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fourth session

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4/1. Progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The High-level Committee,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action as well as the relevant decisions adopted at its previous meetings,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (TCDC/4/2 and Add.1) on this subject,

Taking note with concern that there has not been any overall increase in the support and promotion of activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries by organizations and organs of the United Nations system, and that technical co-operation among developing countries has not yet permeated the programme and field operations of the United Nations system as called for by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

Concerned that several years after the endorsement of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action by the General Assembly many of its relevant provisions have not received adequate response or attention in the United Nations system,

1. Urges the United Nations development system to implement fully its decisions on technical co-operation among developing countries in order to contribute to the attainment of the goals established by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;
2. Calls upon the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to identify more clearly the technical co-operation among developing countries dimension in their projects and activities wherever possible;
3. Invites the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to consider earmarking a specified and increasing proportion of their resources for activities and projects relating to technical co-operation among developing countries;
4. Reiterates the need to utilize fully the capacities of developing countries, and, in this context, further invites the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system actively to make increasing use of equipment, services, experts and consultants available in the developing countries, within existing rules and regulations, and to continue to review their procurement policies and practices in this regard;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary actions within existing rules and regulations in order to increase procurement from developing countries for the United Nations system by, inter alia, taking steps to overcome the lack of information about their procurement potential as well as arranging for wider dissemination of information regarding procurement potential and practices in the United Nations system;
6. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit a report to the Governing Council at its thirty-third session based on experiences in the field in the implementation of paragraphs 4 and 5 of this

decision, including the progress achieved and bottle-necks and obstacles faced in this regard;

7. Encourages the Transfer of Knowledge Through Expatriate Nationals as a useful experiment, and requests the Administrator to carry out an analytical review and evaluation of this experiment to be included in the comprehensive report requested in paragraph 8 below;

8. Requests the Administrator to submit a comprehensive report to the fifth session of the High-level Committee on the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action.

4/2. Co-operative exchange of skills among countries through technical co-operation among developing countries

The High-level Committee,

Recalling its decision 3/6,

Recalling also resolution 300 (XXIX) and decision 306 (XXX) of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. Takes note of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts on Co-operative Exchange of Skills among Developing Countries 1/ annexed to document TCDC/4/4;

2. Expresses its satisfaction concerning the agreed conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Meeting of Governmental Experts as contained in the above-mentioned report;

3. Invites the Trade and Development Board to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to prepare, in co-operation with other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, and in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the study mentioned in paragraph 9 of the agreed conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Meeting of Governmental Experts and to submit it to the High-level Committee at its fifth session.

4/3. Measures to facilitate technical co-operation among developing countries: staffing of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The High-level Committee,

Recalling recommendation 34 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme entitled "Measures to facilitate TCDC: Staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC" (TCDC/4/8);

1/ TD/B/1043-TD/B/AC.40/2.

2. Reiterates its firm belief that the strengthening of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries would allow the Unit to discharge fully its functions in support and progress of technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Requests the Administrator to provide adequate staffing support to the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to report thereon to the thirty-third session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

4/4. Activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries under the country, regional and interregional indicative planning figures

The High-level Committee

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator entitled "TCDC activities under the country, regional, interregional and global IPFs for the period 1983-1985" (TCDC/4/5);

2. Expresses its concern that the reduction in the United Nations Development Programme's indicative planning figures during the third programming cycle has hampered the potential contribution of the Programme to the promotion and support of technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to examine and keep under constant review the existing procedures in order to guarantee optimal use of country, regional, interregional and global indicative planning figures for activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries under these programmes during the fourth programming cycle for the Programme in accordance with the priorities set by developing countries;

4. Recommends that the greatest possible share of resources from regional, interregional and global indicative planning figures in the fourth programming cycle within the priorities set by developing countries be devoted to projects and activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries in keeping with the provisions of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;

5. Requests the Administrator to report to the High-level Committee at its fifth session on the progress of the implementation of this decision.

4/5. Information from Governments on their activities in technical co-operation among developing countries

The High-level Committee

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme entitled "Some information from Governments on their activities in technical co-operation among developing countries" (TCDC/4/3);

2. Invites developing countries to continue to strengthen their focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries wherever possible, with a

view to promoting their activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries, in accordance with recommendations 3 and 4 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;

3. Invites developing countries to arrange for the review, analysis and transmittal of the collected information on their activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries annually, and preferably not later than 31 January of the following year, to the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, for the preparation of the Administrator's report, in accordance with recommendations 1 to 22 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;

4. Invites developing countries to utilize, whenever possible, the opportunities for technical co-operation among developing countries which may be provided by the multilateral institutions set up by developing countries themselves;

5. Invites developing countries to take full advantage of the possibilities for financing activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries under the United Nations Development Programme's country, regional, interregional and global indicative planning figures for the fourth programming cycle, in accordance with their priorities;

6. Invites Governments of developed countries to continue to give their full support to the implementation of recommendations 35 and 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to report on actions taken to the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries annually, but not later than 31 January of the following year, for dissemination and incorporation into the progress report to be prepared for the fifth session of the Committee;

7. Invites developing countries to make available detailed information to the extent possible, regarding their procurement potential to organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

4/6. Utilization of funds from the United Nations Development Programme's Special Programme Resources for the promotion of action-oriented activities for technical co-operation among developing countries

The High-level Committee,

Recalling recommendations 34 (Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme for the promotion and support of technical co-operation among developing countries) and 38 (Financial arrangements for technical co-operation among developing countries) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Recalling its decision 1/7 of 2 June 1980, 3/5 of 6 June 1983 and United Nations Development Programme Governing Council decisions 83/15 of 18 June 1983 and 84/25 of 29 June 1984,

Reaffirming the need for assistance for action-oriented promotional activities for technical co-operation among developing countries on a continued and reliable basis,

Having considered the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme relating to the utilization of funds from the Special Programme Resources for the promotion of action-oriented activities for technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC/4/6),

Recognizing the importance of these activities, and in particular of the interregional project entitled "Promotion of action-oriented TCDC activities" and the efficacy and efficiency with which it is being carried out,

Further recognizing the catalytic role which the United Nations Development Programme, through the Special Programme Resources, has played in the project,

Aware that previous allocations of resources to the project have been committed,

Further aware of the increasing demands from developing countries in this regard,

Taking into account the fact that \$22.5 million of the amount allocated to the Special Programme Resources for the third programming cycle has not yet been committed, of which \$8.9 million is for contingencies and activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries,

1. Expresses its deep concern that, without additional resources for the ongoing interregional project, the promotion by the United Nations Development Programme of action-oriented activities in support of technical co-operation among developing countries for the remaining years of the 1982-1986 programming cycle would be discontinued;

2. Invites the Governing Council to consider making available additional resources during the balance of the third programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme, up to a total amount of \$1.5 million, to continue funding the project INT/83/904, including the possibility of increasing the interregional indicative planning figures to this end by drawing on an exceptional basis from the uncommitted Special Programme Resources;

3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the fifth session of the High-level Committee on the progress achieved in the continuing implementation of the interregional action-oriented technical co-operation among developing countries project.

4/7. Promotion of action-oriented activities for technical co-operation among developing countries during the fourth programming cycle

The High-level Committee

1. Recommends that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, when considering matters related to the fourth programming cycle, allow for the allocation of a specified amount of resources, on a continued and reliable basis, for the fourth programming cycle that would be sufficient to meet the increasing needs for the promotion of action-oriented activities for technical co-operation among developing countries;

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the fifth session of the High-level Committee on the progress achieved in the continuing implementation of the interregional action-oriented technical co-operation among developing countries project.

4/8. Provisional agenda for the 1987 session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The High-level Committee,

Taking into account the views expressed at the fourth session of the High-level Committee,

Approves the following provisional agenda for the fifth session of the High-level Committee, to be held in 1987:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of the President of the session.
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
4. Election of officers other than the President.
5. Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the decisions of the High-level Committee.
6. Organizational and supportive arrangements for technical co-operation among developing countries (such as administrative, legal and information and financial).
7. Provisional agenda for the 1989 session of the High-level Committee.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

ANNEX II

List of documents

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Progress report on the utilization of UNDP's funds comprising the country, regional, interregional and global IPFs for TCDC activities during the period 1983-1985	TCDC/4/5
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Measures to facilitate TCDC: Staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC	TCDC/4/8
Use of country IPFs for TCDC activities	TCDC/4/9
Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1978-1988, Report of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	TCDC/4/INF/1