

Decisions adopted by the High-level Committee at its ninth session

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ANNEX I

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9/1. Progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the decisions of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

The High-level Committee,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, a/

1. Expresses satisfaction with the increase in activities of technical cooperation among developing countries reported by both developing countries and the United Nations development system;

2. Calls upon all parties in the development effort to give the highest priority to the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/41 of 30 July 1992, giving first consideration to the use of the technical cooperation among developing countries modality in their technical cooperation programmes;

3. Expresses the hope that greater commitment to the utilization of technical cooperation among developing countries will be promoted through the strengthening of national focal points and by increasing financial support for activities of technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Notes with appreciation the new approaches and strategic initiatives that have characterized the programme supported by the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, such as the Small Island Developing States Technical Assistance Programme, the Asia-Africa Forum initiative and the proposed exchange of experience between some countries of Latin America and some countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States;

5. Also notes with appreciation the importance given in the activities of technical cooperation among developing countries to key elements in the South Commission report; b/

6. Urges all parties in the development effort to continue to accord high priority to these key elements, which include, inter alia, strengthening national commitment to South-South cooperation, the use of developing country training and education facilities, the promotion of South-South trade, cooperation between enterprises in the South and strengthening food security;

7. Calls upon Governments, the United Nations development system and relevant intergovernmental organizations to continue to improve the quality and timeliness of reporting on the promotion and application of activities of

a/ TCDC/9/2 and Corr.1.

b/ The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission (New York, Oxford University Press, 1990). For an overview and summary of the report of the South Commission, see A/45/810 and Corr.1, annex.

technical cooperation among developing countries at subregional, regional, interregional and international levels;

8. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the High-level Committee at its tenth session on the implementation of the present decision.

9/2. New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries

The High-level Committee,

Reaffirming the importance of programmes for technical cooperation among developing countries and economic cooperation among developing countries as an instrument of multilateral development cooperation,

1. Welcomes the report on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, c/ prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 49/96 of 19 December 1994, and expresses its belief that the report constitutes an important contribution to the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;

2. Recognizes the importance of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries in increasing the use of both technical cooperation among developing countries and economic cooperation among developing countries as dynamic instruments to support the development of developing countries and for expanded South-South cooperation;

3. Endorses, in general, the recommendations on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries as an important means for harnessing the significant capacities that exist in the developing world;

4. Supports in particular the recommendations on adopting a more strategic focus for technical cooperation among developing countries and on selecting priority issues, such as trade and investment, debt, the environment, poverty alleviation, production and employment, macroeconomic policy coordination, as well as education, health, transfer of technology and rural development;

5. Urges Governments and United Nations organizations, as well as other institutions and entities in both the public and the private sectors, particularly in developed countries, to incorporate the new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries into their programmes for technical cooperation;

6. Calls upon Governments and United Nations organizations to consider increasing budget allocations for technical cooperation among developing countries and identify new funding arrangements such as triangular funding and private-sector funding, as well as mobilizing contributions to ensure that adequate resources are available to implement the recommendations on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries;

7. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to ensure that the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing

c/ TCDC/9/3.

Countries plays a proactive role within the United Nations system in an effort to expand the application of technical cooperation among developing countries and effectively implement the strategy for new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, while endeavouring to reduce the delivery cost of future programmes for technical cooperation among developing countries;

8. Calls upon the intergovernmental meeting of experts, to be convened in New York from 31 July to 4 August 1995, to take fully into account the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its ninth session, with special emphasis on the decision on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, and to propose recommendations for practical application of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries;

9. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include in his biennial report to the High-level Committee at its tenth session information on the progress made in the implementation of the present decision.

9/3. Overall framework for the promotion and application of technical cooperation among developing countries

The High-level Committee,

Recalling its decision 8/1 of 4 June 1993, in paragraph 2 of which it requested the Bureau of the High-level Committee to adjust the dates for submission of accurate and timely information by Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations for the preparation of progress reports on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, d/

Taking note of the report on the timing of future meetings of the High-level Committee, e/

Taking note also of the report on implementation of the guidelines for the review of policies and procedures by the United Nations development system concerning technical cooperation among developing countries, f/

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Bureau of the High-level Committee that the present arrangements and timing be maintained, providing to United Nations organizations and Governments the opportunity of presenting updated reports to the Committee;

2. Calls upon the agencies of the United Nations system, at the forthcoming meeting of agency focal points, to review the status of the application of the guidelines, to further refine and improve the policies and

d/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

e/ TCDC/9/4, chap. I.

f/ Ibid., chap. II.

procedures within the United Nations system and to prepare a report for consideration by the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

3. Recognizes the essential role played by the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries in the promotion and expansion of technical cooperation among developing countries and its key position in the implementation of the new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries, including the provision of information on centres of excellence in developing countries;

4. Reiterates the urgent need to maintain the separate identity of the Special Unit, and welcomes the reaffirmation by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme of his decision to that effect;

5. Invites the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund to provide adequate staff and necessary support to the Special Unit in order to enable it to carry out its responsibilities and to respond to the decisions on new directions for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.

9/4. Strengthening technical cooperation among developing countries

The High-level Committee

1. Welcomes the efforts of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to increase the allocation of resources to technical cooperation among developing countries and the commitment to support the work of the South Centre, and his pledge and commitment to work with relevant parties for an expansion of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund's core capital;

2. Takes note of the statement of the Administrator on the need to strengthen the role of the United Nations development system to support technical cooperation among developing countries.

9/5. Group of 77/UNDP Award for Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries/Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

The High-level Committee

Welcomes the establishment of the Group of 77/United Nations Development Programme Award for Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries/Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, on the occasion of the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Group of 77 in June 1994, designed to promote greater awareness of the importance of South-South cooperation and to support activities of economic cooperation among developing countries/technical cooperation among developing countries.

9/6. Provisional agenda for the tenth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

The High-level Committee,

Taking into account the views expressed at its ninth session,

1. Approves the following provisional agenda for its tenth session, to be held in 1997:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of the President of the session.
3. Election of officers other than the President.
4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
5. Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the decisions of the High-level Committee and implementation of the recommendations of the South Commission.
6. Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:
 - (a) Progress made in the implementation of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries;
 - (b) Implementation of the guidelines for the review of policies and procedures by the United Nations development system concerning technical cooperation among developing countries.
7. Organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries (such as administrative, legal, information and financial arrangements).
8. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.
9. Provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the High-level Committee.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report.

2. Requests its Bureau, in cooperation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to adjust the provisional agenda for the tenth session, as approved at the ninth session, taking fully into account the results of the ninth session, as well as developments relevant to technical cooperation among developing countries throughout the world, including at the United Nations and other important international forums. The provisional agenda should be circulated to all States, at the latest, three months in advance of the tenth session.

ANNEX II

List of documents before the High-level Committee
at its ninth session

- TCDC/9/1 Status of pre-session documents
- TCDC/9/2
and Corr.1 Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan
of Action and the decisions of the High-level Committee and
implementation of the recommendations of the South Commission
- TCDC/9/3 New directions for technical cooperation among developing
countries
- TCDC/9/3/Add.1 Bandung framework for Asia-Africa cooperation: letter dated
7 April 1995 from the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia
and Japan addressed to the Administrator of the United Nations
Development Programme
- TCDC/9/4 Consideration of reports of the Bureau of the High-level
Committee and the Administrator of UNDP:
- (a) Timing of future sessions of the High-level Committee
 - (b) Implementation of the guidelines for the review of
policies and procedures by the United Nations development
system concerning technical cooperation among developing
countries
 - (c) Organizational and supportive arrangements for TCDC, such
as administrative, legal, information and financial
arrangements
- TCDC/9/L.1 Provisional annotated agenda, including list of documents
- TCDC/9/L.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work