



REPORT OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS  
OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR ECDC/TCDC  
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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. In pursuance of 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, of the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VII) held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, and of the First Annual Meeting of the Group of 77, held in New York in September 1989, the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) for ECDC/TCDC held its seventh meeting in New York from 29 to 30 June 1992.

2. The meeting was attended by five 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. Ahmed Djoghlaif was elected Chairman of this session. The list of participants appears as Annex I.

3. The Regional Officer for Africa also responsible for PGTF in 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 agenda:

1. Assessment of the implementation of approved projects;
2. Consideration of the new project proposals;
3. Other matters.

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

1. Forty-six (46) project proposals;
2. Note by the Office of the Chairman on the status of approved projects.
3. Note by UNDP on the financial status of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund.

## II. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

6. 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, IFCC-VII held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held respectively in New York in September 1989, October 1990, and September 1991.

7. Since the adoption of the guidelines for utilization of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund in 1986, a total of 29 projects have been approved. The allocations from the Fund for these projects totalled US\$2,775,677.

8. 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.

A. Projects completed

- (1) Group of 77 Information Bulletin
- (2) Feasibility study on development of developing countries' consultancy and engineering capacities
- (3) Action Committee of G-77 for Cooperation in Consultancy, Construction and Engineering among Developing Countries
- (4) Feasibility study on information system on technologies and projects (ISTP)
- (5) Establishment of a Maghreb Unit in the National Center for Information and Economic Documentation (CNIDE) of Algeria
- (6) The Caribbean into the Twenty-first Century
- (7) South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)
- (8) Assistance to the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund
- (9) Regional symposium on the economic and social impact of money derived from illicit drug trafficking in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean
- (10) 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

Group of 77 Information Bulletin

9. The Committee was informed by the representative of the Chairman of the Group of 77 that the implementation of this project was completed on 31 December 1991.

10. He said that the publication of the *Journal of the Group of 77* has been continued in 1992 with no financial support from PGTF. Inter Press Service, the cooperating agency of the project, agreed to provide editorial and distribution services which will allow the *Journal* to be published until the end of 1992. The representative of the Chairman of the Group of 77 considered that in the absence of adequate financing and the information services currently provided by IPS, it will be difficult for the Office of the Chairman to assume full responsibility for the publication of the *Journal* after 1992 when the offer of IPS ends.

11. In view of the importance of the *Journal for Member States*, the Committee recommended that a one-year extension be given to this project starting in January 1993 and that

US\$26,560 be allocated to this end which is equal to the amount given to this project in 1991. In making this recommendation the Committee stressed the importance of finding a permanent arrangement for the *Journal* before the end of 1993 in order to ensure its continued publication. In this context, the Committee stressed the need of enhancing the capacity of the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to assume the responsibility for the publication of the *Journal* on a regular basis.

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

12. The Committee was informed that the terminal report as well as the financial statement of expenditures on the project had not been submitted by the Action Committee. The Committee recommended that an extension be given for the Action Committee to submit the reports by 31 December 1992. The Committee invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to inform the Action Committee accordingly.

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

13. The Committee was informed that CNIDE has not yet submitted the analytical report on the project as well as the financial expenditure statement which were scheduled to have been received on or before 1 February 1991. As indicated in the letter forwarded by CNIDE to the Chairman of the Group of 77, the reports requested were still under preparation. The Committee recommended that CNIDE be given an extension to submit its reports by 31 December 1992 and invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to inform CNIDE accordingly.

The Caribbean into the Twenty-first Century

14. The Committee was informed that the executing organization, the Eastern Caribbean Research Center (ECRC), had not submitted the project's audio and video reports and the financial expenditure statement as called for in the sub-contract agreement between the Office of the Chairman and ECRC. The Committee recommended that ECRC be given an extension to submit the reports by 31 December 1992 and invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to inform ECRC accordingly.

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

15. The Committee was informed that UNCTAD had not submitted the terminal report on the project. The Committee invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to request UNCTAD to present the terminal report for its distribution to Member States of the Group of 77.

B. Projects under implementation

- (1) Technical Cooperation among Member States of SELA in the Field of Artificial insemination and embryo transplant
- (2) Cooperation among developing countries' consultancy and engineering design organizations for better access and position in international consultancy and engineering market
- (3) Export promotion and cooperation in favor of less developed countries within the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)
- (4) Feasibility study for establishing a raw materials research and development center information system
- (5) Provision of consultancy services by CARICAD
- (6) Regional programme for cooperation and coordination on plant germ plasm
- (7) Integrated management of the associated resources to the mangrove areas in the Pacific coast of Central America
- (8) 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
- (9) 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
- (10) Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development projects in ASEAN countries
- (11) Organic rice farming system
- (12) Support to the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund
- (13) 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
- (14) Public Enterprises Rationalization Project

Technical cooperation among Member States of SELA in the field of artificial insemination and embryo transplant

16. The Committee was informed that the progress reported requested from the Latin American Economic System (SELA) had not been received by the Office of the Chairman. The Committee recommended that SELA be given an extension to submit its progress report by not later than 31 December 1992. The Committee invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to inform SELA accordingly.

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

17. The Committee was informed that the progress report requested from the International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE) had not been received by the

Office of the Chairman. The Committee recommended that an extension be given to ICPE to submit its progress report by not later than 31 December 1992. The Committee invited the Chairman of the Group of 77 to inform ICPE accordingly.

C. Projects still to be implemented

- (1) Monetary Cooperation Fund of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries
- (2) Upgrading of veterinary field health services through development of an animal disease information center

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

18. The Committee was informed that the project document and sub-contract agreement, which are required to initiate the implementation of the project, have not been prepared in view that no information has been received from the Government of Madagascar regarding the name of the executing organization that will be entrusted with the implementation of the project.

19. The Committee recommended that if the executing organization is not indentified by the next regular session of the Committee, the allocated funds of US\$30,000 would revert to PGTF.

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

20. According to information provided by the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations in a copy of a letter addressed to the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of UNDP, the project's implementation has been delayed as a result of UNDP's inability to consider its request for financial support in the amount of US\$186,500. The Committee was informed that a new request from the Government of Malaysia had been submitted to UNDP in April 1992 for consideration.

21. The request from 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.

22. The Committee was informed by the representative of UNDP that the request from the Government of Malaysia was under consideration.

D. Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF

- (1) Interregional Trade Financing Facility
- (2) Facilitating the implementation of the Multisectoral Information Network (MSIN)

- (3) Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation

### III. CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

23. The Committee had before it forty-six (46) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) Development of the small scale gold recovery industry
- (2) Feasibility study on the processing and utilization of indigenous food grain and rootcrops for nutritious formula
- (3) Establishment of a Gamma radiation sterilization facility
- (4) Feasibility studies for an integrated fruit fly pest management based on the sterile insect release method at Guimaras subprovince, Philippines
- (5) Strengthening science and technology education in the Philippine science high school
- (6) Strengthening secondary science education through the computer utilization in the Philippine science high school
- (7) Design of materials separation process for municipal solid wastes (MSW) with protein and fertilizer production by vermicomposting
- (8) Development of aseptically processed banana puree in the Philippines [Philippine Department of Science and Technology]
- (9) Production of Cephalosporin C by Cephalosporium Acremonium using industrial wastes as substrate
- (10) A proposal to conduct a feasibility study on the development of an inter-modal transport system
- (11) Development of a prototype Technology Alternatives Decision Support System (TADSS)
- (12) Technical assistance project to develop the telecommunications network for PCARRD and the National Agriculture and Resources Research and Development Network (NARRDN)
- (13) Low cost housing technology demonstration project and training-workshop
- (14) Traffic signal responsive co-ordinated system
- (15) Evaluación de la calidad del aire de la región de Centro América
- (16) The establishment of Regional Institute of Special Education and Research Centre
- (17) The development and use of a computer simulation model for forecasting supply, demand and prices of agriculture commodities in ASEAN countries
- (18) Manufacture and supply of compact and foamed PVC wallpaper, polypropylene foam and PVC based floosritles, concrete rooftiles and insulation roof and wall panels
- (19) Upgrading and rehabilitation of Julius Robinson Centre/Chiweshe for the Health Teacher Training Programme
- (20) Rutenga-Boli-Sango road: Maputo Road Corridor

- (21) Feasibility study for guano mining, processing and marketing [African Centre for Fertilizer Development, Zimbabwe]
- (22) Ethnicity and local nationalisms in the New World Order: The Andean and Central American cases
- (23) New Latinamerican Institutional Economic Order
- (24) Charter of Latinamerican opinion
- (25) Development of Agriculture Database for ASEAN
- (26) Raul Prebisch: Complete Works, 1919-1948, Comparative Experiences of Monetary Policies of Developing Countries, vols. III and IV
- (27) 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
- (28) Technical, secretariat and other support to the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP), and technical assistance to countries participating in the Second Round of GSTP Negotiations
- (29) Aménagement hydro-agricole de la basse vallée du Niger
- (30) Aménagement hydro-agricole de la basse vallée du fleuve Mono [Ministry of Rural Development of Benin]
- (31) Aménagement et bitumage des routes Abomey-Bohicon-Ketou-Illara et Save-Okeowo
- (32) Hôpital de Comè
- (33) Economic integration in the Southern Cone Common Market: Sectoral Agreements as instruments for regional industrial restructuring and technological cooperation
- (34) Agence Africaine de Biotechnologie
- (35) Programa tecnológico y financiero para el tratamiento de aguas residenciales municipales
- (36) Management and negotiation of international cooperation
- (37) Optimization of the process for obtaining PMSG crude for animal reproduction
- (38) Support for dairy heifer multiplication and distribution to smallholder farmers
- (39) Support for cooperative production for smallstock
- (40) Study of production and distribution of pasture seeds and legumes to smallholder dairy farmers
- (41) Regional/national geological minerals and mining bibliographic data banks
- (42) Exploration of the Kalahari sands
- (43) Diamond exploration in SADCC region
- (44) Prefeasibility study for production and processing of Sudanese medicinal and aromatic plants
- (45) Program for improved seed production
- (46) The transformations in the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union, and their impact on the world economy and implications for Third World countries, especially from Latin America



24. The three (3) following project proposals were submitted after the established deadline of 31 March 1992 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session:

- (1) Training of extension personnel from developing countries
- (2) Consultancy services in agriculture extension management
- (3) Study of erosion of mud coast

Project proposal No. 1: *Development of the small scale gold recovery industry*

25. The proposal was submitted by the Metals Industry Research and Development Center of the Philippines.

26. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are : (a) to determine the technological requirements for improved productivity in the small scale gold recovery industry; (b) to improve equipment and/or process methodology suited for small capacity gold processing outfits for increased gold recovery; (c) to assess possibility in the local production of equipment suited for small scale gold recovery needs.

27. The project would have a duration of eighteen months. Total estimated cost is 400,000 US dollars and 300,000 US dollars were requested as inputs from PGTF.

28. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national projects, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

29. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 2: *Feasibility Study on the Processing and Utilization of Indigenous Food grain and Rootcrops for Nutritious Formula*

30. This proposal was submitted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Philippines.

31. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are : (a) to identify manufacturing processes and products which will require the preparation of feasibility studies; (b) to conduct studies and prepare project information on the market, technical, financial, economic and operation aspects; (c) to assess the project viability by preparing pre-feasibility study and/or feasibility study; (d) to package the developed technology/feasibility study for use by interested entrepreneurs or government and non-government institutions.

32. The project would have duration of two years. Total estimated cost is 133,000 US dollars out of which 100,400 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

33. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

34. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 3: *The Establishment of a Gamma Radiation Sterilization Facility*

35. The proposal was submitted by the Philippines Nuclear Research Institute.

36. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are : (a) to make a feasibility study to identify the need and requirements for radiation sterilization; (b) to set up a gamma radiation facility; (c) to offer gamma irradiation service for research and development activities in other applications of radiation processing.

37. The project would have a duration of three years. Total estimated cost is 3.1 million US dollars, out of which 2.6 million US dollars were requested from PGTF.

38. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposals, corresponds to a national projects, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

39. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 4: **Feasibility Studies for an Integrated Fruit Fly Pest Management Based on the Sterile Insect Release Method at Guimaras Subprovince**

40. The proposal was submitted by the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute.

41. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are : (a) to make pre-feasibility studies through inventory and consolidation of existing/available data or information into an interim Integrated Pest Management scheme; (b) to make preliminary survey of fruit flies in Guimaras and conduct flight range studies for irradiated fruit flies; (c) to evaluate the bio-ecological background of fruit fly species found in Guimaras etc...

42. The projects would have a duration of two years. Total estimated cost is 312,000 US dollars, out of which 260,000 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

43. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

44. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 5: Strengthening Science and Technology Education in the Philippine Science High School**

45. The proposal was submitted by the Philippine Science High School.
46. According to the text of the proposal, the project aimed to provide a means wherein talented students of the Philippine Science High School can (a) become acquainted with the basic principles and applications of the latest in technology; (b) acquire basic skills in problem-solving and research through the use of advanced technology laboratories; (c) implement these skills in real situations.
47. The project would have a duration of two years. Total estimated cost is 845,800 US dollars, out of which 782,000 US dollars were requested from PGTF.
48. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.
49. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 6: Strengthening Secondary Science Education through the Computer Utilization in the Philippine Science High School**

50. The proposal was submitted by the Philippine Science High School.
51. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to rationally and effectively optimize the use of computers to enhance and improve teaching and learning process on secondary science education.
52. Total estimated cost is 163,000 US dollars, out of which 127,000 US dollars were requested from PGTF.
53. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.
54. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 7: Design of Materials Separation Process for Municipal Solid Wastes with Protein and Fertilizer Production by Vermicomposting:**

55. The proposal was submitted by the Industrial Technology Development Institute of the Philippines.

56. According to the text of the proposal, the general objectives of the project are : (a) to design a low-cost process technology for material separation of Municipal Solid Wastes; (b) to be able to produce a fertilizer substitute from Municipal Solid Wastes; (c) to be able to culture worms as a protein source for animal feeds.

57. The project would have a duration of two years. Total estimated cost is 281,669 US dollars, out of which 156,669 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

58. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

59. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

Project Proposal No. 8: *Development of Aseptically processed Banana Puree in the Philippines*

60. The proposal was submitted by the Industrial Technology Development Institute of the Philippines.

61. According to the text of the proposal, the general objectives of the project are : (a) to establish the banana puree industry in the Philippines; (b) to widen the market potential of banana.

62. The project would have a duration of two years. Total estimated cost is 529,160 US dollars, out of which 374,160 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

63. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

64. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 9: *Production of Cephalosporin C*

65. The proposal was submitted by the Industrial Technology Development Institute of the Philippines.

66. According to the text of the proposal, the general objectives of the project is to develop a high yielding strain of *Cephalosporium acremonium*.

67. The project would have a duration of three years. Total estimated cost is 663,000 US dollars, out of which 326,500 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

68. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

69. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 10: *Feasibility Study on the Development of An Inter-Modal Transport System*

70. The proposal was submitted by the Technical Planning and Review Committee of the Philippines.

71. According to the text of the proposal, the main objective of the project is to provide the farmers, fishermen, agricultural producers in rural areas with the means of transporting their products in the most economical, safe and efficient manner.

72. The project would have a duration of twelve months. Total estimated cost is 57,000 US dollars, out of which 53,500 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

73. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

74. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 11: *Development of a Prototype Technology Alternatives Decision Support System*

75. The proposal was submitted by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development.

76. According to the text of the proposal, the general aim of the project is to develop the software for a Prototype Agriculture and Resources, research development technology decision support system to enhance the capabilities of the research sector to transfer technologies from actual source to new sites for adaptation.

77. The project would have a duration of one year. Total estimated cost is 80,000 US dollars, out of which 75,000 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

78. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

79. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No.12: *Technical Assistance to Develop the Telecommunications Network for PCARRD*

80. The proposal was submitted by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD).

81. According to the text of the proposal, the main objective of the project is to establish a telecommunications network for PCARRD.

82. The project would have a duration of one year. Total estimated cost is 85,715 US dollars, out of which 80,715 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

83. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

84. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 13: *Low Cost Housing Technology Demonstration and Training Workshop***

85. The proposal was submitted by the Center for Science and Technology of the Non-aligned Movement through the Government of India.

86. According to the text of the proposal, the general objective of the project is to achieve transfer of innovative and appropriate technologies for low-cost housing, the expected outputs will include : (a) putting up low-cost houses for demonstrating and (b) pilot housing projects for demonstration as well as transfer of appropriate technologies for low-cost housing for wider adoption.

87. The project aims at achieving such an objective through technical mission, mini-regional workshops as well as international technology demonstration-cum-training workshop.

88. The project would have a duration of two years. The total funds required for the implementation of the project would be 100,000 US dollars.

89. The Committee was of the view that the project corresponds in general terms to the criteria agreed upon for the financing of projects from PGTF. However, it was considered that the project lacks the necessary information regarding the exact amount of money requested from PGTF for financing such a project as well as the amount of the money that the Center intends to provide for the implementation of this project.

90. The Committee recommended that the project be resubmitted to its next session with the necessary information regarding the amount of money requested from PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 14: *Traffic Signal Responsive Co-ordinated System***

91. The proposal was submitted by the Traffic Management Branch of Trinidad and Tobago.

92. According to the text of the proposal, the immediate objective of the project is the reduction of travel time along the major road network of Trinidad and Tobago.

93. The project would have a duration of twelve months. The project contains no indication on the amount of money required for its implementation as well as on the exact amount requested from PGTF.

94. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

95. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 15: *Assessment of Air Quality in the Central American Region*

96. This proposal was submitted directly by the National University of Costa Rica.

97. According to the text of the proposal, the general objective of the project is to elaborate a study aimed at assessing the air quality in the Central American region and the project would have a duration of three years. Total estimated cost is 169,082 US dollars. The project contains no indication on the exact amount requested from PGTF.

98. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that this project should be submitted through the usual channel of submission of projects with the approval of the other countries of the region. The Committee thus recommended that these projects should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 16: *Establishment of Regional Institute of Special Education and Research Centre*

99. This proposal was submitted by the National Institute of Special Education of Pakistan.

100. According to the text of the proposal, the general objective of the project is the establishment of a Regional Institute of Special Education and Research for the education, training and rehabilitation of disabled persons. In the first instance, the proposed institute will cater to the needs of all manpower training institutions in the field of special education and training of disabled persons in the region, in particular countries with similar socio-economic and cultural background, namely, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and other members of SAARC.

101. The project would have a duration of five years. Total estimated cost is 336,000 US dollars, out of which 224,000 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

102. In the light of the information presented, the Committee was of the view that the project corresponds to the general objectives of the kind of project eligible for funding from PGTF. However, the Committee recommended that this project be resubmitted for its consideration at

its Eighth session with the approval of the other countries of the region which will benefit from this project.

Project proposal No. 17: *Development and Use of a Computer Simulation Model for Forecasting Supply, Demand and Prices of Agriculture Commodities in ASEAN Countries*

103. This proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia.

104. According to the text of the proposal, the long-term development objective of this project is to improve policies and plan of production, development as well as trade of major agriculture export commodities in ASEAN countries. The immediate objective of the project is to improve forecasting methods and information on supply, demand and prices of major agriculture export commodities in ASEAN countries.

105. The project, which is in the line of the recommendations of the 13th meeting of the ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry, held in Thailand in November 1991, would have a duration of one year. Total estimated cost of the project is 277,832 US dollars, out of which 196,232 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

106. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. However, the Committee considered that 81,600 US dollars be allocated to this project which corresponds with the matching contribution of the proposing institution.

107. The Committee recommended that 81,600 US dollars be allocated to this project.

Project proposal No. 18: *New Project Feasibility Study Assistance*

108. This project was directly submitted by the Wallper Ceil & Company based in Zimbabwe.

109. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to contribute towards the expansion of Zimbabwe's manufacturing sector to enable it to meet the growing and changing patterns of demands.

110. The proposed project contains no indication on its total cost as well as on the amount of money required from PGTF.

111. The Committee considered that this incomplete proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

112. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 19: *Rehabilitation of Julius Robinson Centre*



113. This proposal was submitted by the Government of Zimbabwe.
114. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to upgrade and rehabilitate the Julius Robinson Centre of Zimbabwe.
115. The project would have duration of two years. Total estimated cost is 5.6 million Zimbabwe dollars, out of which 2.3 million Zimbabwe dollars were requested from PGTF.
116. The Committee considered that the proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.
117. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 20: Rutenga-Boli-Sango Road : Maputo Road Corridor**

118. This proposal was submitted by the Department of State Roads and endorsed by the Ministry of Transport and National Supplies of Zimbabwe.
119. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are : (a) the establishment of a permanent and viable road link between Zimbabwe and Maputo port for the benefit of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique; (b) to increase the possibility of generating extra trade and traffic from and to the agricultural and tourist area; (c) to speed up the general development of a neglected segment of Zimbabwe.
120. The project would have a duration of two years. Total estimated cost is 1.3 million US dollars, out of which 675,000 US dollars were requested from PGTF.
121. The Committee considered that such project will enhance the communication of African States and will contribute therefore to the promotion of the economic cooperation among developing countries. However, the Committee was of the view that the amount of money requested from PGTF exceeds its current capacity. The Committee recommended that this project be resubmitted by the proposing institution to its next session in the form of a feasibility study taking into account the capabilities of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 21: Feasibility Study for Guano Mining, Processing and Marketing**

122. This project was directly submitted by the African Center for Fertilizer Development based in Zimbabwe.
123. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to contribute to improving the livelihood of poor rural facilities in the rainfed farming areas in Zimbabwe by stabilizing the fragile environments and increasing crop production in these areas.

124. The project would have a duration of four months. Total estimated cost is 116,520 Zimbabwe dollars. The project contains no indication of the amount of money requested from PGTF.

125. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project, which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

126. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 22: *Ethnicity and Local Nationalisms in the New World Order*

127. This project was submitted by FLACSO with the approval of the Government of Bolivia.

128. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is the elaboration of a study on the ethnicity and local nationalisms in the New World Order, the Andean and Central American Cases.

129. The project would have a duration of ten months. Total estimated cost is 103,400 US dollars, out of which 57,000 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

130. The Committee recommended that this project be resubmitted to its next session with the approval of the other countries which will benefit from this project.

Project proposal No. 23: *Latin American New Economic Institutional Order*

131. This project was submitted by the Center for Study of the International Relations and Development with the approval of the Government of Bolivia.

132. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is the elaboration of a study on Latin American New Economic Institutional Order. To this end, 233,100 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

133. The Committee recommended that this project be resubmitted to its next session with the approval of the other countries which will benefit from the activities of such project.

Project proposal No. 24: *Latin American Charter Opinion*

134. This project was submitted by the Center for Study of the International Relations and Development with the approval of the Government of Bolivia.

135. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a study aiming at elaborating a Latin American Charter Opinion. To this end, 253,500 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

136. The Committee recommended that this project be resubmitted to its next session with the approval of the other countries which will benefit from the activities of such a project.

Project proposal No. 25: *Development of Agriculture Database for ASEAN*

137. The project was submitted by the department of Agriculture of Malaysia.

138. According to the text of the proposal, the overall objective of the project is to streamline the collection of agriculture information and to develop an agriculture database. The specific objectives of this project are : (a) to identify data needs and its utilization; (b) to formulate data collection procedures and protocols; (c) to develop a computerized agriculture database; (d) to train personnel in data collection procedures; (e) to train personnel in the development and utilization of computerized agriculture database.

139. The project would have a duration of two years and will benefit to the following ASEAN countries : Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand. Total estimated cost is 369,800 US dollars, out of which 274,800 US dollars were requested from PGTF.

140. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. However, the Committee was of the view that the contribution from PGTF should match the contribution envisaged by the proposing institution.

141. The Committee recommended, therefore, that 94,000 US dollars be allocated to this project.

Project proposal No. 26: *Raul Prebisch: Collected Works, 1919-1948, Comparative Experiences of Monetary Policies of Developing Countries, vols. III and IV*

142. The proposal was submitted directly by the Raul Prebisch Foundation, based in Argentina.

143. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at publishing vols. II and III of the works of Raul Prebisch.

144. The amount requested from PGTF is US\$60,700.

145. The Committee considered that the publication of the work of Raul Prebisch will be helpful to the promotion of economic cooperation among developing countries. Therefore, the Committee recommended that US\$60,700 be allocated to this project with the understanding that a formal endorsement by the Government of Argentina will be forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 and that sufficient copies will be made available through the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to all the members of the Group of 77.

**Project proposal No. 27: 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**

146. The proposal was submitted by the Group of 77 in Geneva through its Chairman.

147. According to the proposal, the development objective of the project is to promote trade liberalization and expansion, diversification of trade and production of developing countries through the operationalization of the Global System of Trade Preferences and its further enhancement through a new round of negotiations.

148. The duration of the project is for one year. The input requested from PGTF is US\$250,000.

149. The Committee considered that the project meets the criteria set forward for the eligibility of projects by PGTF. The Committee recommended that US\$250,000 be allocated to this project. However, the Committee was of the view that in the future other ways and means of financing the continuation of the GSTP should be explored taking into account the fact that PGTF has already allocated around \$2,000,000 to this project. The Committee therefore considered that PGTF would not be in a position to continue the financing of such a project in the future.

**Project proposal No. 28: Technical, secretariat and other support to the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP), and technical assistance to countries participating in the Second Round of GSTP Negotiations**

150. The proposal was submitted by the Group of 77 in Geneva through its Chairman.

151. The project aims at continuing the activities identified in project proposal no. 27 for the year 1993. The amount requested from PGTF is US\$350,000.

152. In examining this proposal, the Committee took into consideration the observations contained in para. 149 of this report. Therefore, the Committee recommended that no action be taken on this request.

**Project proposal No. 29: Aménagement hydro-agricole de la basse vallée du Niger**

153. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Rural Development of Benin.

154. According to the proposal, the objectives of the project is to increase substantially food crop production and in particular rice, potatoes and corn. The total estimated cost of the project is 8,447 billion Franc CFA.

155. In the light of the outline of the project, the Committee considered that this project corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

156. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 30: *Aménagement hydro-agricole de la basse vallée du fleuve Mono*

157. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Rural Development of Benin.

158. The total cost of this project was estimated at 4,200 million Franc CFA. No indication was given on the amount requested from PGTF.

159. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for financing from PGTF.

160. The Committee that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 31: *Aménagement et bitumage des routes Abomey-Bohicon-Ketou-Illara et Save-Okeowo*

161. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Benin.

162. In accordance with the proposal, the project aims at the construction of a road which would increase trade relations between Benin, Nigeria, Togo and Ghana.

163. The proposal contained no indication of the amount required for the implementation of such a project as well as the amount requested from PGTF.

164. The Committee recommended that this project should be resubmitted by the proposing institution for its consideration at its next session bearing in mind the capabilities of PGTF as well as its guidelines.

Project proposal No. 32: *Hôpital de Comè*

165. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Health of Benin.

166. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is the continuation of the construction and equipment of a hospital of 100 beds. The construction of such a hospital was stopped in 1977 due to lack of financial resources. The total estimated cost of this project is 1,019,272 million Franc CFA. No indication was given on the amount requested from PGTF.

167. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

168. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 33: *Economic integration in the Southern Cone Common Market: Sectoral Agreements as instruments for regional industrial restructuring and technological cooperation*

169. *The proposal was submitted by the Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT), with the approval of the Government of Argentina.*

170. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project aims at contributing to the design of policies that may lead to the strengthening of the Southern Cone Common Market known as MERCOSUR by studying: (a) the potentialities and constraints of sectoral agreements within MERCOSUR; (b) the progress made in the negotiations of some of the sectoral agreements and restructuring patterns that have started to emerge from these negotiations; (c) the way selected manufacturing firms operating in three of the branches in which the agreements are going to be negotiated; (d) the project of bilateral cooperation; and (e) the policy implications of the emerging economic process of sub-regional cooperation.

171. The project will have a one-year duration. Total estimated cost is US\$121,000 out of which US\$88,000 were requested from PGTF.

172. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. The Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$88,000 be allocated to it.

173. The Committee was of the view that the results of such study will benefit all the regions of the Group of 77. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the report of the project be circulated through the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to all the members of the Group of 77.

Project proposal No. 34: *African Agency for Biotechnology*

174. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Algeria on the basis of the mandate given to it by the Ministerial African Symposium on Biotechnology held in Algiers in February 1992.

175. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to assist the establishment of the African Agency for Biotechnology. According to its terms of reference, the African Agency for Biotechnology has the following mandate: (a) strengthening national capabilities in biotechnology, mainly in terms of training, research and infrastructure; (b) enhance dissemination of scientific and technical information at regional and sub-regional levels as well as exchange of experience; (c) encourage the production, diffusion and

commercialization of biotechnology products; (d) developiong and harmonizing regulations pertaining to bioethic, intellectual property and patent rights.

176. The project will have a duration of two years. US\$300,000 were requested from PGTF.

177. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this proposal complies with the guidelines for the utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. The Committee recommended that US\$150,000 be allocated to this project for 1992.

Project proposal No. 35: *Financial and Technological Programme for Treatment of Municipal Residential Waters*

178. The proposal was submitted directly by the National Council of Economic Planning of Guatemala.

179. The Committee was not in a position to consider this proposal due to the fact that the copy which was transmitted to it was unreadable.

180. Therefore, the Committee recommended that, pending the transmission of a clear copy of this project by the proposing agency with the formal approval of the authorities of Guatemala, no action be taken on this proposal.

Project proposal No. 36: **Management and negotiation of international cooperation**

181. The proposal was submitted directly by the National Council of Economic Planning of Guatemala.

182. According to the text of the proposal, the project aims at improving the management capability of international cooperation of Central American countries as well as giving support to national review processes in the areas of institutions, methodology and implementation.

183. The duration of the project would be four weeks. Total estimated cost is US\$135,000. There was no indication on the exact amount requested from PGTF.

184. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the prevailing and agreed rules for submission of proposals to PGTF were not observed.

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

Project proposal No. 37: *Optimization of the process for obtaining PMSG crude for animal reproduction*

186. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Cuba.

187. This proposal was submitted and considered by the Sixth Meeting of the Committee of Experts in 1991.

188. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to optimize the process of obtaining high quality blood plasm from pregnant mares, as well as its preservation; (b) to optimize the process of industrial production and PMSG; (c) to undertake studies at laboratory and pilot scales with a view to producing purified PMSG; (d) dissemination of the results of the research to interested developing countries; and (e) organization of an interregional seminar with specialists from interested developing countries.

189. The project would have a duration of two years. Total estimated cost is US\$597,194 out of which \$165,000 were requested from PGTF.

190. The Committee considered that although this project succeeded in having the support of Mexico, Algeria, Ecuador, and the Democratic Republic of Korea, its observation on this project as contained in para. 42 of the report of its sixth session still stands valid.

191. The Committee considered therefore that this proposal corresponds to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

192. The Committee thus recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 38: Support for dairy heifer multiplication and distribution to smallholder farmers**

193. The proposal was submitted by the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, based in Botswana.

194. According to the text of the proposal, the short-term objectives of the project are: (a) to increase the supply of dairy cross-breed heifers available to small holder farms; (b) to enable smallholder farmers acquire the cross-breed heifers at affordable prices; and (c) at the multiplication unit, to demonstrate appropriate methods of dairy farm management.

195. The project would have a duration of five years. Total estimated cost is US\$1.55 million out of which US\$1.1 million was requested from PGTF.

196. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the amount requested far exceeded the capability of PGTF.

197. The Committee thus recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 39: Support for cooperative production for smallstock**



198. *The proposal was submitted by the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, based in Botswana.*

199. According to the text of the proposal, the long-term objectives of the project are: (a) to increase the size and meat production potential of traditional sheep and goats by suitable cross-breeding to a degree which can be sustained by the local ecological environment; (b) to improve standards of both commercial and traditional husbandry and management; (c) to expand existing commercial flocks of sheep and goats and to increase the number of commercially managed flocks at a rate commensurate with the development of expertise and experience; (d) to provide a sound basis for improvement and maintenance of the fertility and meat production potential of traditionally managed flocks; and (e) to improve the standard of living of the rural population by increasing their purchasing power through sale of sheep and goats.

200. The project would have a duration of five years. Total estimated cost is US\$1.83 million out of which US\$1.21 million was requested from PGTF.

201. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the amount requested from PGTF far exceeded its capabilities.

202. The Committee thus recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 40: *Study of production and distribution of pasture seeds and legumes to smallholder dairy farmers***

203. The proposal was submitted by the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, based in Botswana.

204. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) identify important pastures and legumes in the major agro-ecological zones of the SADCC countries; (b) examine the current demand for high quality certified pastures and legumes seeds for the next decade or so; (c) examine the current seed production capacity of the SADCC countries in particular and the region as a whole to supply needs of the region; (d) recommend action of short and/or long term measures which will alleviate and solve the present difficulties. This includes formulation of project proposals for regional action; and (e) recommendations for the improvements to the seed production and supply systems in member states and propose specific projects for the implementation of these recommendations.

205. The project would have a duration of sixteen months and will involve the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

206. The amount requested from PGTF is US\$180,000.

207. The Committee considered that this proposal complies with the guidelines for the utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing from PGTF.

208. The Committee recommended that this project avail from the financing of PGTF and that US\$90,000 be allocated to it for 1992.

Project proposal No. 41: *Regional/national geological minerals and mining bibliographic data banks*

209. The proposal was submitted by the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, based in Botswana.

210. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) to establish and standardise geological and mining information indexing system within each member country; (b) to maintain permanent data banks on potential and exploited mineral resources and mineral processing at national levels; (c) to maintain a regional bibliographic data bank on minerals, mining and mineral processing, established in the SADCC Mining Coordinating Unit; (d) to stimulate geological research, mining exploration and exploitation and further beneficiation of minerals within the SADCC region; and (e) to isolate and analyze potential areas for regional collaboration in the mining and mineral processing sectors. The existence of a comprehensive data bank on the industry will facilitate the identification of regionally based projects in areas such as mining inputs manufacture, manpower planning, and the further processing of metals and minerals in the region.

211. The project would have a duration of four years. Total estimated cost is US\$1.2 million. No indication was given on the exact amount sought from PGTF.

212. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the financing of this project far exceeded the capacity of PGTF.

213. The Committee thus recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 42: *Exploration of the Kalahari sands*

214. The proposal was submitted by the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, based in Botswana.

215. According to the text of the proposal, the project is divided into two phases. The aims of Phase I are to (a) delineate areas in the Kalahari region with high potential for new discoveries of mineral deposits; (b) devise suitable methods able to penetrate the blanketing Kalahari sand cover; and (c) formulate the terms of reference for the subsequent Phase II of the project. Phase II of the project would be designed and formulated on the basis of the results of the first phase.

216. The duration of the first phase would be five months. No indication was given on the duration of Phase II.

217. The total estimated cost is US\$187,000. No indication was given on the amount sought from PGTF.

218. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that the project lacks the necessary information which would allow it to take the necessary action. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that no action be taken on this project.

Project proposal No. 43: *Diamond exploration in SADCC region*

219. The proposal was submitted by the Southern African Development Conference, based in Botswana.

220. According to the proposal, the main objective of this project is to produce a promotional publication for use by interested parties in both the public and private sector. Such publication would be produced on the basis of sound scientific knowledge.

221. The project would have a duration of two years. Total estimated cost is \$US1.3 million. No indication was given on the amount requested from PGTF.

222. In the light of the information provided, the Committee was of the view that the amount for the financing of such a project far exceeds the capacity of PGTF.

223. The Committee recommended thus that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 44: *Prefeasibility study for production and processing of Sudanese medicinal and aromatic plants*

224. The proposal was submitted directly by Zaria Int. Co. without the necessary approval of the Government of Sudan.

225. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is (a) to produce high quantity medicinal and aromatic plants for local market and export; (b) to add to other endeavours to attain self-sufficiency in basic raw material for food, perfumery, cosmetic and pharmacy industries; (c) to provide employment to Sudanese technicians and Laborers; and (e) to promote commercial production of medicinal and aromatic plants.

226. The project proposal contains no indication on the financial resources required for its implementation.

227. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to an incomplete private project and is thus not eligible for funding from PGTF.

228. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 45: **Programme for improved seed production**

229. The proposal was submitted by the Government of the Union of Myanmar.

230. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) selection of phenotypically superior trees and the establishment of seed orchards and clone banks; (b) establishment and management of seed production areas in selected sites in Myanmar; (c) research studies on various aspects of seed production, seed biology and seed testing to be carried out in order to develop proper and practical methods of seed handling for the production of quality seeds in the future; (d) documentation of seed production area establishment techniques; and (e) to improve the institutional, technical and managerial capabilities of the staff of the Forest Research Institute, to implement the program for quality seed production.

231. The project would have a duration of four years. Total estimated cost is US\$2.3 million out of which US\$1.5 million is requested from PGTF.

232. In the light of the information provided, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponded to a national project which is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

233. The Committee thus recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

**Project proposal No. 46: The transformations in the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union, and their impact on the world economy and implications for Third World countries, especially from Latin America**

234. The proposal was submitted by the Raul Prebisch Foundation, based in Argentina.

235. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the proposal would be: (a) to identify the most important changes taking place in Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union; (b) to ascertain the implications of these developments on the relations between these countries and the developed world; (c) to attempt an appraisal of the derived changes in international economic relations, especially in trade, financing and investment flows that affect or might affect the economies of developing countries; (d) to prepare a preliminary study on the foregoing subject; and (e) to organize a meeting of experts and eminent persons from the Third World to discuss these subjects and prepare proposals on policy guidelines for developing countries in this new world scenario.

236. Contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$69,300.

237. This proposal was considered by the Committee as its sixth session. The Committee considered that the observations made on that occasion as contained in para. 113 of its reports are still valid. The Committee recommended that the terms of reference of the study should be viewed in the light of the United Nations system activities on the subject as well as of the outcome of the deliberations of the High-level meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council held in Geneva in July 1991. Such recommendation would avoid unnecessary duplication with the work currently undertaken on this subject by the United Nations system.

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

#### Summary of projects proposals recommended for adoption

239. In summary, the Committee recommended that eight projects avail from the financing of PGTF and resources allocated to this end amount to US\$840,860. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation (US\$)</u>
1. Group of 77 information bulletin	26,560
2. Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP)	250,000
3. Development and use of a computer simulation model for forecasting supply, demand and prices of agricultural commodities in ASEAN countries	81,600
4. Development of an agricultural database for ASEAN	94,000
5. Economic integration in the Southern Cone Common Market	88,000
6. Publication of Raul Prebisch Works	60,700
7. African Biotechnology Agency	150,000
8. Livestock production and animal disease control	90,000

240. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources to be considered in 1992 amount to approximately US\$660,164. The interest earned from 1 June to 31 December 1992 should also be added to this amount. A more detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

241. In the course of its deliberations, the Committee was guided by the principle of equitable geographical distribution of the resources available among the different regions of the Group of 77.

### III. OTHER MATTERS

242. The Committee expressed its concern about the large number of project proposals that were not eligible for financing from PGTF because of their national character. Indeed, out of 46 project proposals, only 8 projects were considered to be in accordance with the established guidelines of PGTF. The Committee was of the view that renewed efforts should be made by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to disseminate the necessary information regarding the guidelines for the utilization of the resources of PGTF. In this context, the Committee recommended that the information brochure prepared by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 be distributed to all the members of the Group of 77.

243. The Committee also recommended that organizations and institutions from developing countries should be approached and provided with information with PGTF, and in particular with the guidelines for its utilization.

244. The Committee was of the view that time has come for the members of the Group of 77 through their appropriate mechanisms to consider the possibility of undertaking a global assessment of the impact of the agreed projects financed by PGTF since its inception. Such an endeavour would open the possibility of adjusting the guidelines with a view of enhancing the capabilities offered by PGTF in promoting economic and technical cooperation among developing countries. To this end, the possibility of convening a resumed seventh session of the Committee of Experts of PGTF should be explored by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee of Experts.

245. The Committee agreed that the deadline for the submission of project proposals by Member States for the consideration of its eighth session will be 31 March 1993. At this session the Committee will also consider the project proposals referred to in para. 20 of this report.

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Financial status of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund  
for ECDC/TCDC as of 31 May 1992

Unexpended resources as of 1 January 1992		\$6,217,694
Add: Interest earned as of 31 May 1992		\$ 224,370 <sup>1</sup>
Total resources		<u>\$6,442,064</u>
Less: Project disbursement recorded in 1992:		
INT/89/K04 - ASTRO	24,500	
INT/90/K08 - PGTF Phase II	10,000	
INT/91/K01 - TIN	<u>100,000</u>	
	134,500	
		\$6,442,064
		<u>\$ 134,500</u>
Balance of funds (total resources less disbursed funds)		\$6,307,564
Less: Reserved resources (Fund's capital)		<u>\$5,000,000<sup>2</sup></u>
Remaining funds		\$1,307,564

Consisting of obligated/earmarked funds as follows:

(i) Obligated:

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

INT/89/K03 - SELA		18,700
INT/89/K12 - SELA, Germ Plasm		58,000
INT/89/K13 - SUNS		200
INT/90/K01 - Mangrove		35,300
INT/90/K02 - 16th-18th C.		63,250
INT/90/K03 - Land-locked		17,150
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II		199,800
INT/90/K09 - Veterinary		140,000
INT/91/K01 - TIN		<u>50,000</u>
		\$582,400

(ii) Earmarked funds approved:

INT/89/K02 - Action Committee		35,000
INT/89/K08 - Monterary Fund		<u>30,000</u>
		\$65,000

Total obligated/earmarked funds (\$582,400 + \$65,000)	=	
Available for new projects (\$1,307,564 - \$647,400)	=	\$660,164

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<sup>1</sup>Estimated interest which will only be posted in account at end of 1992.

<sup>2</sup>Deposited in long-term high-yield interest account.