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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the High-level Meeting on ECDC held in Cairo in August 1986, the rules of procedure adopted at its first meeting held in Caracas in August 1987, the provisions of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VII) held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, the First Annual Meeting of the Group of 77, held in New York in September 1989, the Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VIII), held in Panama City in August-September 1993, the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meetings of the Group of 77, held in New York respectively in September 1994 and September 1995, the Ninth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-IX), held in Manila on 9-12 February 1996, and the Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meetings of the Group of 77 held in New York respectively in September 1996, September 1997, and September 1998, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its fourteenth meeting in New York from 23 to 25 June 1999.

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

3. A representative of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP was invited by the Committee to provide information on matters related to UNDP relevant to the deliberations of the Committee.

4. The Committee adopted the following substantive agenda:

1. Review to the operations of the PGTF;
2. Consideration of new project proposals;
3. Assessment of the implementation of approved projects;
4. Other matters.

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

1. Thirty-six (36) project proposals;
2. Seven (7) project progress, terminal and financial reports received by the Office of the Chairman
3. Two (2) replies received to the survey on benefits of PGTF
4. Note by the Office of the Chairman on the status of approved projects
5. Note by UNDP on the composition of the PGTF portfolio.
6. Note by UNDP on the financial status of PGTF

6. According to the information submitted by UNDP on the financial status of PGTF, total available funds for supporting project proposals in 1999 are approximately US\$462,000, including interest projected to be earned until 31 December 1999. Therefore, in line with

guideline A(p) for utilization of PGTF the maximum support that could be given to any individual project would be US\$92,400.

II. REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE PGTF

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

Highlights of twelve years of operation of PGTF (1986-1998)

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

9. The trust fund was established with a core capital of US\$5 million. According to the guidelines for its utilization, normally only the interest accruing on the Fund could be used for project support so as to preserve intact the initial US\$5 million. The core capital plus unexpended resources in any given year constitute the interest-bearing resources (i.e., between US\$6.2 and 6.9 million from 1987 to 1998).

10. From the 1986 to 1998, 374 project proposals were submitted to the PGTF and according to the guidelines for its utilization, the Fund has provided support to 79 projects with a total allocation of US\$6.3 million, i.e., a yearly average of 6.6 projects and US\$530,000 respectively.

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

<u>Area</u>	<u>Share of allocated resources (%)</u>
Food and agriculture	22
Trade (mainly support to GSTP)	22
Information exchange and dissemination	16
Technology	8
Other (consulting services, training, other TCDC activities, industrialization and finance).....	32

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

<u>Country coverage</u>	<u>Share of allocated resources (%)</u>
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Interregional projects	45
Subregional projects	31
Regional projects	23
Action Committees	1

Yield of PGTF resources

13. Following the recommendations contained in paras. 20-23 of the report of the Committee at its ninth meeting, the situation of the interest rates and yield of PGTF resources was examined by the Committee at its fourteenth meeting.

14. The interest-bearing resources of PGTF include the core capital plus unexpended resources and, according to the information provided by UNDP, total US\$6.4 million as of mid-June 1999. Around 45 percent of these resources has been invested by UNDP in medium-term instruments maturing in mid-2001 while the balance has been invested in instruments maturing in early and late 2002. The average effective yield of these resources for 1999 is in the order of 5.5 percent. Effective income for 1999 is estimated at US\$350,000. A breakdown of the main features of the investments instruments is as follows:

Security	Face amount (US\$)	Maturity date	Buy price (% of face value)	Coupon rate (%)	Effective interest rate (%)	Income for 1999 (US\$)
Bond	1,000,000	05/01/01	108.02	8.625	6.46	¹ 84,945
Bond	1,900,000	05/02/01	107.87	8.500	5.04	100,248
Bond	1,175,000	02/05/02	101.38	5.700	5.22	61,760
Bond	1,000,000	10/28/02	101.72	6.250	5.89	41,014
Cash	1,300,000	12/01/99	100.00	-	5.07	59,019
TOTAL	6,375,000			6.950	5.44	346,986

¹Includes US\$17,347 from a bond of the same amount that matured on 4/15/99.

15. There has been a significant decline in the interest rates in late 1998 and early 1999 that has resulted in lower yields in 1999, when compared to 1998. Since the core capital of PGTF (US\$ 5 million) has been re-invested by UNDP in instruments with maturities of two and three years, interest earnings of the PGTF portfolio in 1999 and 2000 would remain in the order of US\$ 350,000 per annum. Medium term forecasts call for an increase in interest rates at the time when the foregoing instruments mature in 2001 and 2002.

Expansion of PGTF resources

16. The Committee examined again practical ways of implementing its recommendations regarding the expansion of the PGTF resources as approved by the Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in 1996. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the focus should be on the following actions, to be carried out by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, with the support of the Chairman of the Committee of Experts of PGTF and in close coordination with the Chairmen/Coordinators of the other Chapters of the Group of 77, as agreed at the twenty-fourth meeting of the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Group of 77 held in Geneva in March 1998.

(a) Contributions by major donor countries

17. Several major donor countries have been approached by the Chairman of the Group of 77 assisted by members of the Committee of Experts with a view to enlisting their support. While the initial reaction seems to be promising, a final response is still awaited. The Committee suggested that the Chairman of the Group of 77 undertake a follow-up action at an appropriate time.

18. The Committee recommended that the possibility of including the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund in the UN pledging conferences for operational activities be explored.

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

19. The Committee welcomed the contributions already made by nine developing countries, namely Mauritius (US\$500) in 1997, Pakistan (US\$1,000), Singapore (US\$2,000) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (US\$3,000) in 1998, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (US\$2,000), Cyprus (US\$2,000), Thailand (US\$2,000), Malaysia (US\$2,000) and Algeria (US\$2,000) up to June 1999. Total contributions from these countries amount to US\$ 16,500. In this connection, the Committee stressed again that what is important is to get the largest possible number of developing countries to support PGTF with contributions, and not necessarily the magnitude of individual contributions. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 renew his appeal for contributions to the PGTF, since even token contributions would have a significant impact as evidence of the commitment of developing countries to South-South cooperation. To this end, a notional amount of US\$2,000 was suggested by the Committee in 1998.

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

(c) Contributions by private foundations

21. The Committee recommended that a limited number of major potential sources of funding be approached with a view to establishing a durable relationship with these foundations

in support of PGTF activities. In this connection, the Committee will assist the Chairman of the Group in preparing the necessary documentation.

(d) Support by UNDP

22. The Committee reiterated its recommendation that the UNDP should contribute to the above-mentioned ongoing efforts with a view to mobilizing additional resources for PGTF activities, in accordance with decisions taken by various ministerial meetings of the Group of 77.

23. The Committee felt that the appeal to UNDP to examine the possibilities of releasing unspent resources in existing trust funds should be reiterated and recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 approach the Administrator of the UNDP to this end..

24. The Committee considered that one important element in fund raising is to increase awareness of the characteristics, past experience and potential of the PGTF. In this regard, it was felt that appropriate channels should be utilized such as press articles, and interviews in addition to the current dissemination mechanisms undertaken by the Office of the Chairman.

25. In addition to the above-mentioned recommendations on actions aimed at expanding PGTF resources, the Committee felt that a better understanding of the main features of an effective fund-raising campaign is necessary so as to increase the prospects of success of this effort. In this connection, experts in this field will be approached in the near future with a view to seeking their advice and **incorporate** their recommendations where appropriate.

Guidelines for utilization of PGTF

26. The Committee reviewed the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and, in the light of experience gained in examining the proposals submitted to the Fund, recommended the following amendment to the guidelines with a view to giving more time for consultations between the Office of the Chairman, the members of the Committee of Experts, and the project sponsors. The recommended amendment is to hold the regular meeting of the Committee of Experts in the second half of July instead of the last week of June of each year.

27. Accordingly, guideline B(h) will now read as follows:

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

Operational arrangements

28. The Committee reviewed the existing operational arrangements with a view to identifying options for improving the performance of the PGTF.

29. In this regard, the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York in his opening remarks to the Fourteenth Meeting of the Committee requested the Committee to examine ways and means for providing support to the work of the PGTF in the light of the high demands on the Office of the Chairman resulting from pressing matters of great importance to the Group.

30. The Committee having thoroughly reviewed the matter, recommended the following improvements to the existing operational procedures regarding the PGTF:

(a) Request the Administrator of the UNDP to second an officer on a part-time basis to support the work of the Committee of Experts and all matters relevant to the functioning of the PGTF, such as

- i. providing information and guidance to prospective project sponsors;
- ii. pre-assessing project proposals before their submission to the Committee of Experts so as to ensure that all the information required by the guidelines is included in the proposals;
- iii. Providing information and guidance to the beneficiaries of approved projects in the preparation of the required project documents;.
- iv. Following up the implementation of approved projects.

Such an officer was seconded by the UNDP to the Office of the Chairman from 1994 to 1996 when this arrangement was terminated by UNDP as a result of budgetary constraints. In this regard, it would be all the more important to strengthen the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP.

- (b) Enlist the support of the members of the Committee of Experts in particular those residing in New York, for helping the office in the pre-assessment of proposals and follow-up of implementation of approved projects. The utilization of suitable electronic means such as email could contribute to expand the support to members of the Committee of Experts residing in their home countries.
- (c) To prepare a programme for recruitment on a regular basis of interns that could assist exclusively in activities related to the functioning of the PGTF. Such **interns** should be assigned specific tasks and given academic credit for their internship. These tasks, to be carried out under the supervision of the Office of the Chairman, may include updating and expanding the web page devoted to the PGTF, preparing abstracts and briefs, collecting and disseminating results of PGTF-funded projects.

31. The Committee also considered that it would be important to ensure on a permanent basis an analytical capability in the Office of the Chairman in particular in support to efforts aimed at

raising funds to expand the PGTF resources. To this end, it would be necessary to collect and disseminate the results and impact of projects funded by the PGTF, including preparation of abstracts and briefs, identification of suitable institutions capable of and interested in replicating the results of the PGTF funded projects, and finally to provide information and guidance to these institutions. The Committee of Experts recommended to this end to increase the budget of the ongoing project INT/90/K08: *Support to the Committee of Experts of the PGTF* by an amount of US\$10,000 and make the appropriate adjustments in the project document. It recommended that these adjustments be made in consultation with and approval by the Chairman of the Committee of Experts prior to their incorporation in the project document.

32. The efficient operation of the PGTF requires dissemination of results, guidelines and other relevant information in order to continuously improve the quality of proposals through identification of institutions capable of and interested in preparing such proposals. In this regard, the Committee recommended that the minor expenditures related to these matters be covered by the PGTF through appropriate budgetary provisions in the project that supports the Fund (INT/90/K08).

33. The Committee of Experts would like to express its appreciation for the support received from the Office of the Chairman during the twelve years of operation of the PGTF.

Survey of the impact of PGTF

34. 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 18 of the 35 PGTF-supported projects that have been completed. A summary of the results of the survey is presented in section V of this report (paras. 403 to 418).

III. CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

35. The Committee had before it thirty-six (36) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of the PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) *Project to extend the circulation of South Letter by funding the production and distribution of French and Spanish versions*
- (2) *Local development for the improvement of health conditions in Bolivia municipalities bordering with Brazil, Argentina and Peru*
- (3) *First OECS Exposition on Information Technology Related Services*
- (4) *Development of information network and data base system for NAM-CSSTC*
- (5) *Development and land transportation between Iran and middle Asian Countries*
- (6) *Study of creating a common network of monetary and banking activities, and also custom tariffs for ECO's member countries*
- (7) *Study the economic and social consequences of joining ECO's member countries to World Trade Organisation*

- (8) *Study of fossil fuel conservation and utilization of new sources of energy*
- (9) *Technical and economic feasibility studies (primary and final) for different kinds of civil projects such as housing, construction of roads and dams, and also industrial projects such as power plants and refineries*
- (10) *Sericulture (silk) development project*
- (11) *Technical assistance based on the regional approach in the field of standardization, metrology and quality management among developing countries*
- (12) *Technical Skills Training and Entrepreneurship Development for School Leavers in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua*
- (13) *Maghreb Common agriculture strategy: Data Bank on agriculture sector of the Maghreb countries*
- (14) *Utilisation of sisal waste for production of chemical feedstock*
- (15) *Transportation Information System for ALADI member countries*
- (16) *Setting up a Common Framework for Managing Shared Inland Fisheries Resources in the COMESA Region*
- (17) *Pacific Islands Regional Biomass Energy Resource Assessment Project (PIRBERAP)*
- (18) *Training Strategy for the Youth Participation in Integrated Multisectoral Village Development to Ensure Sound Environment and Sustainable Livelihood Program for Poverty Alleviation*
- (19) *First Windward Islands Exposition on the Information Technology Sector*
- (20) *Development of Innovative Systems for Programme Management and Revenue Generation for ASEAN Science and Technology*
- (21) *Human resource development and training in international trade for the Member States of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)*
- (22) *Support to the implementation of a sub-regional Plan of Action on standardization in CEMAC Member States*
- (23) *Preparation, Reproduction and Distribution of the Second Edition of the CD-ROM of the Pro Tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty*
- (24) *Study on the trade relations between Mercosul and the South of Africa (SADC, SACU and South Africa)*
- (25) *Citrus Certification Programs in Central America and the Caribbean*
- (26) *Comparative analysis of shallow water fish fauna in coastal lagoons in southern Brazil and northern Argentina*
- (27) *Support to the implementation of the Bali Plan of Action of the Group of 77*
- (28) *Support to the G-77 Chambers of Commerce and Industry (G-77/CCI)*
- (29) *Project proposal on promotion of alternative renewable energy sources in African country parties to the CCD*
- (30) *Training project for implementing the UNCCD in Latin America and the Caribbean countries*
- (31) *Support to a community pilot project in Mauritania, Mali and Senegal*
- (32) *Support to a community pilot project in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali*
- (33) *Support to a community pilot project in Algeria, Mali, and Niger*
- (34) *Support to a community pilot project in Algeria and Tunisia*
- (35) *Support to a community pilot project in Algeria, Mali, and Niger*
- (36) *Support to a community pilot project in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali*

36. The following five (5) project proposals were received after the established deadline of 30 April 1999 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session. They will be taken up at the next meeting of the Committee.

- (1) *Programme for regional technical cooperation in the field of integration*
- (2) *Price/Volume Indices, Development and Implementation*
- (3) *Measurement and comparative analysis of technology innovation processes in Mercosur member countries*
- (4) *EPPP - Electronic Prototype Production Project*
- (5) *Strengthening of education and training in the field of nutrition*

Project Proposal No. 1 - Project to extend the circulation of South Letter by funding the production and distribution of French and Spanish versions

37. The proposal was submitted by the South Centre, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

38. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to produce and distribute French and Spanish language editions of the South Letter, that is currently published in English.

39. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$228,400. The contribution sought from the PGTF amounts to US\$108,400 (US\$54,200 per annum). The proposal indicates that following the two-year period for which funds are requested, the South Centre would be able to assume the expense of this activity.

40. The Committee considered that this proposal does not comply with guideline A(m) for utilisation of PGTF, which requires that all project proposals submitted to PGTF should include inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the amount requested from PGTF. In the proposal the sponsors indicate that the South Centre would contribute a combined total of US\$120,000 over the two-year period on the production of the English version of the South Letter. However, the Committee considered that this activity could not be considered as part of the proposed project, that entails translation, production and distribution of the French and Spanish language editions of the newsletter and that therefore the matching funds requirement contained in guideline A(m) is not fulfilled.

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

Project Proposal No. 2 - Local development for the improvement of health conditions in Bolivia municipalities bordering with Brazil, Argentina and Peru

42. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Health and Social Security of Bolivia.

43. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to prepare a strategic health plan, in the framework of technical cooperation with Brazil, Argentina, and Peru, through the implementation of an integral and intersectoral programme of joint actions in the field of health in the border areas with the foregoing countries, with a view to improving the local sanitary situation.

44. Total cost of the project to be carried out over a two-year period is estimated at US\$185,000. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$150,000.

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

Project Proposal No. 3 - First OECS Exposition on Information Technology Related Services

46. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Sustainable Development of Saint Lucia.

47. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to assist in the diversification of the economies of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), to make them less dependent on agriculture and tourism, which are highly susceptible to the vagaries of nature; (b) to increase the level of cooperation between the OECS countries; (c) to educate the public in the OECS territories about the business opportunities that exist within the information technology industry, especially the decision makers in the financial institutions; and (d) to promote the establishment of information technology related businesses in the islands both through direct foreign investment and through joint venture relationships.

48. Total cost of the project to be implemented in six months is estimated at US\$175,600, contribution sought from PGTF being US\$150,000.

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

Project Proposal No.4 - Development of information network and data base system for NAM-CSSTC

50. The proposal was submitted by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.

51. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to interlink focal points and develop an effective communication system which would play an important role in sharing views and ideas, exchange experiences and technical information; (b) to develop database on experts and various aspects of development models; (c) to improve the information system to increase its effectiveness in supporting development and to disseminate information. In this context, the project will contribute to promote activities of the NAM Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation.

52. Total cost of the project to be carried out over a three-year period is estimated at US\$1,000,950, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$250,000. A breakdown of the total costs is as follows:

Item	Amount (US\$)
Local Area Network	680,500
Software	127,950
Software training	12,000
Services and consulting	30,500
Support summary	150,000
Total	1,000,950

53. The Committee considered that this proposal complies in general with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. and is therefore eligible for funding. However, the contribution sought from PGTF exceeded the ceiling per project for 1999. Therefore, the Committee recommended that one component of the project be financed by the PGTF. This component is the item named “services and consulting”. The Committee therefore recommended that US\$30,000 be allocated to this end.

Project Proposal No. 5 - Development and land transportation between Iran and middle Asian Countries

54. The proposal was submitted by the Plan and Budget Organisation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

55. The proposal submitted only contained the cover page of the model format for submission of project proposals and there was no indication of the project scope, activities, and detailed budget. The Committee considered that this proposal was incomplete and could not therefore be appraised.

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

Project Proposal No. 6 - *Study of creating a common network of monetary and banking activities, and also custom tariffs for ECO's member countries*

Project Proposal No. 7 - *Study the economic and social consequences of joining ECO's member countries to World Trade Organisation*

Project Proposal No. 8 - *Study of fossil fuel conservation and utilization of new sources of energy*

Project Proposal No. 9 - *Technical and economic feasibility studies (primary and final) for different kinds of civil projects such as housing, construction of roads and dams, and also industrial projects such as power plants and refineries*

57. Proposals Nos. 6-9 were also submitted by the Plan and Budget Organisation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

58. As in the case of proposal No. 5, the foregoing four proposals were also incomplete since they only contained the cover pages of the model format, with no indication of each project's scope, activities, and detailed budget.

59. The Committee recommended that proposals Nos. 6-9 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 10 - *Sericulture (silk) development project*

60. This proposal was submitted by the Small Enterprises Development Board of Zambia and endorsed by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry.

61. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to facilitate the commercialization of sericulture industry in Zambia, thereby generating employment opportunities.

62. Total cost of the project to be carried out in two years is estimated at US\$262,200. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$150,000.

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

Project Proposal No. 11 - *Technical assistance based on the regional approach in the field of standardization, metrology and quality management among developing countries*

64. The proposal was submitted by the Standardization Committee and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea..

65. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of this project are: (a) to establish the most reasonable work systems of standardization, metrology, and quality control through a regional approach and cooperation in Nepal and Bangladesh, and (b) to train the local standard

and metrology officials in order to establish material and technical foundations in Cambodia and Laos.

66. Total cost of the project to be carried out in twelve months is estimated at US\$241,500. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$96,800. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Project director and consultants	25,000	46,000	71,000
Trainees	26,200	-	26,200
Travel	17,600	21,700	39,300
Equipment	25,000	66,000	91,000
Miscellaneous	3,000	11,000	14,000
Total	96,800	144,700	241,500

67. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the project component regarding “trainees” be funded from PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that US\$25,000 be allocated to this end.

Project Proposal No. 12 - *Technical Skills Training and Entrepreneurship Development for School Leavers in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua*

68. The proposal was submitted by the Vienna Chapter of the Group of 77.

69. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to train interested school leavers from Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, aged 21 and above, in the processing of tropical food products by using the experience of women entrepreneurs who are receiving advanced basic training by the Swiss-funded project entitled “Integrated human resources development of women entrepreneurs in food processing in Central America”. School leavers could join the ongoing UNIDO women entrepreneurship program by using the same infrastructure.

70. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in three years, is estimated at US\$613,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$113,000, while the balance would be provided by the Swiss Development Corporation.

71. In the light of the information provided, the Committee found that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project as required by guideline A(f) since in the view of the Committee the design of the project aims at providing separately technical assistance to the three above-mentioned developing countries by UNIDO, a UN body, and not at promoting or

undertaking economic or technical cooperation among these developing countries. Moreover, the Committee felt that this proposal addresses a very important and pressing subject and recommended that, following the necessary adjustments so as to comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, it be resubmitted for consideration by the Committee of Experts.

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

Project Proposal No. 13 - Maghreb Common agriculture strategy: Data Bank on agriculture sector of the Maghreb countries

73. The proposal was submitted by the General Secretariat of the Arab Maghreb Union (GSUMA), headquartered in Rabat, Morocco.

74. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at: (a) collecting information on agriculture in the Arab Maghreb countries; (b) preparing a Maghreb's agriculture guidebook; (c) undertaking a comparative analytical study of the agricultural situation in the Maghreb countries; and (d) developing a common agriculture strategy for the region.

75. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in eighteen months, is estimated at US\$500,000, the contribution requested from PGTF being US\$105,000.

76. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal was incomplete since it did not contain detailed information on project activities nor a detailed itemized budget for the project. Therefore, it was not possible to appraise the proposal and make a recommendation in this regard.

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

Project Proposal No. 14 - Utilisation of sisal waste for production of chemical feedstock

78. The proposal was submitted by the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering of the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and endorsed by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology.

79. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to enhance the profitability of the sisal industry by making use of the greater part of the sisal plant; (b) to develop technology for producing citric acid and ethanol from the sisal juice; and (c) to develop equipment and process for the production of ethanol from sisal boles.

80. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$290,636. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$202,836.

81. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that it was not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of this project as required by guideline A(f). The Committee was of the view that the design and scope of the proposal indicate that it should be considered as a national project that is not eligible for financing from PGTF.

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

Project Proposal No. 15 - *Transportation Information System for ALADI member countries*

83. The proposal was submitted by the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), headquartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, and endorsed by the ministries of transportation and public works of the member countries.

84. According to the text of the proposal, the project consists of the development of the methodology, which includes a systematic group of procedures for obtaining basic and detailed information on transportation services and infrastructure with a view to meeting the information needs of governments, transportation operators, end-users and other agents involved in the physical distribution chains.

85. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in ten months, is estimated at US\$150,800. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$74,000. A breakdown in the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Experts	21,000	52,000	73,000
Consultants	18,000	-	18,000
Technical and support staff	10,000	14,800	24,800
Equipment and software	5,000	-	5,000
Travel and per diems	15,000	-	15,000
Other	5,000	10,000	15,000
Total	74,000	76,800	150,800

86. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the project component regarding “experts and consultants” be funded from PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that US\$37,000 be allocated to this end.

Project Proposal No. 16 - Setting up a Common Framework for Managing Shared Inland Fisheries Resources in the COMESA Region

87. The proposal was submitted by the Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), headquartered in Lusaka, Zambia.

88. According to the text of the proposal, the long-term objective of the project is to attain food self-sufficiency and security in the COMESA region through increased fish supply from the inland fisheries at affordable prices. The immediate objectives of the project are: (a) setting up of a mechanism for collaboration among riparian States in each shared water body; (b) harmonization of COMESA member States’ fisheries management policies; (c) harmonization of data collection, fishery regulations, enforcement in shared water bodies; and (d) harnessing of interactions and understanding between researchers, extension workers, law enforcement officers and fishermen.

89. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in two years, is estimated at US\$225,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$105,000. The breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	65,000	-	65,000
Regional workshop	30,000	-	30,000
Travel and per diems	10,000	92,000	102,000
Other	-	28,000	28,000
Total	105,000	120,000	225,000

90. The Committee considered that the proposal in general complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. However, the text of the proposal does not contain evidence of the approval of COMESA governing body, as required by guideline A(k).

91. The Committee recommended that the regional workshop and travel and per diem items be financed from PGTF and that US\$38,000 be allocated to this end, provided that a formal written approval from the governing body of COMESA is received by the Office of the Chairman not later than 31 August 1999.

Project Proposal No. 17 - Pacific Islands Regional Biomass Energy Resource Assessment Project (PIRBERAP)

92. The proposal was submitted by the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), headquartered in Suva, Fiji, and endorsed by the South Pacific Forum Secretariat.

93. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to enable the Pacific Island Countries to sustainably manage their biomass energy resources by providing up-to-date information and training on biomass resource assessment and policy formulation. Participating and beneficiary countries are Fiji, Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Cook Islands and Tuvalu.

94. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in two years, is estimated at US\$200,000. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$100,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Total contribution (US\$)			
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	30,000	-	30,000
Experts	-	50,000	50,000
Training	35,000	-	35,000
Travel	10,000	-	10,000
Equipment	15,000	30,000	45,000
Other	10,000	20,000	30,000
Total	100,000	100,000	200,000

95. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the training component of the project be funded from PGTF and that US\$34,000 be allocated to this end.

Project Proposal No. 18 - Training Strategy for the Youth Participation in Integrated Multisectoral Village Development to Ensure Sound Environment and Sustainable Livelihood Program for Poverty Alleviation

96. The proposal was submitted by the Technology Department and Implementation Agency (Techno DIA), headquartered in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and endorsed by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bangladesh.

97. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to develop and implement low-cost appropriate and sustainable technologies for government, non-government, private, national, and international NGOs in SAARC member countries for alleviation of poverty through income generation and employment creation by supplying credits and providing technical and training assistance. Target beneficiaries are 2,000 youth.

98. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in two years, is estimated at US\$520,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$260,000.

99. This proposal was submitted last year for consideration by the Committee of Experts and on that occasion the Committee considered that it corresponded to a national project that is not eligible for financing. The proposal was resubmitted this year with some minor adjustments that in essence entail the inclusion of 180 youth from countries other than Bangladesh, namely India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Maldives.

100. The Committee was of the view that this revised proposal still does not meet the criteria for eligibility since it is not possible to ascertain the cooperative element of the project as

required by guideline A(f) which states that written evidence of endorsement or declared interest by other developing countries as potential beneficiaries of the project should be part of the proposal.

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

Project proposal No. 19 - First Windward Islands Exposition on the Information Technology Sector

102. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Saint Lucia on behalf of the National Development Corporation (NDC) of Saint Lucia.

103. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to assist in the diversification of the economies of the Windward Islands, to make them less dependent on agriculture and tourism, which are highly susceptible to the vagaries of nature; (b) to increase the level of cooperation between the Windward Islands; (c) to educate the public in the Windward Islands about the business opportunities that exist within the information technology industry, especially the decision makers in the financial institutions; and (d) to promote the establishment of information technology related businesses in the islands both through direct foreign investment and through joint venture relationships.

104. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in six months, is estimated at US\$146,640. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$73,140. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	36,000	-	36,000
Personnel	30,000	-	30,000
Travel and accommodation	7,140	-	7,140
Equipment	-	13,500	13,500
Other	-	60,000	60,000
Total	73,140	73,500	146,640

105. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the “consultants” component of the project be funded from PGTF and that US\$35,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 20 - Development of Innovative Systems for Programme Management and Revenue Generation for ASEAN Science and Technology

106. The proposal was submitted by the Secretariat of ASEAN, headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia, and endorsed by the ASEAN Ministers for Science and Technology.

107. According to the text of the proposal, the immediate objectives are: (a) to review the output of the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST) brainstorming session (held in 1998) and use it as a basis to design practical and realistic systems for generating and managing funds to support ASEAN activities in science and technology; (b) to examine options and mechanisms for the establishment and operation of autonomous enterprises; (c) to identify a test case for a spin-off enterprise; and (d) to develop a business plan for such test case.

108. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in four months, is estimated at US\$140,605. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$64,300. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	20,000	-	20,000
National experts and support staff	-	24,600	24,600
Travel and per diems	14,100	2,400	16,500
Support COST brainstorming session	-	45,805	45,805
Round table consultation meeting	30,200	-	30,200
Other	-	3,500	3,500
Total	64,300	76,305	140,605

109. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. The Committee was informed that the UNDP would be prepared to consider providing support to this project up to US\$30,000. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the balance of the requested contribution be funded from PGTF and that US\$34,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 21 - Human resource development and training in international trade for the Member States of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)

110. The proposal was submitted by the Executive Secretariat of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC), headquartered in Bangui, Central African Republic, and endorsed by the Member States of CEMAC.

111. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to examine the operating conditions of international trade in the six member countries of CEMAC with a view to determining the training plan that will better prepare officers and decision-makers in both public and private sectors, that will be responsible for export promotion; and (b) to implement

the regional training plan on international trade through the Trainfortrade Programme developed by UNCTAD. The training programmes would be take place at the University of Doaula in Cameroon that has been designated as the focal point for this project.

112. Total cost of the project to be carried out over a two-year period is estimated at US\$80,700. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$40,350. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	22,500	-	22,500
Experts	-	20,250	20,250
Travel and per diems	17,850	2,150	20,000
Equipment and administrative support	-	4,500	4,500
Other	-	13,450	13,450
Total	40,350	40,350	80,700

113. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the “consultants” component of the project be funded from PGTF and that US\$22,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 22 - Support to the implementation of a sub-regional Plan of Action on standardization in CEMAC Member States

114. The proposal was also submitted by the Executive Secretariat of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC), headquartered in Bangui, Central African Republic, and endorsed by the Member States of CEMAC.

115. Since guideline A(d) for utilization of PGTF states that proposing organizations and institutions may submit no more than one (1) project proposal per annum for funding from PGTF, the Committee decided not to consider this proposal.

Project proposal No. 23 - Preparation, Reproduction and Distribution of the Second Edition of the CD-ROM of the Pro Tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty

116. The proposal was submitted by the Pro Tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela on behalf of all countries parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela).

117. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to prepare the second edition of a CD-ROM (8,000 copies) containing around 25,000 pages from 72 books on

Amazon-related topics; and (b) to distribute the second edition to the target groups such as libraries, universities, research institutions, ministries, NGOs, international organisations, private sector institutions, and individuals interested in the conservation and development of the Amazon region.

118. Total estimated cost of the project, to be carried out over a six-month period, is estimated at US\$718,568. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$102,168. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Production basic materials (72 books)	-	504,000	504,000
Production 1 st edition CD-ROM	-	50,000	50,000
Pro-tempore secretariat counterpart	-	62,400	62,400
Experts	27,000	-	27,000
Production 2 nd edition CD-ROM	36,200	-	36,200
Distribution CD-ROM and other	38,968	-	38,968
Total	102,168	616,400	718,568

119. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the “Production 2nd edition CD-ROM” component of the project be funded from PGTF and that US\$35,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 24 - Study on the trade relations between Mercosur and the South of Africa (SADC, SACU and South Africa)

120. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay, as Pro Tempore Chairman of MERCOSUR, on behalf of the MERCOSUR member countries.

121. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to evaluate the present situation of trade between MERCOSUR and Southern Africa (SADC, SACU and South Africa); (b) to identify sectors in which there could be an increase in trade between the parties; (c) identification of sectors of industry, agriculture and services in MERCOSUR that could benefit from or could be harmed by a programme of tariff reduction with Southern Africa; and (d) analysis of the impact of free trade agreements where South Africa is a party on trade between MERCOSUR and South Africa.

122. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in six months, is estimated at US\$304,500. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$104,500.

123. The Committee considered that this proposal addresses an important subject as is the analysis of the trade expansion potential between or among developing countries. However, the Committee considered that this project would render larger benefits to MERCOSUR and Southern Africa countries if it is reformulated so as to become an interregional project where both regions are involved. The Committee therefore recommended that the scope of this project be expanded and the proposal be resubmitted at an appropriate time for consideration by the Committee of Experts of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 25 - *Citrus Certification Programs in Central America and the Caribbean*

124. The proposal was submitted by the Instituto de Investigaciones de Cítricos y otros Frutales (IICF), headquartered in Havana, Cuba, and endorsed by the Ministries of Agriculture of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Guatemala.

125. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) preparation of a certification programmes in two countries of Central America (Guatemala and Panama) and one in the Caribbean (the Dominican Republic); and (b) creation of the totality or a large part of the methodological base for the preparation of these programmes, which would benefit other countries and considerably facilitate replication of this project.

126. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in one year, is estimated at US\$255,000. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$105,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Preparation of methodological base	20,000	-	20,000
Travel	10,000	-	10,000
Preparation and publication of reports	5,000	-	5,000
Per diems and land transportation	60,000	-	60,000
Salaries and other local expenses	-	75,000	75,000
Technical assistance	-	75,000	75,000
Other	10,000	-	10,000
Total	105,000	150,000	255,000

127. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the three components of the project, namely “Preparation of methodological base”, “travel”, and “preparation and publication of reports”, be funded from PGTF and that US\$35,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 26 - Comparative analysis of shallow water fish fauna in coastal lagoons in southern Brazil and northern Argentina

128. The proposal was submitted by the National University of Mar de Plata, Argentina, and endorsed by the Government of Argentina.

129. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to strengthen and optimize the human resources capacity to undertake integrated studies on fish fauna; (b) to carry out specialized studies on fish fauna; and (c) to agree on working methodologies and equipment, standardized the collected information with a view to establishing common criteria for future projects.

130. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$28,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$15,000.

131. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a bilateral project (involving Argentina and Brazil) that is not eligible for funding according to the guideline A(g). The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 27 - Support to the implementation of the Bali Plan of Action of the Group of 77

132. The proposal was submitted by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York.

133. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to contribute to the implementation of selected priority actions established in the Bali Plan of Action of the Group of 77 on Regional and Sub-regional Economic Cooperation of the Developing Countries; and (b) to provide support to the preparatory process of the South Summit.

134. Total estimated of the project, to be implemented on one year, is estimated at US\$445,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$105,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Two workshops	30,000	80,000	110,000
Specialized studies	6,000	84,000	90,000
Publication of newsletter	4,000	66,000	70,000
Consultative round table	15,000	40,000	55,000
Equipment	5,000	10,000	15,000
Administrative support	35,000	55,000	90,000
Other	10,000	5,000	15,000
Total	105,000	340,000	445,000

135. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the contributions sought for the two workshops be funded from PGTF and that US\$30,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 28 - Support to the G-77 Chambers of Commerce and Industry (G-77/CCI)

136. The proposal was submitted by the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the G-77 Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI), based in Kampala, Uganda.

137. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to provide support to the G-77 CCI office in Kampala so as to ensure that the office effectively supports the current Chairman of the Conference of G-77 Chambers in fulfilling his mandated duties. The objectives of the Chairman during his two-year term are: (a) to promote a Third World united voice on global economic issues and build strategic relationships among member states; (b) to accelerate effective economic cooperation among member states by focusing information networking competitive advantages; and (c) to implement the resolutions of the Eighth Assembly of the G-77 CCIs.

138. Total contribution requested from PGTF for the project amounts to US\$410,900. Even though a global figure of US\$500,000 was included in the proposal as other sources'

contribution, there is no indication of these sources nor of how and where these funds will be utilized.

139. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with guideline A(m), which requires matching funds from other sources; A(j) which states that regular budget activities are not eligible for funding from PGTF resources; and A(p) since the contribution requested vastly exceeds the maximum support available for 1999.

140. In this connection, the Committee considered that this proposal would require extensive reformulation in order to comply with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. The Committee therefore recommended that this proposal should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 29 - Project proposal on promotion of alternative renewable energy sources in African country parties to the CCD

141. The proposal was submitted by the Executive Secretariat of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), headquartered in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on behalf of its Member States.

142. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to provide technical expertise for installation and operation of alternative renewable energy facilities; and (b) provide backup training to users particularly women in rural areas. The project will be implemented in Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and Niger.

143. Total cost of the project, to be carried out in one year, is estimated at US\$160,000. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$40,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

	Total contribution (US\$)		
Item	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	5,000	15,000	20,000
Training for users	20,000	60,000	80,000
Transportation	7,000	21,000	28,000
Rental of equipment	4,000	12,000	16,000
Other	4,000	12,000	16,000
Total	40,000	120,000	160,000

144. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the contributions sought for consultants services and training for users be funded from PGTF and that US\$25,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 30 - Training project for implementing the UNCCD in Latin America and the Caribbean countries

145. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Chile.

146. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to organize and hold courses designed to support the process of formulating and implementing national action plans to combat desertification. The project includes four courses, one to be held during the first year, two during the second year, and the last one during the third year.

147. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a three-year period, is US\$400,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$50,000. A detailed breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Consultants	12,000	84,000	96,000
Training	20,000	140,000	160,000
Transportation	10,000	70,000	80,000
Rental of equipment	8,000	56,000	64,000
Total	50,000	350,000	400,000

148. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that the proposal does not comply with guideline with A(f) for utilization of PGTF since there is no indication of the beneficiary countries of the project nor any written evidence of endorsement or declared interest.

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

Project proposal No. 31 - Support to a community pilot project in Mauritania, Mali and Senegal

150. The proposal was submitted by the Governments of Mauritania, Mali and Senegal.

151. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of this project is to support efforts aimed at implementing strategies for making rural communities responsible for the management of their collective natural resources. In particular the project aims at: (a) supporting the community-building of water ponds; (b) improving livestock and vegetable production conditions; and (c) mitigating the risks of lacking food security.

152. Total cost of the project to be carried out over a three-year period is estimated at US\$95,000. Contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$50,000.

153. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that both the scope and nature of the proposals corresponds to a national project that is not eligible for financing.

154. The Committee therefore recommended that the project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 32 - Support to a community pilot project in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali

155. The project was submitted by the Governments of Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali.

156. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to promote sustainable pilot community management of natural resources at the local level within the framework of the Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD). The proposal only mentions activities in Niger and Burkina Faso.

157. Total cost of the project, to be implemented over a three-year period, is estimated at US\$195,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$50,000, the balance being provided by the CCD secretariat.

158. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that both the scope and nature of the proposals corresponds to a bilateral project that is not eligible for financing according to guideline A(g).

Project proposal No. 33 - Support to a community pilot project in Algeria, Mali, and Niger

159. This proposal was submitted by the Governments of Algeria, Mali, and Niger.

160. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to provide support to concerned governments for the implementation of capacity-strengthening strategies in the field of food security for the local communities living in border areas. In particular the project aims at (a) strengthening and improvement of technical capabilities of rural populations in agricultural production; (b) relaunching livestock production by rendering it less dependent on unpredictable local natural resources; and (c) to undertake actions and strategies aimed at mitigating erosive phenomena such as wind, sun, and flooding.

161. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a three-year period, is estimated at US\$118,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$50,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Total contribution (US\$)				
Item	PGTF	Other	Total	
Training	4,000	1,000	5,000	
Working capital	6,000	2,500	8,500	
Materials purchased	10,000	-	10,000	
Hydraulic infrastructure	19,000	6,500	25,500	
Site preparation	11,000	40,000	51,000	
Other	-	18,000	18,000	
Total	50,000	68,000	118,000	

162. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the contributions sought for training, materials purchased, working capital, site preparation and part of hydraulic infrastructure be funded from PGTF and that US\$35,000 be allocated to this end.

Project proposal No. 34 - *Support to a community pilot project in Algeria and Tunisia*

163. The proposal was submitted by the secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

164. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to rehabilitate the environment and encourage a development dynamics of integrated production systems (agriculture/livestock) in the region.

165. Total cost of the project, to be carried over three years, is estimated at US\$157,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$50,000.

166. In the light of the information provided, the Committee concluded that the scope and nature of the proposal corresponds to a bilateral project that is not eligible for funding according to guideline A(g). The Committee therefore recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 35 - *Support to a community pilot project in Algeria, Mali, and Niger*

167. The proposal was submitted by the governments of Algeria, Mali, and Niger, which submitted also project proposal No. 33

168. Since guideline A(d) for utilization of PGTF states that proposing organizations and institutions may submit no more than one (1) project proposal per annum for funding from PGTF, and given that the activities of this proposal are very similar to those of project proposal No. 33, the Committee decided not to consider this proposal.

Project proposal No. 36 - Support to a community pilot project in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali

169. This proposal was submitted by the Governments of Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali.

170. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to encourage the concerted management of livestock resources by organizations stemming from the main end-users of these resources. In particular the project aims at (a) contributing to the implementation of concertation mechanisms among the various end-users of livestock resources; (b) contributing to the food security of concerned populations; (c) contributing to ensure access to livestock resources; and (d) support revenue generation activities by the populations.

171. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a three-year period, is estimated at US\$175,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$50,000. A breakdown of the total cost is as follows:

Item	Total contribution (US\$)		
	PGTF	Other	Total
Training	6,500	-	6,500
Working capital	25,000	-	25,000
Materials purchased	18,500	2,500	21,000
Hydraulic infrastructure	-	90,000	90,000
Other	-	32,500	32,500
Total	50,000	125,000	175,000

172. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the contributions sought for training, materials purchased, and part of the working capital be funded from PGTF and that US\$35,000 be allocated to this end.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

173. 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\$460,000. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Project	Allocation (US\$)
(1) <i>Development of information network and data base system for NAM-CSSTC</i>	30,000
(2) <i>Technical assistance based on the regional approach in the field of standardization, metrology and quality management among developing countries</i>	25,000
(3) <i>Transportation Information System for ALADI member countries</i>	37,000
(4) <i>Setting up a Common Framework for Managing Shared Inland</i>	

	<i>Fisheries Resources in the COMESA Region</i>	38,000
(5)	<i>Pacific Islands Regional Biomass Energy Resource Assessment Project (PIRBERAP)</i>	34,000
(6)	<i>First Windward Islands Exposition on the Information Technology Sector</i>	35,000
(7)	<i>Development of Innovative Systems for Programme Management and Revenue Generation for ASEAN Science and Technology</i>	34,000
(8)	<i>Human resource development and training in international trade for the Member States of the Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)</i>	22,000
(9)	<i>Preparation, Reproduction and Distribution of the Second Edition of the CD-ROM of the Pro Tempore Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty</i>	35,000
(10)	<i>Citrus Certification Programs in Central America and the Caribbean</i>	35,000
(11)	<i>Support to the implementation of the Bali Plan of Action of the Group of 77</i>	30,000
(12)	<i>Project proposal on promotion of alternative renewable energy sources in African country parties to the CCD</i>	25,000
(13)	<i>Support to a community pilot project in Algeria, Mali, and Niger</i>	35,000
(14)	<i>Support to a community pilot project in Burkina Fasso, Niger and Mali</i>	35,000
(15)	<i>Budget increase for project INT/90/K08: Support to the Committee of Experts of PGTF</i>	10,000
	Total	460,000

178. The Chairman of the Committee was entrusted with the task of monitoring the fulfilment of the conditions attached to the projects recommended for approval, so as to report accordingly to the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 scheduled to be held in New York on 24 September 1999.

179. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 1999 amount to approximately US\$462,000. This amount includes the interest expected to be earned from 1 January to 31 December 1999. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

180. The Committee examined the status of implementation of the projects adopted by IFCC-VI held in Havana in September 1987, by the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, by IFCC-VII held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, by the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held respectively in New York in September 1989, October 1990, September 1991 and October 1992, by IFCC-VII held in Panama City in August-September 1993 and by the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-First, and Twenty-second Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs held in New York respectively in September 1994, September 1995, September 1996, September 1997, and September 1998.

181. The following seven (7) progress, terminal and financial reports on projects under implementation were made available to the Committee of Experts:

1. *Terminal report and statement of expenditure submitted by the Government of Cuba for project INT/94/K01 - Program for the Development of Communications and Cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean Educators (AELAC)*
2. *Progress report submitted by the African Agency of Biotechnology for project INT/92/K06 and INT/93/K01*
3. *Final report submitted by the Committee for Standardization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for project INT/96/K03*
4. *Statement of expenditure submitted by the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and other Development Countries for project INT/94/K06*
5. *Statement of expenditure submitted by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation for project INT/96/K04*
6. *Statement of expenditure submitted by the Biological Pharmaceutical Laboratories of Cuba for project INT/95/K01*
7. *Statement of expenditure from the Office of the Chairman for project INT/90/K08*

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

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

A. Projects completed

183. Three projects were completed since the previous meeting of the Committee of Experts, bringing the total of completed projects to thirty-five (35), as follows:

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

184. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77
Subcontractor: Inter Press Service (IPS)
PGTF input: US\$109,520
Duration: Four years
Approval: IFCC-VI (Havana, 7-12 September 1987) and IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989) for one-year extension
Number: INT/88/K01/C/95/99
Completion: 31 December 1990.

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

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

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

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

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

187. Submitter: Centre for International Cooperation and Development (CICD) of Yugoslavia
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$45,450
Duration: Six months

Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28-30 September 1988)

Number: INT/89/K01/A/95/99

Completion: Feasibility report circulated to Member States on 24 October 1990.

(5) ***South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)***

188. Submitter: South Commission

Subcontractor: Third World Network (TWN)

PGTF input: \$120,000

Duration: One year

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

Number: INT/89/K13/A/95/99

Completion: 31 January 1992.

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

189. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

Subcontractor: Not required

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Duration: One week

Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)

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

Completion: 19 August 1993

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

190. Submitter: Center for the Study of International Relations and Development (CERID) of Bolivia.

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: \$78,000

Duration: Five and a half months

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

Number: INT/90/K04/A/95/99

Completion: Final Report submitted on 13 August 1991.

(8) ***Technical, secretariat and other support to the Global System on Trade Preferences among developing countries (GSTP), and technical assistance to countries participating in the GSTP***

191. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

Subcontractor: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$350,000

Duration: Sixteenth months

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

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

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

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

192. Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela

Subcontractor: Not required

PGTF input: US\$83,700

Duration: Two years and four months

Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (28-30 September 1988)

Number: INT/89/K03/A/95/99

Completion: Final report submitted on 12 February 1993.

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

193. Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) in Uruguay

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$120,000

Duration: Twelve months

Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)

Number: INT/89/K05/A/95/99

Completion: Final Report submitted on 7 April 1993.

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

194. Submitter: Government of Algeria

Subcontractor: CNIDE

PGTF input: US\$65,450

Duration: One year

Approval: IFCC-VII (Kuala Lumpur, 31 July-5 August 1989)

Number: INT/89/K06/A/95/99

Completion: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993.

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

195. Submitter: Department of Agriculture of Malaysia

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$110,000

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/90/K05/A/95/99

Completion: Final Report submitted on 17 August 1993

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

196. Submitter: Caribbean Center for Development Administration (CARICAD) of Barbados

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: \$45,000

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/89/K10/A/95/99

Completion: Final Report forwarded on 25 March 1994.

(14) ***Recovery, preservation and dissemination of printed historical documentation of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries in the Americas, existing in signatory countries of the Andres Bello Convention***

197. Submitter: Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$94,500

Duration: Three years

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

Number: INT/90/K02/A/95/99

Completion: Final Report submitted on 15 December 1993

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

198. Submitter: Government of Argentina

Subcontractor: Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT)

PGTF input: US\$88,000

Duration: One year

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

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 April 1994

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(19) ***Organic rice farming system***

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

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

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

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

204. Submitter: Raul Prebisch Foundation
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$60,700
Duration: 3 months
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)
Number: INT/92/K02/A/95/99
Completion: Complete sets consisting of four volumes distributed in 1994 to the Permanent Missions of the Group of 77 in New York.

(22) ***Technical, Secretariat and Other Support to the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP), and Technical Assistance to Countries Participating in the GSTP***

205. Submitter: Group of 77 in Geneva
Subcontractor: UNCTAD
PGTF input: US\$250,000
Duration: One year
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)
Number: INT/92/K03/A/90/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 May 1994

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

206. Submitter: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$81,600

Duration: One year

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

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

Completion: Final Report submitted on 7 April 1994

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

207. Submitter: Third World Network, Penang, Malaysia

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$59,881

Duration: One year

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

Number: INT/93/K03

Completion: Final Report submitted on 10 December 1995

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

208. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

Subcontractor: Inter Press Service (IPS)

PGTF input: US\$51,120

Duration: Two years

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992) and IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)

Number: INT/93/K02

Completion: Final Report submitted on 20 December 1995

(26) ***Technical Assistance to the Members of the Group of 77 participating in the Second Round of Negotiations within the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) and Seeking Membership in the GSTP, as well as Related Technical, Secretariat and Other Support to the GSTP***

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

Subcontractor: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$72,363

Duration: 1 year

Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)

Number: INT/94/K02/A/95/99

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

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

210. Submitter: CPC Consultora Internacional Ltd. through the Government of Uruguay.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$140,000
Number: INT/95/K02/A/95/99
Duration: Twelve (12) months
Approval: Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1995)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 23 December 1997.

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

211. Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$58,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K12/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 29 May 1998.

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

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

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

213. Submitter: Sahel Defis through the Government of Benin.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$30,000.
Duration: 2 years.
Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994).
Number: INT/94/K05/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 16 February 1998.

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

214. Submitter: Government of Brazil
Subcontractor: Fundacao Centro de Estudos do Comercio Exterior (FUNCEX) of Brazil
PGTF input: US\$120,000
Duration: 8 months
Number: INT/93/K05/A/95/99
Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Completion: Final Report submitted on 15 September 1997
- (32) ***Establishment of TIN Management Center to Coordinate the Global Establishment of the Network with a Project Coordination Committee***
215. Submitter: The Steering Committee Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Group of 77 (CCIs)
Subcontractor: Private Sector Development Programme, UNDP
PGTF input: US\$60,000
Duration: 1 year
Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)
Number: INT/94/K03/A/95/99
Completion: Final Report submitted on 6 August 1997.
- (33) ***Training on the Use of a Computer Simulation Model for Food Security Analysis in Developing Countries of the NAM***
216. Submitter: Government of Indonesia
Subcontractor: Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia
PGTF input: US \$70,000
Duration: One year
Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)
Number: INT/94/K04/A/95/99
Completion: Final report submitted on 24 June 1997.
- (34) ***Program for the Development of Communications and Cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean Educators (AELAC)***
217. Submitter: Association of Educators of Latin America & the Caribbean (AELAC) through the Government of Cuba
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Duration: 1 year
Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)

Number: INT/94/K01/A/95/99

Completion: Final report submitted on 30 September 1998

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$76,500

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

Duration: One (1) year

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

Completion: The final report was submitted on 13 October 1998.

B. Projects under implementation

219. Twenty-two (22) approved projects were being implemented as of the date of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts. This total is the result of fifteen (15) projects that were under implementation during the period between the thirteenth and fourteenth meetings of the Committee, plus ten (10) that started being implemented during this period, and minus three (3) projects that were completed. Detailed information on the status of these projects is provided below:

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

220. Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

Subcontractor: Not required

PGTF input: US\$214,800

Duration: Five years

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

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

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

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

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

222. On 8 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested UNDP to disburse, to the Office of the Chairman, the amount of US\$20,480 to finance the participation of six experts attending the Special Meeting of PGTF on 4-8 April 1994. Actual expenses for six members who

attended the Ninth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF in April 1994 were US\$20,032.

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

224. The Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts took note that project INT/90/K08 aimed at providing support to the Committee of Experts had been extended for the year 1996. It further recommended that since around half of the allocated resources remained unspent, the project be extended for another five years. This recommendation was endorsed by the Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in New York on 27 September 1996.

225. The report of the Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held on 6-8 August 1997 stated in paragraph 154 of its report that "in the light of the results of the past two years in terms of expeditiousness and cost, the Committee strongly recommended that the Office of the Chairman should resume implementation of this project as in previous years, in lieu of the country offices of UNDP."

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

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

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

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

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

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

231. Submitter: Government of Algeria
Subcontractor: Secretariat of State for Scientific Research of Algeria (SERSA)
PGTF input: US\$150,000
Duration: One year
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)
Number: INT/92/K06/A/95/99
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 16 and 20 April 1993. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Algeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Secretariat of State for Scientific Research of Algeria) is dated 3 May 1993.
Status of submission of financial report: No expenditure reports have been submitted.
232. On the basis of a request of 7 May 1993, UNDP disbursed US\$150,000 to the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations for SERSA.
233. On 30 November 1994, the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations to submit the outstanding reports for the project. SERSA submitted a progress report on the project in May 1995, regarding phases I and II of the project.
234. The Committee of Experts of PGTF recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the executing organization to submit the outstanding financial reports before 31 December 1995.
235. The Government of Algeria informed on 24 November 1995 that it will submit in 1996 the outstanding progress and financial reports on this project. On 22 May 1996, the Government of Algeria informed that these reports will be forwarded during the second half of 1996.
236. On 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 made a new request through the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations for the submission of the outstanding reports.
237. On 21 July 1997, the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations transmitted a progress report on the implementation of this project with a financial statement of expenditure.
238. The Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held on 6-8 August 1997 noted with concern that four years after the disbursement of funds for Phase I of the project, the African Agency for Biotechnology had not become operational. In view of the foregoing, the Committee requested in paragraph 163 of its report that the sub-contractor submit a work plan to make the African Agency for Biotechnology operational. The Committee further decided to examine the matter at its session in 1998 and make appropriate recommendations.

239. On 13 August 1997, the Office of the Chairman requested the sub-contractor through the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations to submit a work plan to make the agency operational.

240. On 17 December 1997 and 7 January 1998, the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations forwarded respectively copies of the Declaration adopted by the Council of Governors of the African Agency for Biotechnology held on 10-12 October 1997 and the work plan of the Agency for the period 1998-1999, and of a report on the utilization of funds provided by PGTF to the agency.

241. The Committee noted with concern that in spite of all efforts made, arrangements for making operational the African Agency for Biotechnology are still at an early stage of implementation. While the appointment of the Director General and other officers and the preparation of a work plan are an encouraging indication of some activity, the extremely long delay in making this agency operational resulted in an opportunity cost for the PGTF contribution to this project.

242. The Committee was informed by the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations that prior to its transfer to an Algerian bank in April 1997, the PGTF contribution was deposited in a non-interest bearing account. According to UNDP regulations (No. 30503, page 25), interest earned on project bank accounts shall be refunded annually. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the Agency to report on whether there have been any interest earnings on funds deposited in Algeria since April 1997, with a view to take appropriate action.

243. On 24 June 1999, the Office of the Chairman received a progress report from the agency with indication of all activities carried out from October 1997. The transmittal letter indicated that a financial report will be submitted after the second meeting of the governing council of the agency scheduled to take place in Algiers on 12 September 1999.

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

244. Submitter: Government of Algeria
Subcontractor: Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research of Algeria (MDURSA)
PGTF input: US\$150,000
Duration: One year
Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Number: INT/93/K01/A/95/99
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 14 January 1994. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research of the Government of Algeria) is dated 15 December 1993.
Status of submission of financial report: No expenditure reports have been submitted.

245. On the basis of a request made on 14 February 1994, the UNDP disbursed US\$150,000 on 25 January 1995 to the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations for MDURSA.
246. The Government of Algeria informed on 24 November 1995 that it intended to submit in 1996 the outstanding progress and financial reports on this project. On 22 May 1996, the Government of Algeria informed that these reports will be forwarded during the second half of 1996.
247. On 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 made a new request through the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations for the expeditious submission of the outstanding reports.
248. By letter dated 21 July 1997, the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations transmitted a progress report on the implementation of this project with a financial statement of expenditure.
249. The Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held on 6-8 August 1997 noted with concern that two and a half years after the disbursement of funds for Phase II of the project, the African Agency for Biotechnology had not become operational. In view of the foregoing, the Committee requested in paragraph 163 of its report that the sub-contractor submit a work plan to make the African Agency for Biotechnology operational. The Committee further decided to examine the matter at its session in 1998 and make appropriate recommendations.
250. On 17 December 1997 and 7 January 1998, the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations forwarded respectively copies of the Declaration adopted by the Council of Governors of the African Agency for Biotechnology held on 10-12 October 1997 and the work plan of the Agency for the period 1998-1999, and of a report on the utilization of funds provided by PGTF to the agency.
251. The Committee noted with concern that in spite of all efforts made, arrangements for making operational the African Agency for Biotechnology are still at an early stage of implementation. While the appointment of the Director General and other officers and the preparation of a work plan are an encouraging indication of some activity, the extremely long delay in making this agency operational resulted in an opportunity cost for the PGTF contribution to this project.
252. The Committee was informed by the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations that prior to its transfer to an Algerian bank in April 1997, the PGTF contribution was deposited in a non-interest bearing account. According to UNDP regulations (No. 30503, page 25), interest earned on project bank accounts shall be refunded annually. In this connection, the Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman requests the Agency to report on whether there have been any interest earnings on funds deposited in Algeria since April 1997, with a view to take appropriate action.

253. On 24 June 1999, the Office of the Chairman received a progress report from the agency with indication of all activities carried out from October 1997. The transmittal letter indicated that a financial report will be submitted after the second meeting of the governing council of the agency scheduled to take place in Algiers on 12 September 1999.

(4) *Low Cost Housing Technology Programme*

254. Submitter: Government of India
Subcontractor: Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries
PGTF input: US\$30,000
Duration: 1 year
Approval: Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 30 September 1994)
Number: INT/94/K06/A/95/99
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on behalf of the Group of 77 and UNDP on 31 July 1995. A subcontract agreement was signed with the subcontractor on 26 September 1995.
Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor informed that no expenditures had been incurred as of June 1997.

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

256. On 18 February 1997, the sub-contractor of the project submitted a progress report in accordance with the reporting requirements of PGTF-funded projects. On 23 May 1997, the Chairman of the Group of 77 acknowledged receipt of the progress report and requested the submission of statement of expenditure for funded provided by PGTF. The sub-contractor replied to this request on 4 June 1997.

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

258. In the light of the information provided by the subcontractor, implementation of this project is facing difficulties and so far no resources have been expended. The Committee recommended that the Office of the Chairman request the subcontractor to provide not later than 31 December 1998 information on steps the subcontractor intends to take with a view to early launching of the project activities for consideration and appropriate recommendation by the Committee at its next meeting.

259. A copy of a letter dated 2 November 1998 was received from the sub-contractor through UNDP forwarding the statement of project expenditure as of December 1998. The letter states

that a progress report was annexed thereto but was not included in the copy of the letter received by the Office of the Chairman.

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$65,000

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

Duration: One (1) year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$90,000

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

Duration: Two (2) years

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document, a copy of which was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman, was signed on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on 31 January 1997 and by UNDP on 21 February 1997. The Sub-contract agreement was signed in March 1997 by the Ministry of Social Development of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Centre for Persons with

Disabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$59,300

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

Duration: One (1) year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sahara Regions

272. Submitter: Foundation for Social Peace of Niger, with endorsement of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$85,000
Number: INT/96/K06/A/95/99
Duration: One (1) year
Approval: Twentieth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 27 September 1996)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference on 16 December 1996 and by UNDP on 18 February 1997. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Foundation for Social Peace was signed on 1 March 1997.
Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor has submitted a financial statement.
273. An initial disbursement of US\$45,000 was made through the UNDP Resident Representative in Niger in May 1997.
274. A financial statement of expenditures for the first tranche was submitted to UNDP by the Organization of the Islamic Conference on 17 June 1997.
275. On 24 June 1997, the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Niger to make the second tranche of US\$40,000.
276. A copy of a progress report was received by the Office of the Chairman on 9 September 1997.
- (9) ***Feasibility study for a subregional center for agricultural machinery in the CEPGL subregion***
277. Submitter: Communauté Economique des Pays des Grands Lacs (CEPGL)
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$43,000
Number: INT/93/K07/A/95/99
Duration: 81 days
Approval: IFCC-VIII (Panama City, 30 August-3 September 1993)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 31 October 1994. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Rwanda and CEPGL is dated 17 December 1996.
Status of submission of financial report: No expenditure reports have been submitted by the sub-contractor.

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

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

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

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$165,000

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

Duration: Two (2) years

Approval: Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 29 September 1995)

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on behalf of the Government of Cuba on 24 May 1996 and by UNDP on 25 June 1996. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Cuba and the Biological Pharmaceutical Laboratories is dated 24 June 1996.

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

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

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

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

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

286. The financial statement of expenditure for the first tranche was received by the Office of the Chairman on 23 September 1998.

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

287. Submitter: Inter Press Service (IPS) Third World News Agency through the Government of Costa Rica as Chairman of the Group of 77 for 1996
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$51,120
Number: INT/95/K03/A/95/99
Duration: Two (2) years
Approval: Nineteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 29 September 1995)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed on 15 April 1996 by the Chairman of the Group of 77 also on behalf of the Government of Costa Rica and on 22 April 1996 by UNDP. The sub-contract agreement concluded between the Government of Costa Rica as Chairman of the Group of 77 for 1996 and Inter Press Service is dated 19 August 1996.
Status of submission of financial report: The sub-contractor has submitted a financial statement.
288. Disbursement of the funds allocated for the first year of the project (1996) was requested from UNDP in September 1996 as follows: \$20,760 to IPS and \$4,800 to the Group of 77.
289. A financial statement on project activities undertaken during 1996 was submitted by the subcontractor on 25 June 1997 and by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 on 5 June 1998.
290. In 1996 a total of nine issues were published out of a quota of twelve provided for in the project for the first year. In 1997 five additional issues were published and in 1998 one issue has been published to date. Therefore, nine more issues remain to be published to fulfill the output of the project which is 24 issues in total. It is expected that the project will be completed in early 1999.
291. A request for disbursement of funds for the second tranche will be made to UNDP in the near future.

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

292. Submitter: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) based in Guyana.
Subcontractor: Same as above
PGTF input: US\$84,000
Number: INT/96/K05/A/95/99
Duration: One (1) year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

296. Submitter: Research and Information System (RIS) for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries in India.

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$24,850

Number: INT/97/K01

Duration: Two (2) years

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

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

298. The project document and the subcontract agreement have been signed and received by UNDP on 2 June 1999. Disbursement to be made.

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

299. Submitter: Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries in India.

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Number: INT/97/K02

Duration: Three (3) years

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

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

301. The project document and the subcontract agreement have been signed and received by UNDP on 2 June 1999. Disbursement is to be made.

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

302. Submitter: Caribbean Council for Science and Technology in Trinidad and Tobago.

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$37,560

Number: INT/97/K03

Duration: Three days (tentative)

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

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

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

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

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

Subcontractor: Same as above

PGTF input: US\$61,500

Number: INT/97/K04

Duration: One (1) years

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

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

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

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

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

Submitter: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea through the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Subcontractor: Academy of Agricultural Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Number: INT/98/K03

Duration: 13 months

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

308. On 1 February 1999, the UNDP requested its Resident Representative in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to disburse the first tranche of US\$ 50,000 to the subcontractor. Signed copies of the project document and subcontract agreement were forwarded to the Office of the Chairman.

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

Submitter: Latin American Integration Association with headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay

Subcontractor: Not required

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Number: INT/98/K08

Duration: 1 year

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

309. UNDP reports indicate that that written authorizations have been sent to the UNDP field office to disburse the first tranche of US\$25,000 to ALADI.

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

Submitter: Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, with headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$80,000
Number: INT/98/K14
Duration: 3 years
Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

310. On 19 January 1999, the UNDP forwarded to its Resident Representative in Ethiopia fully signed copies of the project document. A signed copy of the project document was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman.

(20) ***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***

Submitter: Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System, with headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela
Subcontractor: Not required
PGTF input: US\$100,000
Number: INT/98/K16
Duration: 3 years
Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

311. On 12 January 1999, the Office of the Chairman forwarded to its Resident Representative in Venezuela fully signed copies of the project document. A signed copy of the project document was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman.

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

Submitter: National Drug Directorate from Colombia
Subcontractor: To be awarded if required
PGTF input: US\$15,000
Number: INT/98/K17
Duration: 4 months
Approval: Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 (New York, 25 September 1998)

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

313. The signed project document was received by the UNDP on 7 June 1999. Disbursement is to be made.

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

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

Subcontractor:

PGTF input: US\$35,000

Number: INT/98/K18

Duration:

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

314. On 26 May 1999 the UNDP authorized its Resident Representative in Venezuela to disburse the first (of three) tranche of US\$ 15,750 to the implementing agency. No copy of the signed project document and subcontract agreement have been forwarded to the Office of the Chairman.

C. Projects under preparation still to be implemented

315. Twelve of the eighteen projects approved by the Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in September 1998 were under preparation as of the date of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts.

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

Submitter: Fundacion Banco Mayo from Argentina

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Number: INT/98/K01

Duration: 6 months

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

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

317. No feedback has been received from the submitting entity.

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

Submitter: Iraqi General Body for Agricultural Research

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Number: INT/98/K02

Duration: 2 years

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

318. On 4 March 1999, the Office of the Chairman received copies of correspondence exchanged between the Special Unit for TCDC and the Resident Representative of UNDP in Iraq. The latter stated in a fax dated 18 February 1999 that "in view of the special situation of the country, national execution is not the most suitable modality, therefore we have proposed FAO as an executing agency." In a letter dated 1 March 1999, the Special Unit for TCDC replied that "with regard to the issue of FAO execution, this would pose a problem because a critical feature of PGTF-funded projects is the emphasis on the use of developing countries' institutions to implement them..." and that "... any consideration of an alternative modality would require re-submission of the project to the Committee...".

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

Submitter: Sahel DEFIS, with headquarters in Burkina Faso.

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Number: INT/98/K04

Duration:

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

319. A copy of the signed project document was received by UNDP. Awaiting copy of the subcontract.

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

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

Subcontractor: Centro para Inovação e Competitividade (CIC)

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Number: INT/98/K05

Duration: 2 years

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

320. On 19 May 1999, the UNDP forwarded to its Resident Representative in Brazil copies of the project document for signature by the Agência Brasileira de Cooperação, Ministry of Foreign

Affairs. A separate subcontract is to be awarded to the Centro para Inovação e Competitividade for INMETRO to implement the project which is yet to be finalized.

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

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

Subcontractor: International Network on Small Hydro Power

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Number: INT/98/K06

Duration: 1 year

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

321. On 12 February 1999, the UNDP forwarded to its Resident Representative in the People's Republic of China signed copies of the project document. A separate subcontract agreement to be awarded to the International Network on Small Hydro Power to implement the project is yet to be finalized.

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

Submitter: All Nigeria United Nations Students' and Youth Association from Nigeria

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$20,000

Number: INT/98/K07

Duration: 6 months

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

322. The project document signed by UNDP and sent to the Resident Representative of the UNDP on 4 March 1999 for signature.

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

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

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$60,000

Number: INT/98/K09

Duration: 1 year

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

323. The project document has been signed by UNDP and was forwarded to the Resident Representative in Zambia on 31 March 1999 for signature by COMESA.

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

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

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required.

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Number: INT/98/K10

Duration: 3 years

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

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

(9) ***Subregional intellectual property system***

Submitter: The Andean Community.

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Number: INT/98/K11

Duration: 2 years

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

325. On 18 May 1999, the UNDP forwarded to its Resident Representative in Peru copies of the project document for signature by the implementing agency.

(10) ***Regional remote sensing activities***

Submitter: Southern African Development Community, with headquarters in Gaborone, Botswana.

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Number: INT/98/K12

Duration: 2 years

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

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

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

Submitter: Secretariat of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Number: INT/98/K13

Duration: 7 months

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

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

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

Submitter: Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria

Subcontractor: To be awarded if required

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Number: INT/98/K15

Duration: 1 year

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

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

329. A reformulated project document signed by ECOWAS was received by UNDP on 14 June 1999. The document will be edited and signed by UNDP.

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

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

330. Submitter: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$40,000

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

Number: INT/88/K02/A/95/99

331. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1989 in accordance with the recommendation of the Third Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (Kuala Lumpur, 27-29 July 1989). The Committee of Experts made such a recommendation following information received that UNCTAD had been mandated in June 1989 by the Trade and Development Board to undertake a project having the same characteristics as the one approved for funding by PGTF, and provide the necessary financing.

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

332. Submitter: Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS)/Inter Press Service (IPS)

PGTF input: US\$15,000

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

Number: INT/88/K05/A/95/99

333. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1990 after the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 5-7 July 1990) considered that there were no clear prospects for the implementation of this project three years after its approval.

334. IFCC-VI recommended in para. 72(1) of its report that: (a) the project document related to the feasibility report offered to be prepared by TIPS/IPS should be submitted for the consideration of the panel of experts on the MSIN pilot project scheduled to be convened in the first half of 1988; and (b) the disbursement of the approved funds would be released after the meeting of the panel of experts on MSIN had expressed its views on the project document.

335. The meeting of the panel of experts on MSIN which was to have considered the project document related to the feasibility report, has not been convened given that the required number of 15 countries needed to launch the project could not be reached. The Committee of Experts of PGTF considered that this project proposal may be resubmitted at an appropriate time.

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

336. Submitter: International Center for Public Enterprises (ICPE)/Research Center for Cooperation with Developing Countries (RCCDC) of Yugoslavia

PGTF input: US\$35,000

Approval: 12th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28-30 September 1988)

Number: INT/89/K02/A/95/99

337. In accordance with the decision of IFCC-VI contained in paragraph 72(5) of its Report, the Action Committee would receive the matching amount of US\$35,000 from PGTF only after it has received a matching contribution of the same amount from its member countries.

338. In accordance with the decision of the 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1-2 October 1990), the approved amount for this project would be reverted to PGTF if the matching contribution of US\$ 35,000 from the Action Committee was not received by 31 December 1991. The approved amount was reverted to PGTF in 1992 as no matching contribution was received by the established deadline.

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

339. Submitter: Government of Madagascar

PGTF input: US\$30,000

Duration: To be determined

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

Number: INT/89/K08/A/95/99

340. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992) recommended that the allocated funds to this project would revert to PGTF if the Government of Madagascar did not identify the name of the executing organization by the next regular session of the Committee of Experts.

341. On 9 June 1993, the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations communicated the name of the executing organization, stating that the proposed institution needed US\$150,000 to carry out the feasibility study.

342. In this connection, the Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 28-30 June 1993) considered that the terms of the project and the allocation of funds for this project had already been approved by the Fourteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in New York in 1989 and that, therefore, it was not within the Committee's competence to amend such a decision and the project should be implemented within the approved terms of reference and budget.

343. The Committee considered that if this project was not implemented by the next regular session of the Committee in 1994, the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF. Since the project was not launched by the established deadline, the funds allocated to this project were reverted to PGTF.

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

344. Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$140,000

Duration: 18 months

Approval: 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1-2 October 1990)

Number: INT/90/K09/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document signed by UNDP and G-77 on 21 November 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Government of Malaysia has to be drawn up.

345. According to information received from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations in a copy of a letter dated 21 April 1992 addressed to the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP, the project has not been implemented due to the decision of UNDP not to approve its request for financial support in the amount of US\$186,500.

346. The request of the Government of Malaysia to UNDP was made on the basis of information provided by the Deputy-Director of the Special Unit for TCDC to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 5-7 July 1990), that the Special Unit for TCDC would be prepared to consider a request from the Government of Malaysia for providing catalytical financial support.

347. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 28-30 June 1993) took note of the decision by UNDP not to provide catalytical financial support to this project and recommended that other sources of financing for the project be found by the sponsors of the project.

348. By letter dated 14 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to provide information on other sources of funding for the project.

349. By letter dated 29 April 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 communicated to the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations that the ninth meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF on 4-8 April 1994, recommended that the allocated funds of US\$140,000 should be reverted to PGTF if the project implementation did not start by 31 December 1994. Since the project was not launched by the established deadline, the funds allocated to this project were reverted to PGTF.

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

350. Submitter: Government of Malaysia
PGTF input: US\$94,000
Duration: Two years
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)
Number: INT/93/K04/A/95/99

351. By letter dated 22 October 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations that the request for project funding had been approved.

352. The project document and sub-contract agreement, which are required to start the implementation of the project, have not been prepared in view that the Government of Malaysia has yet to take appropriate steps toward their preparation.

353. By letter dated 14 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to expedite the submission of the project document.

354. At its ninth meeting, the Committee of Experts recommended that the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF if the project implementation did not start by 31 December 1994.

355. By letter dated 29 April 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations to expedite the elaboration and submission of the draft project document.

356. The Committee was informed that a draft project document was sent to the Office of the Chairman in June 1994. No further action was taken by any party and the implementation of the project has not been launched.

357. Given that the implementation of the project did not start by the established deadline, the Committee noted that the funds were reverted to PGTF, in accordance with the recommendation and decision of the Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77.

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

358. Submitter: The Nation Organization of Barbados/Eastern Caribbean Research Center (ECRC) of Saint Lucia
PGTF input: US\$50,000
Duration: Four days
Approval: 13th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 28 September 1989)
Number: INT/89/K11/A/95/99
Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 11 and 13 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Government of Saint Lucia on ECRC's behalf is dated 12 December 1990.

359. ECRC submitted a written terminal report dated 3 May 1991. By letter dated 14 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations (who signed the sub-contract on behalf of ECRC) to submit the outstanding audio and video reports of the project as well as a cumulative statement of expenditure of funds provided by PGTF for the implementation of the project.

360. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992), recommended that an extension be given to ECRC to deliver the reports by 31 December 1992. The Chairman of the Group of 77 communicated this decision to the Permanent

Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations in a letter dated 26 October 1992. A follow-up letter dated 19 May 1993 was sent to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia requesting the outstanding reports.

361. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1993) expressed its concern that two letters from the Chairman of the Group of 77 had not been acknowledged and recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 reiterate his request for the outstanding reports. This was done by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in a letter addressed to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations dated 25 February 1994.

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

363. By letters dated 29 April 1994 and 13 January 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations to submit the outstanding reports for the project. Despite these letters and follow-up telephone calls both by the Office of the Chairman and UNDP, the audio and video reports and the financial statement of expenditure have not been submitted by the ECRC.

364. Consequently, the appropriate steps will have to be taken to recover the funds disbursed as per the recommendation of the PGTF and the decision of the Eighteenth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77.

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

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

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

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

368. Submitter: Government of Saint Lucia

PGTF input: US\$60,800

Duration: Six months

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

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

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

369. By letter dated 15 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Government of Saint Lucia to submit a progress report. This request was reiterated in a letter from the Chairman of the Group of 77 dated 19 May 1993.
370. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts (New York, 28-30 June 1993) took note that no progress report had yet been submitted by the sub-contractor and recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the outstanding reports on the status of implementation of this project.
371. The Chairman of the Group of 77 reiterated his request for a progress report in a letter addressed to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations dated 14 March 1994.
372. By letters dated 29 April 1994 and 13 January 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations to submit the outstanding reports for the project. Despite these letters and follow-up telephone calls both by the Office of the Chairman and UNDP, the progress report and financial statement have not been submitted by GOSL.
373. Consequently, appropriate steps were initiated to recover the funds disbursed as per recommendation of the PGTF, and the decision of the Eighteenth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77.
374. By letter dated 13 October 1995, the Chairman of the Group of 77 informed the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations that the project was placed under query and requested that the necessary arrangements be made to reimburse the amount of US\$60,800 to PGTF.
375. By letter dated 11 March 1996, the Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, West Indies, informed UNDP that the Government of Saint Lucia will refund the monies paid for the execution of the above project.
376. UNDP has made available to the Office of the Chairman copies of correspondence exchanged between UNDP and the Government of Saint Lucia which state that the full amount allocated from PGTF to this project has been refunded.

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

377. Submitter: Southern African Development Community (SADC), Gaborone, Botswana
PGTF input: US\$90,000
Number: INT/92/K07
Duration: 16 months
Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1992)
Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 26 August 1993.
378. By letter dated 14 March 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the executing organization to expedite the submission of the draft sub-contract agreement which has been under review by SADC since July 1993.
379. SADC replied in a letter dated 17 March 1994 that the sub-contract agreement was receiving urgent attention and that they would revert on the subject again soon.
380. By letter dated 29 April 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Secretariat of SADC to expedite urgently the submission of the draft Sub-contract Agreement.
381. The draft Sub-contract Agreement was submitted to the Office of the Chairman with its attachment letter dated 25 May 1994.
382. By letter dated 2 November 1994, the Chairman of the Group of 77 sent a revised original of the Sub-contract Agreement to the Permanent Mission of Botswana to the United Nations for signature and transmission to SADC for appropriate action.
383. The Sub-contract Agreement was not returned duly signed to the Office of the Chairman.
384. Given that the project document was signed in August 1993 and it was not possible to sign the sub-contract agreement and start the implementation of the project, the Committee of Experts was concerned on whether this project could be implemented at all.
385. In this regard, the Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts recommended that a final notice be sent by the Office of the Chairman to the sub-contractor indicating that if the project implementation had not started by 31 December 1996, the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF as required by guideline F(c) for utilization of PGTF.
386. In light of this, the Chairman of the Group of 77 sent a letter to the sub-contractor on 5 September 1996 urging it to start the implementation of the project by 31 December 1996. No information was ever received by the Office of the Chairman from either the sub-contractor or UNDP regarding the status of implementation of this project.
387. Since no further development took place before the deadline, the Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts recommended cancellation of the project and reversion of the funds to

PGTF. This recommendation was approved by the Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held on 26 September 1997.

E. Project under query

Feasibility study for establishing a Central American hydrographic cooperation programme

388. Submitter: Government of Panama

Subcontractor: Instituto Geografico Nacional Tommy Guardia from Panama

PGTF input: US\$38,500

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

Number: INT/93/K06

Duration: 4 months

Date of signature of relevant documents: The project document was signed by the G-77 and UNDP on 26 September and 27 September 1994 respectively. A subcontract agreement between the Government of Panama and the "Instituto Geografico Nacional Tommy Guardia" was signed in November 1994.

389. Disbursement of US\$38,500 was made by the UNDP to the subcontractor on 29 December 1994. The disbursement was confirmed by the UNDP Resident Representative on 24 March 1995 in response to a query from the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP.

390. On 8 May 1996, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations to submit the outstanding final report and financial statement of expenditure.

391. On 8 August 1996, the Special Unit for TCDC requested the Resident Representative of UNDP in Panama to contact the sub-contracting agency with a view to expediting the submission of the outstanding reports.

392. On 12 May 1997 the Special Unit for TCDC requested the UNDP Resident Representative in Panama to provide information on the progress of the project and to accordingly report to the Unit.

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

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

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

396. On 26 June 1997, the Officer-in-Charge of UNDP in Panama forwarded to the Special Unit for TCDC copies of two communications addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama which stated the reasons for the non-implementation of the project. The Office-in-Charge of UNDP stated that the Government of Panama had agreed to refund to PGTF the resources already disbursed.

397. The Twelfth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF held on 6-8 August 1997 recommended that "UNDP should take the necessary steps so as to ensure that the funds disbursed be reimbursed to the PGTF not later than 31 December 1997."

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

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

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

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

V. OTHER MATTERS

402. The Committee agreed that the deadline for the submission of project proposals by Member States for consideration at its next regular session will be 30 April 2000, in accordance

with the revised guidelines for utilization of PGTF. It is understood that the date of submission of proposals is the date when they are officially received by the Office of the Chairman. At this session, the Committee will also consider the project proposals referred to in para. 36 of this report.

Survey of the impact of PGTF

403. The Committee recommended at its twelfth meeting to carry out a survey of the impact and benefits of the projects funded by the PGTF with a view to supporting the promotion of the Fund. So far, the Office of the Chairman has received information on 18 of the 35 PGTF supported projects that have been completed. Further reports are expected so as to be able to prepare a comprehensive assessment of the impact of PGTF since its operationalization in 1986. A brief summary for each completed project is provided below:

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

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

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

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

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

406. 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.

(5-6) *South-North Development Monitor (SUNS); and Information Support to the Group of 77 Chapters (SUNS)*

407. Number: INT/89/K13 and INT/93/K03
PGTF input (US\$): 120,000 and 59,881 respectively
Other inputs (US\$): 164,000 and 158,517 respectively
Date of implementation: 1991-1992 and 1994-1995 respectively
Impact: Supported publication of SUNS during 24 months (over 400 issues). SUNS has since been made available by fax to the G-77 missions in New York.

(7) *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*

408. 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.

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

409. 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.

(9-10) *Technical, secretariat and other support to the GSTP, and technical assistance to countries participating in the GSTP; 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*

410. Number: INT/90/K07 and INT/94/K02
PGTF input (US\$): 350,000 and 72,363 respectively

Other inputs (US\$): Nil

Date of implementation: 1991-1993 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.

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

411. 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.

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

412. Number: INT/92/K01

PGTF input (US\$): 88,000

Other inputs (US\$): Nil

Date of implementation: 1992-1994

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

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

413. 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.

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

414. 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.

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

415. Number: INT/94/K05

PGTF input (US\$): 30,000

Other inputs (US\$): 67,000

Date of implementation: 1995-1998

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

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

416. 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.

(17) ***Organic rice farming***

417. Number: INT/90/K06

PGTF input (US\$): 85,000

Other inputs (US\$): nil

Date of implementation: 1991-1997

Impact: The study has provided information on the characteristics of various organic matter sources when used for organic rice farming. It also provided information for both upscaling the project to the pilot level, and enabling farmers to further exploit these techniques.

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

418. Number: INT/89/K03

PGTF input (US\$): 83,700

Other inputs (US\$): 202,000

Date of implementation: 1989-1993

Impact: The project created a network of institutions that introduced or improved artificial insemination and embryo transplant procedures. Outstanding results have been achieved in Cuba, Chile, Uruguay and Brazil. Development of these bio-technologies in the region is significant and their use is an everyday occurrence today.

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ANNEX

**THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF) FOR ECDC/TCDC
STATUS OF PGTF-FUNDED PROJECTS: Approved, Obligated and Amount available for
Programming
AS OF 31 MAY 1999
UNAUDITED**

Closing balance of unexpended resources		\$6,672,447.68
As per financial statement of 31 December 1998		
Add: Contributions (DPR Korea, Cyprus, Thailand, Iran, Malaysia)	\$11,000.00	
Projected Interest Income (from 1 Jan.-31 Dec. 1999)	\$346,986.00	
		<u>357,986.00</u>
Total resources		\$7,030,433.68

Less:

Operating Funds Receivable from Governments		
INT/90/K08	PGTF, Phase II	43,356.60
INT/91/K02	Public Enterprises Rationalization	5,000.00
INT/94/K01	Program Dev. Com. (AELAC)	469.44
INT/95/K01	Optimization of Process...PMSG	2,874.63
	Sub-Total	51,700.67

Written authorizations sent to UNDP country offices & UNDP
Treasury in headquarters to disburse funds in 1999 (1 Jan-30 April)

INT/90/K08	PGTF, Phase II	20,480.00
INT/90/K08	PGTF, Phase II	20,480.00
INT/90/K08	PGTF, Phase II	3,215.00
INT/94/K03	TIN (pending resolution)	60,000.00
INT/96/K04	Health Policy in Primary Care	26,685.00
INT/97/K03	Integrated Planning	30,560.00
INT/98/K03	Training of rice breeding experts	50,000.00
INT/98/K08	Master Plan for SD in S. America	25,000.00
INT/98/K16	Strengthening of the capacities	33,000.00
INT/98/K18	A Kit for the Chagas Disease	15,750.00
	Sub-Total	285,170.00

Reserved resources (Fund's capital)	5,000,000.00 ⁱ	
Sub-Total		<u>5,336,870.67</u>

Remaining funds		1,693,563.01
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Less: Obligated/Earmarked funds

Obligated ⁱⁱ

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

INT/90/K08 – PGTF, Phase II	\$43,845.00
INT/95/K01 – Optimization of crude PMSG	(\$109.00)
INT/95/K03 – ECDC/TCDC Info. Support to G-77 Ph.III (2 nd tr.)	25,560.00
INT/96/K01 – Entrepreneurial Strengthening	32,500.00
INT/96/K02 – Caribbean Regional	4,500.00 ⁱⁱⁱ
INT/96/K04 – Health Policies in Primary Care	2,965.00 ^{iv}
INT/96/K05 – South-South Transfer of Experiences	18,000.00
INT/97/K03 – Integrated planning	7,000.00
INT/97/K04 – Settlement of gender programme	6,265.45
INT/98/K03 – Training of rice breeding exp.	50,000.00
INT/98/K08 – Master plan for the SD	25,000.00

INT/98/K14 – Establishment of statist.	80,000.00	
INT/98/K16 – Strengthening of the compet.	67,000.00	
INT/98/K18 – Development of kit-Chagas Disease	19,250.00	
Earmarked funds approved ^v		381,885.45
INT/97/K01 – A study on the impact of enhancing Environmental standards on international Trade of South Asian countries	24,850.00	
INT/97/K02 – Biological control of pests and weeds for Sustainable agriculture and biodiversity	25,000.00	
INT/98/K01 – Network of advisory centers for SMEs in Mercosur	25,000.00	
INT/98/K02 – Emergency control measures of the Moroccan Locust and other insect pests	50,000.00	
INT/98/K04 – Programme for women and youth in the Sahel...	30,000.00	
INT/98/K05 – Building technical competence in the area of Conformity assessment in the Lati Am. Region	50,000.00	
INT/98/K06 – Training, consultation, awareness & cap.-bldg In small scale hydro-power in DCs	150,000.00	
INT/98/K07 – International youth leadership training for Promotion of South-South cooperation	20,000.00	
INT/98/K09 – Harmonization of agricultural policies of the COMESA member states with a view to having a common agricultural policy	60,000.00	
INT/98/K10 – Technology linkage through sharing and Cooperation among DCs	100,000.00	
INT/98/K11 – Subregional Intellectual Property System	50,000.00	
INT/98/K12 – Regional remote sensing activities	50,000.00	
INT/98/13 – A trading/industrial cooperation scheme to Promote Intra-Industry trade in ASEAN	100,000.00	
INT/98/K15 – Macro-economic and sectoral coop. Programme	100,000.00	
INT/98/K17 – Design of a regional project to strengthen Strategies to reduce drug demand in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela	15,000.00	
Total Earmarked Funds		849,850.00
Total Obligated/Earmarked Funds		1,231,735.45
Available for new projects		461,827.56

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- i. Deposited in long-term high yield bonds.
 - ii. Commitment based on signed project documents/subcontract documents.
 - iii. Obligatory retention of 10 percent (10%).
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 - v. Approved proposals where the project documents are under preparation.