoral and enterprise levels.
- (64) ***Regional integration of postal transportation in the Andean Community***
59. Number: INT/04/K07
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$65,000
Date of implementation: 2005-2007
Impact: Proposed a regulatory and economic framework to facilitate the integration of multimode transportation in the Andean region with a view to improving the efficacy, quality, speed, reliability and safety of postal transportation.
- (65) ***Training programme for the staff of some African Countries Member Chambers***
60. Number: INT/05/K01
PGTF input (US\$): 24,700
Other inputs (US\$): 24,900
Date of implementation: 2005
Impact: 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.

- (66) ***Training of Researchers for Seed Production, Processing and Inspection Methods in Developing Countries***
61. Number: 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 increase crop production by 12 percent.
- (67) ***Training of Groundnut Breeding Experts for the Effective Use of Groundnut Genetic Resources in the Developing Countries***
62. Number: INT/05/K03
PGTF input (US\$): US\$45,000
Other inputs (US\$): US\$67,500
Date of implementation: 2005
Impact: 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.
- (68) ***Exchange of experiences of export trade promotion organizations in the Andean Region***
63. Number: INT/05/K05
PGTF input (US\$): 27,500
Other inputs (US\$): 32,200
Date of implementation: 2005-2007
Impact: Trade promotion organizations from Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru hosted five workshops on various topics related to export trade promotion. Participants shared experiences on work done and lessons learned in trade promotion.
- (69) ***Strengthening development cooperation for poverty reduction between Viet Nam, Benin, Mozambique and the Republic of Congo***
64. Number: INT/05/K06
PGTF input (US\$): 25,400
Other inputs (US\$): 40,000
Date of implementation: 2005
Impact: 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.
- (70) ***Training of irrigation and drainage designers for protection from drought and flood damage in developing countries***
65. Number: INT/06/K01
PGTF input: US\$34,827
Other inputs: US\$43,173
Date of implementation: 2005-2006
Impact: Participants from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan, and Uganda received training in the preparation of master plans of irrigation and drainage, and to guide construction in accordance with their specific features for effectively using water resources.

- (71) ***Training of experts on construction and operation of small-size hydropower plants in developing countries***
66. Number: INT/06/K02
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$42,066
Date of implementation: 2006
Impact: Participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao and Nepal received training in the construction and operation of small-size hydropower facilities to help achieve power self-sufficiency in rural and remote areas.
- (72) ***Training of experts on standardization and metrology of developing countries***
67. Number: INT/06/K03
PGTF input: US\$34,827
Other inputs: US\$43,173
Date of implementation: 2006
Impact: Participants from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda received training on developing standardization and metrology appropriate for the specific situation of the participating countries.
- (73) ***Support to the MERCOSUR regional integration process***
68. Number: INT/06/K05
PGTF input: US\$25,000
Other inputs: US\$41,000
Date of implementation: 2006
Impact: Experts, academicians and representatives of civil society participate in a regional forum that discussed proposals and recommendations to further the process of regional integration and analyzed the current situation and new challenges of MERCOSUR.
- (74) ***Training programme for staff of national chambers of commerce of Middle Eastern countries***
69. Number: INT/06/K06
PGTF input (US\$): 27,400
Other inputs (US\$): 33,000
Date of implementation: 2006
Impact: A six-day training workshop held in the State of Qatar offered training to staff from 12 Middle Eastern 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.
- (75) ***International youth leadership training for promotion of South-South cooperation – 2nd Study session and training***
70. Number: INT/06/K07
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Other inputs: US\$70,786
Date of implementation: 2006
Impact: Sixty (60) youth leaders and members of youth organisations from 21 developing countries participated in a workshop and study session that produced a statement and an action plan aimed at engaging youth organizations from developing countries in promoting South-South cooperation.
- (76) ***First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions***

71. Number: INT/07/K01
PGTF input: US\$ 35,000
Other inputs: US\$ 45,000
Date of implementation: 2006
Impact: Representatives of the biosphere reserves of arid and semi-arid regions located in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Morocco, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru participated in an international seminar that identified and made recommendations to tackle common challenges in the management of biosphere reserves of arid and semi-arid regions.
- (77) ***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***
72. Number: INT/07/K05
PGTF input: US\$ 33,000
Other inputs: US\$ 35,000
Date of implementation: 2007
Impact: About 25 scientists from the participating countries attended a three day-regional workshop aimed at enhancing the diagnostic capacities for diseases such as Johne's disease in ruminants and Avian Influenza in poultry. Participants learned practical skills and knowledge on diagnosing the Johne's disease using histopathological and immunohistochemical examinations.
- (78) ***Training programme for devising national small and medium enterprises (SME) programmes for member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)***
73. Number: INT/07/K11
PGTF input: US\$ 39,000
Other inputs: US\$ 59,500
Date of implementation: 2007
Impact: 44 trainees from 12 countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference participated in a four-day workshop with a view to upgrading SME technical capacities and acquiring competitiveness, through the establishment of efficient distribution networks, speedy delivery systems and a deeper knowledge of technology supplies, competitors and their customers' needs.

Financial Statement of the PGTF

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THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF) FOR ECDG/TCDC
 STATUS OF PGTF-FUNDED PROJECTS: Approved, Authorized, Obligated and Amount available for Programming

<i>Opening balance of unexpended resources as per financial statements as of 1 January 2007</i>		6,814,648.00
<u>Add:</u>	Member Countries' / Int'L Organizations Contributions ¹ (yr. 2007 and 2008)	177,812.00
	Year 2007 Interest	314,954.00
	Projected Interest 1 January - 31 December 08	270,945.00
		763,711.00
	Total resources Available	7,578,359.00
<u>1)</u>	<u>Project disbursement /expenditure recorded in 2007 by UNDP Accounts and UNDP Treasury</u>	
Less:	Project Disbursements Recorded in 2007	
INT/04/K07	Regional integration of postal transportation in the Andean Community.	2,250
INT/05/K10	Latin American network for scientific and technical information on Vaccines	259
INT/05/K05	Exchange of experiences of Export Trade Promotion Organizations in the Andean Region	12,786
INT/03/K04	Preventive(Peru) and Control Programme(Bolivia and Brazil) against antonymous Grandi boheman beaked...	3950
INT/00/K08	Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF, Phase III	30,000
INT/03/K02	Cooperation in Competitiveness Promotion and Adrean Fair Competition System	2,785
INT/04/K03	Design of a system of handling used pesticide containers	2,502
INT/09/K07	Management and Revenue Generation for ASEAN S&T	-2,989
INT/05/K04	Development of technological package aimed at developing opto-mechanical industries in Latin America	1,201
INT/06/K05	Support to the MERCOSUR Regional Integration Process	2,475
INT/06/K09	Harmonization of Norms and procedures for agronomic evaluation of commercial varieties in Peru, Columbia and Bolivia	3,064
INT/06/K04	Yeast and Yeast derivative production from Cheese Whey (YEWHEY)	23,254
INT/00/K02	Electronic Prototype Production Project in Ethiopia	3,960
INT/06/K08	Creation of a Rainwater harvesting Model	27,000
INT/03/K14	Strengthening South-South Africa/Asia/Latin America and Caribbean Cooperation for Economic and Social Integration	18,000
INT/07/K01	First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions	34,650
INT/06/K11	Strengthening of Coordination and Cooperation among Countries for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Americas Region	25,288
INT/07/K10	Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experience as a basis for implementing the "Red de Tecnologías Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM - Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies)"	14,861
INT/08/K10	Training, Consultation and Awareness for Small Hydropower Development in Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria and Zimbabwe	31,500
INT/07/K11	Training Programme on Devising National SME Development Programme for OIC Member Countries	35,100
	Unknown project	1,084
	Total Project Costs	272,990
	Administrative Costs	833
	Other expenditure(Misc.)	965
	Total Expenditures	274,808
	Unexpended Resources as of 31/12/07 (incl. yr. 2008 contr. & interest)	7,303,551.00

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2) <u>Less Undisbursed authorizations/unrecorded expenditures</u>		
INT/94/K02	Global System of Trade Preference among Developing Countries - Phase 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. (project to be presumed closed)	-
INT/96/K05	South-South Transfer of Experiences (ITCA) (Project closed)	4,814.00
INT/97/K01	Impact of Enhancing Env. Standards on Int. Trade of South Asian Cos. (project completed)	1,312.01
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/K11	Subregional Intellectual Property System	22,500.00
INT/98/K12	Support for Regional Remote Sensing Activities	45,000.00
INT/98/K18	A Kit for the Chagas Disease (project closed)	35,000.00
INT/99/K01	Development of Info Network & Database System NAM CSSTC (project completed)	3,000.00
INT/99/K03	Transportation Information for ALADI Mbr cos (projected completed)	2,475.00
INT/99/K04	Inland Fisheries Resources in the COMSA Reg.	34,200.00
INT/99/K12	Promotion of All Renewable energy sources in Africa COS (project closed)	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 Zambia-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Triangle (ZMM-GT) for the	29,278.00
INT/03/K02	Cooperation in Competitiveness Promotion and Adress Fair Competition System	(538.67)
INT/03/K04	Preventive(Peru) and Control Programme(Bolivia and Brazil) against anthonomus Grandi beheman beaked Mexican	12,210.00
INT/03/K09	Increase in Sugar production by Microbiological Inhibition of Leuconostoc spp and other Bacteria (project closed)	8,206.01
INT/03/K10	Caribbean Post Graduate Center	588.00
INT/03/K11	Development of Water Resources in the Badia Region (Jordan)	465.00
INT/04/K01	Cooperation for Floriculture and Vegetable growing technology among developing countries	40.00
INT/04/K02	Information network to promote strategies of socio-economic development in South American Camelids of Andean Countries	11,700.00
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	(3,827.00)
INT/04/K06	Technology Transfer: assessing needs and promoting action.	1,000.00
INT/04/K08	Development and Strengthening of Mechanisms for Solving Conflicts 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	26,417.00
INT/05/K10	Latin American network for scientific and technical information on Vaccines	5,562.00
INT/06/K04	Yeast and Yeast derivative production from Cheese Whey (YCWFLCY)	3,746.00
INT/06/K05	Support to the MERCOSUR Regional Integration Process	-
INT/06/K09*	Harmonization of Norms and procedures for agronomic evaluation of commercial varieties in Peru, Colombia and Bolivia	20,780.00
unknown project	(\$312+\$2,171 + \$1,819)	(4,302)
INT/06/K11*	Strengthening of Coordination and Cooperation Among Countries for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Americas Region	6,212.00
INT/07/K02	Deployment of information retrieval systems towards Mercosur integration on WTO information related to technical barriers to trade	27,000.00
INT/07/K03	Training of experts of Standardization and metrology of Developing countries	27,000.00
INT/07/K04	Training of Maize breeding experts for the effective use of maize genetic resources in developing countries	30,600.00
INT/07/K05	Enhanced Diagnostic Capacity and Control Measures of Some Transboundary Animal Diseases With Emphasis on Pathology and	29,700.00
INT/07/K06	Building National clean Development Mechanism (CDM) capacity of developing countries to effectively harness small hydro power	26,700.00
INT/07/K07	International cooperation of computational intelligence study research exchange in city informatization management	27,000.00

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INT/07/K08	Training and transfer of sea buckthorn technology to enhance sustainable development of developing countries	28,800.00
INT/07/K10	Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experience as a basis for	12,139.00
INT/00/K09	Support to the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (Phase III)	40,000.00
INT/08/K01	Training on the development and application of natural high-priced substances in developing countries	32,400.00
INT/08/K02	Sustainable rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge in developing countries – Human resource development and technology	37,800.00
INT/08/K03	Capacity building in plant genomics for Latin America	34,200.00
INT/08/K04	Harmonization of norms and procedures for value-added timber products in South America	32,400.00
INT/08/K05	Strengthening of capacities of private sector agencies and NGOs in selected African countries through regional networking and	37,800.00
INT/08/K06	Increased sugar production through microbial inhibition of Leuconostoc sp. and other bacteria (phase II)	34,200.00
INT/08/K07	Interactive CD-ROMs on Climate Change for public education among Caribbean audiences	32,400.00
INT/08/K08	International cooperation of higher education popularization and reformation study for developing countries	31,500.00
INT/08/K09	Training of agriculture administrators, technicians and farmers on sustainable development in the mountainous upland areas of the Greater	37,800.00
INT/08/K10	Community-based sustainable alternative livelihood development for lake protection	34,200.00
INT/08/K11	Fee-for-service Pico hydro: model for providing power to remote, low-income households	34,200.00
	Total	947,928.77

¹ Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, China, Islamic Rep. Of Iran, South Africa, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela, IFAD (January 2007 -July 2008)

Reserved resources (Fund Capital) ¹	6,000,000.00
Total	6,947,928.77
Remaining Funds (7,303,551- 6,907,928.77)	355,622.23

Less Obligated and Earmarked Fund
Obligated²

3)

Remaining Budget of approved projects (incl. Obligatory 10% retained to ensure reporting compliance)

INT/99/K08	Support to the PGTF Committee of Experts (final rev. rephasing to INT/00/K08)	(101,238.00)
INT/99/K02	Caribbean Regional	(4,500.00)
INT/97/K03	Integrated planning (* In the minus because ledger indicates that 10% disbursement was authorized in 2001)	(7,000.00)
INT/99/K05	Building tech.compet. In the area of conformity	-
INT/99/K09	Harmonization of agric.policies of the COMESA	(6,000.00)
INT/99/K11	Subregional Intellectual Property System	5,000.00
INT/99/K10	Technology Linkage thru Sharing & Coop in DC's	10,000.00
INT/99/K12	Regional remote sensing activities	5,000.00
INT/99/K14	Stats Service Unit/Access of WB Database	6,036.00
INT/99/K04	Inland Fisheries Resources in the COMESA Reg.	3,800.00
INT/99/K14	Support Comm Pilot Project - Burkina Faso	3,500.00
INT/00/K02	EPPP in Ethiopia	3,844.38
INT/00/K03	Agroforest in Amazon boarder areas	2,113.00
INT/00/K06	Asia Pacific Renaissance	2,500.00
INT/00/K09	Study of pesticides on crop products in LA	3,500.00
INT/00/K10	Prevention and Control against Guatemalan Moth of Potato*	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 Adecan countries	8,041.00
INT/01/K02	Improving Awassi Sheep Frozen Semen (Jordan and Palestine)	18,189.00
INT/01/K03	Watershed Management Northern Badia Region (Sirhan Basin/Jordan)	85.00
INT/01/K05	Distributed Modelling 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)

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INT/03/K01	Support to the Coordinating Secretariat of Zambia-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Triangle (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 System 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/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 (project closed)	(358.00)
INT/03/K10	Caribbean Post Graduate Center	2,500.00
INT/03/K11	Development of Water Resources in the Badia Region (Jordan)	80.00
INT/03/K13	Training of Irrigation Designers for Undertaking the Work of Developing of the Water Resources in Developing Countries(project completed)	(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 (project completed)	2,500.00
INT/04/K01	Cooperation for Floriculture and Vegetable growing technology among developing countries (completed)	(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 conflicts on shared natural resources in Karamajong ecosystem in East Africa.	2,500.00
INT/05/K01	Training programme for lte staff of some African Countries Member Chambers	(8,346.00)
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/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	981.00
INT/06/K02	Training of Experts of Construction and Operation of Small- Size Hydropower Plants of Developing countries	848.00
INT/06/K03	Training of Experts of Standardization and Metrology of Developing Countries	981.00
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	
INT/06/K06	Training Programme for Staff of National Chambers of Commerce of Middle Eastern Countries(10% undistributed of \$2750, plus ICCI refund of \$3,317)	(3,317.00)
INT/06/K07*	International Youth Leadership training for promotion of South-South Cooperation- 2 nd Study Session and Training	342.00
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
INT/06/K10*	Training, Consultation and Awareness for Small Hydropower Development in Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria and Zimbabwe	3,500.00
INT/06/K11*	Strengthening of Coordination and Cooperation Among Countries for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Americas Region	3,500.00
INT/07/K01	First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions	3,500.00
INT/07/K02	Deployment of information retrieval systems towards Mercosur integration on WTO information related to technical barriers to trade	3,000.00
INT/07/K03	Training of experts of Standardization and metrology of Developing countries	3,000.00
INT/07/K04	Training of Maize breeding experts for the effective use of maize genetic resources in developing countries	3,400.00
INT/07/K05	Enhanced Diagnostic Capacity and Control Measures of Some Transboundary Animal Diseases With Emphasis on Pathology and Epidemiology of Johne's Disease/Paratuberculosis in Jordan, Egypt and Algeria	3,300.00

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INT/07/K06	Building National clean Development Mechanism (CDM) capacity of developing countries to effectively harness small hydro power	3,300.00
INT/07/K07	International cooperation of computational Intelligence study research exchange in city informatization management	3,000.00
INT/07/K08	Training and transfer of sea buckthorn technology to enhance sustainable development of developing countries	3,200.00
INT/07/K10	Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experience as a basis for implementing the "Red de Tecnologías Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM- Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies"	3,000.00
INT/07/K11	Training Programme on Devising National SME Development Programme for OIC Member Countries (10% undisbursed- 3,900+ refund of \$14,284 from ICCI)	(14,284.00)
INT/08/K01	Training on the development and application of natural high-priced substances in developing countries	3,800.00
INT/08/K02	Sustainable rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge in developing countries – Human resource development and technology transfer	4,510.00
INT/08/K03	Capacity building in plant genomics for Latin America	3,800.00
INT/08/K04	Harmonization of norms and procedures for value-added timber products in South America	3,600.00
INT/08/K05	Strengthening of capacities of private sector agencies and NGOs in selected African countries through regional networking and ECDC/TCDC supporting Women and Youth Entrepreneurship (WED/YED)	4,530.00
INT/08/K06	Increased sugar production through microbial inhibition of <i>Leuconostoc</i> sp. and other bacteria (phase II)	3,800.00
INT/08/K07	Interactive CD-ROMs on Climate Change for public education among Caribbean audiences	3,600.00
INT/08/K08	International cooperation of higher education popularization and reformation study for developing countries	3,500.00
INT/08/K09	Training of agriculture administrators, technicians and farmers on sustainable development in the mountainous upland areas of the Greater Mekong subregion (GMS)	4,510.00
INT/08/K10	Community-based sustainable alternative livelihood development for lake protection	3,800.00
INT/08/K11	Fee-for-service Pico hydro: model for providing power to remote, low-income households	3,800.00
Total Obligated Funds		54,843.01

Earmarked funds approved³

INT/98/K04	Coop in Tech. Training & Dev re Primary Health Care in Lusophone African Cos. (project to be presumed closed)	-
INT/98/K05	Building Tech Comp Conformity Ass in LA	(50,000.00)
INT/98/K15	Macro-economic & sectoral coop programme	-
INT/99/K08	HRD & Training Int Trade for mbr states of CEMAC	(22,000.00)
INT/99/K11	Support Ball 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- Guezzam (Algeria)-Anil(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 Technological Innovation Management	(24,500.00)
INT/07/K09	Environmentally friendly integrated production of sugar and by-products	30,000.00
Total Earmarked Funds		(205,700.00)

Total Obligated and Earmarked Funds
 Available for new projects⁴ (395,622.23 + -151, 156.99)

(151,156.99)

506,779.22

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



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PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR SUITCDC
Fund ID: 59020

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007
(in United States dollars)

Opening Balance of Unexpended Resources as at 1 January 2007		6,814,648
Add: Contributions	153,667	
Interest Income	314,954	
		478,621
Total Resources Available		7,293,269
Less: Project Costs Recorded in 2007		

Atlas Project Number	PGTF Ref:	Project Title	Implementing Agents	Business Unit	US\$
00043884	INT/04/K07	Regional integration of postal transportation in the Andean Community.	UPAEP- Uruguay (Executing Agency, a Columbian University)	URU10	2,250
00044062	INT/05/K10	Latin American network for scientific and technical information on Vaccines	Finlay Institute- Center for Research- Production of Vaccines-Cuba	PER10	259
00046402	INT/05/K05	Exchange of experiences of Export Trade Promollon Organizations in the Andean Region	PROMPEX-Peru	PER10	12,786
00014448	INT/03/K04	Preventive(Peru) and Control Programme(Bolivia and Brazil) against antonymous Grandi boheman beaked	SENASA/Peru	PER10	3,950
00037191	INT/00/K08	Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF Phase III	G-77	UNDP1	30,000
00037035	INT/03/K02	Cooperation in Competitiveness Promotion end Adrean Fair Competition System	SICCLA/Peru	PER10	2,795
00038593	INT/04/K03	Design of a system of handling used pesticide containers	St Mary's Catholic University-Peru	PER10	2,502
00039572	INT/09/K07	Development of Innovative Systems for Programme Management and Revenue Generation for ASEAN S&T	ASEAN/ Indonesia	IND10	(2,989)
00048195	INT/05/K04	Development of technological package aimed at developing opto-mechanical industries in Latin America	Pontifical Catholic Univ of Peru-Peru	PER10	1,201
00050087	INT/06/K05	Support to the MERCOSUR Regional Integration Process	MERCOSUR	URY10	2,475
00051512	INT/06/K09	Harmonization of Norms and procedures for agronomic evaluation of commercial varieties in Peru, Columbia and Bolivia	National Service of Agrarian Health (SENASA)	PER10	3,064
00050046	INT/08/K04	Yeast and Yeast derivative production from Cheese Whey (YEWHEY)	Universidad Nacional de Quilmes	CUB10	23,254
00050215	INT/00/K02	Electronic Protolype Production Project in Ethiopia	NSEC	ETH10	3,960
00050217	INT/08/K08	Creation of a Rainwater harvesting Model	CCST	TTO10	27,000
00053383	INT/03/K14	Strengthening South-South Africa/Asia/Latin America and Caribbean Cooperation for Economic and Social integration	SELA	VEN10	18,000

PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR SU/TCDC
Fund ID: 89020

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FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007
(In United States dollars)

Atlas Project Number	PGTF Ref:	Project Title	Implementing Agents	Business Unit	US\$
00055204	INT/07/K01	First International Seminar on biosphere resources located in semi-arid regions	Friends of the Coalinga Biosphere Institute	BRA10	34.650
00057088	INT/08/K11	Strengthening of Coordination and Cooperation among Countries for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Americas Region	PAHO	CUB10	25.288
00057625	INT/07/K10	Appropriate construction technologies, basic environmental drainage and alternative energies: Amazonian experience as a basis for implementing the "Red de Tecnologías Apropriadas de la Amazonia (RETAM - Amazonian Network of Appropriate Technologies)"	FUNDABITAT	VEN10	14.861
00058332	INT/08/K10	Training, Consultation and Awareness for Small Hydropower Development in Mozambique Uganda, Nigeria and Zimbabwe	IC-SHP	CHN10	31.500
00058956	INT/07/K11	Training Programme on Devising National SME Development Programme for OIC Member Countries	ICCI-Pakistan	PAK10	35.100
Unidentified Projects					1.064
Total Project Costs					272.990
UNDP Support Costs					633
Other Expenditure (Bank Fees)					985

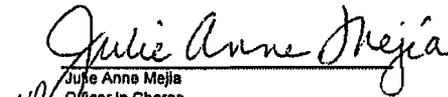
Total Expenditures

274,808

Closing balance of Unexpended Resources
As per Financial Statements as of 31 December 2007

7,018,461

I hereby certify that, in all material respects the total income and expenditure incurred from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007 are in accordance with UNDP Financial records


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