



REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
OF THE PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND FOR ECDC/TCDC
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77
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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, the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VII) held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, and 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 eighth meeting in New York from 28 to 30 June 1993.

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

4. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

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

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

1. Thirty-nine (39) 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. CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

6. The Committee had before it thirty-nine (39) project proposals submitted to avail of the financing of PGTF. The list of these proposals is as follows:

- (1) *Training of extension personnel from developing countries*
- (2) *Project on consultancy services in agriculture extension management*
- (3) *Study of Erosion of Mud Coast*
- (4) *Blood Transfusion Services Project*
- (5) *Stove manufacturing venture feasibility study*
- (6) *Mejoramiento genético de frutales*
- (7) *Agence Africaine de Biotechnologie*
- (8) *West Indian Immigrants in Urban America: Policy Research and Action Plan for Skills and Technology Transfer*

- (9) *Project Implementation Plan of Development of Agriculture database for ASEAN in the Utilization of Operations Research*
- (10) *Projet sur la création d'un centre sous-régional de machinisme agricole dans la CEPGL*
- (11) *Projet sur la création d'un complexe industriel forestier intégré de la CEPGL*
- (12) *Projet sur la productivité et épidémiologie des maladies des petits ruminants en milieu rural de la CEPGL*
- (13) *Etude-stratégie Régionale de production d'alcool*
- (14) *Elaboration des stratégies d'approvisionnement de la CEPGL en produits pétroliers*
- (15) *Exploration of the Kalahari Sands*
- (16) *Diamond Exploration in the SADC Region*
- (17) *Propuestas para una reorientación del financiamiento del desarrollo hacia las pequeñas unidades productivas en los países del Grupo de los 77, a los fines de su integración con la promoción del desarrollo tecnológico*
- (18) *Appui au Réseau de Documentation Informatique en Education au Sahel*
- (19) *Environnement et qualité des apports du Fleuve Niger au Sahel*
- (20) *Etudes Technico-Economiques de la route Sikasso-Koloko*
- (21) *Estudio de prefactibilidad para el establecimiento de un programa de cooperación hidrográfica en América Central*
- (22) *Creación de Oficinas de Gestión para el Fomento de la Inversión en el Área del Litoral de la Frontera Argentino-Uruguay*
- (23) *Digital Radio Transmission*
- (24) *Modernization of Test and Development Centre*
- (25) *Yield Improvement Project for Private Rubber Small Holdings*
- (26) *Pilot Project of Development of Cadastral Database System*
- (27) *Small Irrigation Projects (SIP) in Dry Zone area*
- (28) *Feasibility Study on Pump Irrigation Project in Ayeyarwady Delta*
- (29) *Feasibility Study on Kabaung Dam Irrigation Project*
- (30) *Seed Certification Project*
- (31) *South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)*
- (32) *Financing of the follow-up of the activities of the Group of 77 Action Committee for Collaboration in the Field of Consultancy, Construction and Engineering*
- (33) *A G-77 Debt Management Center*
- (34) *Technology Exchanges and Farmer Organization Models in MERCOSUL*
- (35) *Integration and Geographic Information System of Regional Database of MERCOSUL Countries*
- (36) *Guidelines and Tools of a Common Industrial Policy for MERCOSUL*
- (37) *Technical Exchange Between Small Farmers' Associations within the MERCOSUL Range*
- (38) *Formación y Capacitación de Cuadros para el Desarrollo Microregional*
- (39) *Creación de un Centro de Producción de Abejas Reinas y Manejo Integrado de la Abeja Africana, Sanidad y Fomento Apícola*

7. The following twelve (12) project proposals were submitted after the established deadline of 31 March 1993 and therefore were not considered by the Committee at this session:

- (1) *Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat: Integrated Information Systems Establishment and Use*
- (2) *Philippine Proposal: A Conference on Fisheries Development Strategies for the ASEAN Region for the Year 2000*
- (3) *Regional Strategic Armyworm Control Project*
- (4) *Training on the use of a computer simulation model for food security analysis in developing countries of the NAM*
- (5) *Establishment of an industrial Technical Information Service*
- (6) *Kenya Entrepreneurship Development for rural areas*
- (7) *Evaluation of Minera Ore resources in Kenya*
- (8) *Protection of Lake Victoria Waters*
- (9) *The Integration of Women, Retirees and the Youth into Industry*
- (10) *Teaching of practical skills in polymer (plastic) processing*
- (11) *Corps des Volontaires sénégalais du Développement (CVSD)*
- (12) *Plan de desarrollo integral para la recuperación de centros históricos y artísticos*
- (13) *Optimization of the process for obtaining crude PMSG for animal reproduction*

Project proposal No. 1 - Training of extension personnel from developing countries

8. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of India.

9. According to the text of the proposal, the primary objectives of the project are: (a) to organise need-based and problem-oriented training for senior and middle level managers of extension organisations of the developing countries, in effective management of agricultural extension system; (b) to serve as a repository of ideas and develop information, communication and documentation services on a regional, national and international basis in agricultural extension management; and (c) to demonstrate effective extension education teaching procedures, method and techniques to the managers of the agricultural extensions programme.

10. The project would have a duration of five years. The proposal did not provide costs figures for the project nor the exact amount requested from PGTF. Therefore, the Committee considered this proposal was incomplete. Furthermore, the Committee reiterated the principle that the beneficiaries of any project financed by the PGTF should be only developing countries members of the Group of 77.

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

Project proposal No. 2 - Project on consultancy services in agriculture extension management

12. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of India.

13. The objective of the project is to provide consultancy services to developing countries in planning and implementation of agricultural extension and extension management.

14. The project would have a duration of five years. The proposal did not provide costs figures for the project nor the exact amount requested from PGTF. Therefore, the Committee considered this proposal was incomplete.

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

Project proposal No. 3 - Study of Erosion of Mud Coast

16. The proposal was submitted by the Department of Irrigation and Drainage of Malaysia.

17. The project aims at having a better understanding of the erosion of mud coast. The project intends to carry out field observations with a view to comparing the laboratory results with field data.

18. Total cost of the project is US\$663,880 out of which US\$223,000 were requested from PGTF.

19. 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.

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

Project proposal No. 4 - Blood Transfusion Services Project

21. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Health of Sudan.

22. In accordance with the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to encourage blood donation through the establishment of an attractive national blood transfusion center as well as to increase the blood storage capacity and the efficiency and safety of blood storage.

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

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

Project proposal No. 5 - Stove manufacturing venture feasibility study

25. The proposal was submitted directly by National Creations (Pvt) Ltd., a private company of Zimbabwe.
26. The project aims at financing a feasibility study for the establishment of a stove manufacturing venture in Zimbabwe.
27. The amount requested from PGTF was Z\$43,000.
28. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project 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. 6 - Genetic improvement of fruit trees

30. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Mexico.
31. The project aim at conducting an experiment on genetic improvement of fruit trees. The duration of the project is ten years and no cost figure was provided.
32. The Committee considered that this proposal was incomplete and corresponds to a national project.
33. The Committee recommended that this project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 7 - African Agency for Biotechnology

34. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Algeria in 1992 on the basis of the mandate given to it by the Ministerial African Symposium on Biotechnology held in Algiers in February 1992.
35. 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 experiences; (c) encourage the production, diffusion and commercialization of biotechnology products; (d) developing and harmonizing regulations pertaining to bioethic, intellectual property and patent rights.
36. The project will have a duration of two years. Total amount requested from PGTF was US\$300,000. The Committee at its seventh session approved the amount of US\$150,000 for 1993.

The Committee received a request from the Government of Algeria for the second phase of US\$150,000 for the year 1994.

37. A breakdown of the cost of the second phase is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (US\$)</u>
Field studies in member countries (6 @ 10,000 each)	60,000.00
Launching of the activities of the Agency	<u>90,000.00</u>
Total	150,000.00

38. 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 the second installment of US\$150,000 be allocated to this project.

39. The Committee also requested that a progress report on the implementation of this project be presented at its next session in 1994. A terminal report of the project is required for 1995.

Project proposal No. 8 - West Indian Immigrants in Urban America: Policy Research and Action Plan for Skills and Technology Transfer

40. This project was submitted by the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) through the Permanent Mission of Saint Lucia to the United Nations.

41. The proposed project seeks to inquire into the consequences of migration in and out of the West Indies and the implications of such migration for the development of human resources in and for the Caribbean region. More specifically, this study will examine the assimilation process of West Indian immigrants into "host" societies of urban America and the significance of their cultural identity in nation-building.

42. The duration of the project would be fifteen months. The amount requested from PGTF is US\$120,000.

43. The Committee considered that the issue of international migration is currently on the international agenda. The United Nations Conference on Population and Development will be held in Cairo in September 1994. This Conference will deal also with the issue of migration. Regional preparatory conferences will be held with a view to adopting action-oriented regional programmes of action. Therefore, the Committee considered that this project proposal should be viewed in the light of the outcome of such meetings.

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

Project proposal No. 9 - Project Implementation Plan of Development of Agriculture database for ASEAN in the Utilization of Operations Research

45. This project was submitted by the Department of Agriculture of Malaysia as a follow-up of the project entitled "Intensifying the utilization of operations research techniques in the management of agriculture development project", which was financed by the PGTF.

46. The objective of this project is to streamline the collection and management of data and to develop an agriculture database that can be used for planning purposes by the four ASEAN participating countries, i.e., Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand. The development of such databases will ensure data availability for the utilization of operations research.

47. Total cost of the project is US\$205,000. The amount requested from PGTF is US\$94,000. A breakdown of this contribution is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (US\$)</u>
Personnel	6,600.00
Travel	44,880.00
Software	40,000.00
Other	<u>2,520.00</u>
Total	94,000.00

48. In the light of the information presented, the Committee concluded that this project complies with the guidelines for utilization of PGTF and is thus eligible for financing. The Committee recommended that US\$94,000 be allocated to this project.

Projects submitted by the Communauté Economique des Pays des Grands Lacs (CEPGL)

49. The Executive Secretariat of CEPGL, headquartered in Rwanda, submitted directly four project proposals, as follows:

Project proposal No. 10 - Feasibility for a subregional center for agricultural machinery

50. The objective of the proposal is to assess the feasibility of a subregional center, the role of which would be to identify, test and implement machinery adapted to the living conditions of farmers in the subregion. This project would enable, by introducing new technologies appropriate and compatible with agricultural conditions in the subregion, to reduce imports of small agricultural machinery and therefore reduce foreign currency outlays for the subregion.

51. The duration of the project is eighty-one days. The total cost of the project is estimated at US\$58,157, the contribution requested from PGTF being US\$43,157.

Project proposal No. 11 - *Establishment of an integrated forestry industries for the CEPGL*

52. According to the information presented, the objective of the project is to prepare a feasibility study for establishing an integrated forestry industries complex for the purpose of manufacturing diversified and high-quality wood products, increase revenues of local populations, foster trade among member countries while duly protecting the environment.

53. Total cost of the project, to be completed in eight months, is estimated at US\$90,400, the contribution sought from PGTF being US\$80,000.

Project proposal No. 12 - *Productivity and epidemiology of small ruminants in rural areas of CEPGL*

54. According to the information presented, the objective of the study is to increase knowledge on small ruminants breeds of CEPGL countries and improve their productivity. In this regard, the study will define production parameters; identify the various existing constraints, and increase production of small ruminants in rural areas.

55. Total cost of the project is US\$787,953 over a five-year period. Contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$106,945.

Project proposal No. 13 - *Regional strategy for alcohol production*

56. According to the information presented, the objective of the project is to prepare a feasibility study for the manufacture of fuel alcohol from biomass with a view to replacing totally or partially regular motor fuels, and therefore increasing the subregion's self-reliance in this regard.

57. Total cost of the project, to be completed in nine months, is estimated at US\$300,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$250,000.

Project proposal No. 14 - *Development of oil products supply strategies of CEPGL*

58. According to the information presented, the objectives of the project are (a) to improve the balance-of-payments situation of the subregion through rationalization of the supply and consumption of petroleum products, and (b) to add value to local energy resources through substitution of certain petroleum products.

59. Total cost of the project, to be completed in six months, is estimated at US\$180,000. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$150,000.

60. Having examined the four project proposals, the Committee was of the view that project proposal No. 10 entitled "*Feasibility for a subregional center for agricultural machinery*" should avail from the financing of PGTF resources, since it complies with the guidelines for utilization of

PGTF and its objectives correspond to a high priority area of cooperation among developing countries.

61. The Committee recommended that US\$43,000 be allocated from PGTF for project proposal No. 10. A breakdown of this contribution is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (US\$)</u>
Experts	30,000.00
Travel and living expenses	13,000.00
Total	43,000.00

Project proposal No. 15 - *Exploration of the Kalahari Sands*

62. This project was considered by the Committee of Experts at its seventh session and no action was taken since the proposal submitted was found to be incomplete.

63. This project proposal was submitted directly by the Executive Secretariat of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), headquartered in Botswana.

64. According to the information presented, the objective of the project is to carry out a large geological study of the Kalahari Sands with a view to producing a promotional publication on geology and potential mineral resources of the Kalahari and underlying rocks and effective methods for exploration in these areas.

65. Total cost of the project, to be implemented in three phases over a four-year period, is estimated at US\$800,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$700,000.

66. The Committee considered that this proposal falls out of the purview of PGTF capacities and therefore recommended that it should not avail of the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 16 - *Diamond Exploration in the SADCC Region*

67. The proposal was considered by the Committee of Experts at its seventh session and according to paragraph 223 of its report, the view of the Committee was that the project should not avail from the financing of PGTF since it far exceeded the purview of PGTF capacity.

68. This project was submitted directly by the Executive Secretariat of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC).

69. Having examined the documentation presented, the Committee found that the proposal presented at this session corresponds exactly to the one presented at the previous session. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$1.2 million.

70. The Committee therefore reiterated its decision and recommended that the project should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 17 - Proposals for revised orientations of development financing to small production units in G-77 countries, with a view to their integration with the promotion of technological development

71. The project proposal was submitted directly by the Raul Prebisch Foundation, headquartered in Argentina.

72. According to the information presented, the objective of the project is to contribute to guiding the national and international support and promotion policies and actions in favor of small production units in the G-77 member countries. In this regard, it is aimed that financing programs worked out by governments contain a technological development component suited to each particular reality and scale, as well as training actions designed to use the resources to the best advantage.

73. Total cost of the project, to be completed in one year, amounts to US\$155,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$133,340.

74. In the light of the information presented, the Committee considered that the subject of the proposal contains a certain amount of duplication with work already done by UNCTAD as well as by the former U.N. Centre on Transnational Corporations. Moreover, the Committee considered that the subject matter of the proposal should fall within the context of the outcome of the Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on ECDC (IFCC-VIII), to be held in Panama in August 1993, which will carry out a review and evaluation of the Caracas Programme of Action on ECDC.

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

Project proposal No. 18 - Support to computerized data network on education in Sahel countries

76. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Mali.

77. According to the information presented, the objective of the project is to provide support for a computerized information network on education through collecting and making available comprehensive lists of publications from the seven countries of Sahel.

78. The total cost of the project, to be completed over a two-year period, is estimated at US\$41,000. The contribution requested from PGTF amounts to US\$24,000.

79. The Committee considered that the subject matter of the proposal corresponds to an area of high priority and deserves support. However, according to the information submitted, the proposal was found to be incomplete and with some inaccuracies in the cost figures.

80. The Committee recommended that this proposal be resubmitted for its consideration at the next session. In particular, the Committee recommended that the proposal should contain more

detailed information on the activities of the project as well as a clear breakdown of costs, including the contribution requested from PGTF and the funding from other sources.

Project proposal No. 19 - *Environment and quality of resources of river Niger for Sahel*

81. The project proposal was submitted by the Government of Mali.

82. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to undertake a comprehensive study on the river Niger, including the identification of the bio-geo-dynamical regime of the upstream basin, the evolution of its resources, extension of its flooding zones and characterization of the hydrological and hydrochemical regime of its resources.

83. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a four-year period, is estimated at 8.2 million Francs. There is no clear indication of the amount of the resources requested from PGTF, but total resources sought from donors amount to 5.6 million Francs.

84. The Committee considered that this proposal is incomplete, and furthermore it falls out of the purview of PGTF capacities. The Committee therefore recommended that it should not avail of the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 20 - *Technical and Economic studies of the Sikasso-Koloko road*

85. The project proposal was submitted by the Government of Mali.

86. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to carry out a technical and economic study for a 44 km paved road from Sikasso to Koloko, in Mali, and prepare the respective tender documents.

87. Total cost of the project, to be completed in four months, amounts to US\$200,000, the totality of which represents the contribution sought from PGTF.

88. The Committee considered that, although the subject of the project is part of a larger subregional effort, this proposal corresponds specifically to a national project and is thus not eligible to avail of the financing of PGTF. The Committee recommended that this proposal should not avail for financing from PGTF.

Project proposal No. 21 - *Feasibility study for establishing a Central American Hydrographic cooperation programme*

89. The proposal was submitted by the Government of Panama.

90. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to gather information regarding the region's basic needs to establish, strengthen or improve its hydrographic services and subsequently design the cooperation programme, and (b) to develop a mechanism of

coordination for the regional cooperation programme. Beneficiary countries are: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

91. Total cost of the project, to be completed in four months, is US\$79,500. The contribution sought from PGTF amounts to US\$38,500.

Item	PGTF	Contributions (US\$)	
		Other	Total
Experts/consultants	38,500.00	-	38,500.00
Travel	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	<u>38,500.00</u>	<u>38,500.00</u>
Total	38,500.00	41,000.00	79,500.00

92. The Committee considered that the project complies with the guidelines for eligibility for funding from PGTF and therefore recommended that US\$38,500 be allocated to this project.

Project proposal No. 22 - Establishment of investment promotion offices at the Argentina-Uruguay border

93. This project proposal was submitted by the Government of Uruguay.

94. According to the information presented, the objective of the project is to establish investment promotion offices at the municipal level in provinces along the Argentina-Uruguay border. These offices would carry out activities related to promotion, consulting and channeling of existing initiatives as well as development and support to new ideas.

95. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a one-year period, is \$248,4000. Contribution requested to PGTF is US\$98,400.

96. The Committee considered that according to the scope and beneficiaries of the project, it should be considered as a national one and therefore is not eligible for financing from PGTF.

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

Project proposals submitted by the Government of Myanmar

98. The Government of Myanmar submitted eight proposals, as follows:

Project proposal No. 23 - Digital Radio Transmission

Project proposal No. 24 - Modernization of Test and Development Centre

Project proposal No. 25 - Yield Improvement Project for Private Rubber Small Holdings

Project proposal No. 26 - Pilot Project of Development of Cadastral Database System

Project proposal No. 27 - Small Irrigation Projects (SIP) in Dry Zone area

Project proposal No. 28 - Feasibility Study on Pump Irrigation Project in Ayeyarwady Delta

Project proposal No. 29 - Feasibility Study on Kabaung Dam Irrigation Project

Project proposal No. 30 - Seed Certification Project

99. The Committee examined the foregoing eight proposals and found that both the scope and the beneficiaries of these projects are of a national character, and therefore are not eligible for funding from PGTF.

100. The Committee recommended that project proposals No. 21-30 should not avail from the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 31 - South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)

101. This project proposal was submitted directly the Third World Network, from Penang, Malaysia.

102. According to the text of the proposal, the objective of the project is to publish and distribute a daily edition of the bulletin entitled South-North Development Monitor (SUNS), and a fortnightly edition of the Third World Economics.

103. The project includes the following four activities:

- (a) Distribution of SUNS daily to G-77 missions in New York by fax;
- (b) Providing SUNS (by fax daily) to G-77 coordinators at other G-77 centres (Nairobi, Paris, Rome, Washington, and Vienna);
- (c) Providing the fortnightly publication Third World Economics (TWE) to each G-77 delegation at each chapter and to one focal points at every capital of the G-77 member countries;
- (d) Providing four additional copies of TWE to each G-77 capital (Ministries of Finance, Trade, Central Bank and Office of the President/Prime Minister)

The total estimated annual cost of the project is US\$124,341, as indicated in the breakdown contained in Annex II of the proposal, the totality of this amount being the contribution sought from PGTF.

104. The respective annual costs of the foregoing activities are as follows:

Publication of SUNS	Publication of TWE
(a) US\$46,166.00	(c) US\$33,988.00
(b) <u>US\$13,715.00</u>	(d) <u>US\$30,472.00</u>
Subtotals US\$59,881.00	US\$64,460.00

105. The Committee considered that, as formulated, the proposal corresponds to a regular activity that cannot be funded from PGTF resources according to the guidelines for utilization of PGTF.

106. Furthermore, the Committee recalled its recommendation adopted at its fourth session regarding financial support to SUNS and the decision adopted by the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Group of 77 on the same subject:

"The Meeting concurred with the recommendation made by the Committee of Experts to allocate US\$120,000 to this project and highlighted that a long-lasting solution to ensure the financial viability of SUNS beyond 1990 should be worked out by the publisher as soon as possible. In this regard, the Meeting agreed with the recommendation by the Committee of Experts that disbursement of the first portion of US\$60,000 be made after a distribution plan is submitted to the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, whereas disbursement of the second portion of US\$60,000 be made only after a permanent arrangement is submitted by the publisher and assessed by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee of Experts for consideration and appropriate action by the Group of 77."

107. However, while examining this proposal, the Committee was guided by the debate on the daily bulletin SUNS at the Sixteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held on 1 October 1992.

108. The Committee recommended that, on an exceptional basis, a one-year support be given to activities related only to the publication of SUNS, while a permanent arrangement is worked out.

109. The Committee would like to clearly state that according to the guidelines for utilization of PGTF, no further support could be provided in the future to this project and it strongly recommended that a permanent financial supporting mechanism be identified and implemented by the publishers and other interested parties.

110. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that US\$59,881 be allocated to activities (a) and (b) of the project as follows:

- (a) Distribution of SUNS daily to G-77 missions in New York by fax;

- (b) Providing SUNS (by fax daily) to G-77 coordinators at other G-77 centres (Nairobi, Paris, Rome, Washington, and Vienna)

Project proposal No. 32 - Follow-up activities of the Group of 77 Action Committee for Collaboration in the Field of Consultancy, Construction and Engineering

111. This project proposal was submitted by the G-77 Action Committee for the Collaboration in the field of Consultancy, Construction and Engineering (CCC) and endorsed by the member countries of the Action Committee.

112. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are: (a) preparing a roster of consultants on construction and engineering within the Group of 77 member countries; (b) pursuing the work in identifying the national focal point in construction and engineering within the G-77 member countries; and (c) contributing to the implementation of construction and engineering projects that have been identified and selected.

113. The cost of the project, which would have a duration of two years, is estimated at US\$140,000. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$70,000.

114. The Committee was of the view that this project could lead to a duplication of work currently carried out by the United Nations system and in particular by UNIDO.

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

Project proposal No. 33 - A G-77 Debt Management Center

116. This project proposal was submitted by the Government of Egypt.

117. The project aims at strengthening the basis of economic decision-making and enhancing prospects for sound economic management by assisting developing countries' governments in improving the ability of handling their debts. More specifically, the project aims at the establishment of a G-77 debt management support center.

118. The total cost of the project, which would have a duration of two years, is estimated at US\$1.5 million. The contribution sought from PGTF is US\$1.2 million.

119. The Committee considered that this proposal falls out of the purview of PGTF capacities and therefore recommended that it should not avail of the financing of PGTF.

Project proposal No. 34 - Technology Exchanges and Farmer Organization Models in MERCOSUR

120. This project proposal was submitted by the Government of Brazil.

121. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to train leaders of small farmer groups to manage production and commercialization of their products; (b) provide small farmer organizations' leaders with different experiences on organizing producers associations in production, commercialization and small-scale industrialization, and (c) provide small farmers with the opportunity of knowing different realities and improve their ability to find their own solutions in the new scenario of an integrated Mercosul.

122. Total cost of the project, to be carried out over a period of one year, is US\$166,900. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$92,200.

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

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

Project proposal No. 35 - Integration and Geographic Information System of Regional Database of MERCOSUR Countries

Project proposal No. 36 - Guidelines and Tools of a Common Industrial Policy for MERCOSUR

125. These two project proposals were submitted by the Government of Brazil.

126. According to the text of project proposal No. 35 entitled "Integration and geographic information system of regional databases of MERCOSUR countries", the project aims, inter alia, at organizing regional databases of member countries; implementing databases that already have national aggregation levels, and to create mechanisms, to evaluate impacts, management and actions concerning Mercosur.

127. Total estimated cost of the project, which would have a duration of one year, is US\$137,528. The contribution sought from PGTF was US\$59,426.

128. According to the text of project proposal No. 36 entitled "Guidelines and tools of a common industrial policy for Mercosur", the project aims at defining needs and suggesting guidelines for harmonizing the industrial policies of Mercosur member countries, including policies on investment, technology and competition. The proposal would cover the formulation of regulation strategies and indicate tools for their enforcing, as well as an assessment of the impacts of the harmonized policy.

129. Total estimated cost of the project, to be completed in eight months, is US\$156,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$120,000.

130. In considering these two project proposals, the Committee had before it a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations indicating, in its capacity as member of Mercosur, its full support to project proposal No. 36, deemed to be of a higher priority.

131. In this context, the Committee considered both proposals and recommended that project proposal No. 36 avail from the financing of PGTF, since it complies with the guidelines for eligibility and falls within a high priority area of Mercosur member countries.

132. The Committee recommended that US\$120,000 be allocated to project proposal No. 36 entitled ""Guidelines and tools of a common industrial policy for Mercosur".

133. A breakdown of this amount is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGTF contribution (\$US)</u>
Coordinator	16,000.00
Experts	60,000.00
Training	25,000.00
Travel	11,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>8,000.00</u>
TOTAL	120,000.00

Project proposal No. 37 - Technical Exchange Between Small Farmers' Associations within the MERCOSUR Range

134. This project proposal was submitted by the Government of Brazil.

135. According to the text of the proposal, the general objective of the project is to promote an exchange of information and data on the production and marketing systems for small farmers' associations, aiming at reaching a better definition of the competitiveness levels and the eventual need of shifting of modus operandi, within the Mercosur.

136. Total estimated cost of the project, which would have a duration of one year, is US\$260,760. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$79,520.

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

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

Project proposal No. 38 - Development and training of human resources for microregional development

139. This project proposal was submitted by the Government of Mexico.

140. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are (a) to develop capacities to bring to the rural and needier urban areas initiatives that would link education, production and development through a vast group of proposals for research and microregional

development, and (b) to encourage research that would assess the impact of technology on the labor market as well as their indirect implications on such market.

141. Total estimated cost of the project, which would have a duration of two years, is US\$764,000. The contribution requested from PGTF is US\$250,000.

142. The Committee considered that this proposal corresponds to a national project and is not eligible for funding from PGTF.

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

Project proposal No. 39 - Establishment of a queen bees production center and integrated management of wild bees; apiculture health and development programme

144. The project proposal was submitted by the Government of Mexico.

145. According to the text of the proposal, the objectives of the project are to establish two centers (one for Guatemala and the second for Mexico and Belize) for producing queen bees of high genetic quality with a view to replacing wild bees in hives. Moreover, the project aims at establishing industrialization programs of hives' products, creating jobs and increasing revenues of workers in the apicultural sector.

146. Total cost of the project is estimated at US\$968,949. There is no indication of the sum requested from PGTF.

147. The Committee considered that the text of the proposal is incomplete and that a substantial part of the activities of the project correspond to initiatives at the national level, that are not eligible for funding from PGTF.

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

III. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS

149. The Committee examined the status of implementation of the projects adopted by IFCC-VI held in Havana in September 1987, by the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held in New York in September 1988, by IFCC-VII held in Kuala Lumpur in July-August 1989, and by the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 held respectively in New York in September 1989, October 1990, September 1991 and October 1992.

150. Since the adoption of the guidelines for utilization of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund in 1986, a total of 37 projects have been approved. The allocations from the Fund for these projects totaled US\$3,616,537.

151. 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*

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77/Inter Press Service (IPS)

PGTF input: US\$109,520

Duration: Four years

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

Number: INT/88/K01/C/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 on 11 January 1988. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and Inter Press Service is dated 8 March 1988.

152. The implementation of this project was completed on 31 December 1991.

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

Submitter: International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries(ICPE)/International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO)

PGTF input: US\$70,000

Duration: Six months

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

Number: INT/88/K03/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and ICPE respectively on 13 November 1988 and August 1988.

153. The feasibility report was circulated to Member States by the Office of the Chairman on 2 November 1989. The financial report of this project was submitted by ICPE.

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

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

PGTF input: US\$38,500

Duration: Six months

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

Number: INT/88/K04/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 on 8 December 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Action Committee is dated 19 September 1990.

154. The project's terminal report was circulated to Member States on 16 June 1993. The financial statement of expenditures is contained in Task H of the project's terminal report.

155. The Office of the Chairman has expended the allocation of US\$200 from PGTF for reproduction and distribution of the terminal report to Member States. The financial report on these expenditures will be submitted to UNDP shortly.

156. The Committee was informed that a copy of the final report was distributed by the Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77 to all members of the Group of 77.

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

Submitter: Centre for International Cooperation and Development (CICD) of Yugoslavia

PGTF input: US\$45,450

Duration: Six months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 respectively on 4 and 28 August 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CICD is dated 14 September 1989.

157. The feasibility report was circulated to Member States by the Office of the Chairman on 24 October 1990.

158. The financial reports of this project were submitted by CICD. The Office of the Chairman utilized US\$3,000 allocated for reproduction and distribution of the feasibility report to Member States. The financial report on these expenditures was submitted to UNDP.

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

Submitter: The Nation Organization of Barbados/Eastern Caribbean Research Center (ECRC) of Saint Lucia

PGTF input: US\$50,000

Duration: Four days

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

Number: INT/89/K11/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 11 and 13 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Government of Saint Lucia on ECRC's behalf is dated 12 December 1990.

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

160. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992), recommended that an extension be given to ECRC to deliver the reports by 31 December 1992. This recommendation was subsequently endorsed by the Sixteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held on 1 October 1992. The Chairman of the Group of 77 communicated this decision to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations in a letter dated 26 October 1992.

161. A follow-up letter dated 19 May 1993 was sent to the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia requesting that the outstanding reports be sent to the Office of the Chairman without delay.

162. The Committee expressed its concern that two letters from the Chairman of the Group of 77 have not been acknowledged and recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 reiterate his requests for the outstanding reports.

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

Submitter: South Commission

PGTF input: \$120,000

Duration: One year

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and the G-77 in December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and Third World Network (TWN) is dated 21 December 1990.

163. The implementation of this project was completed on 31 January 1992.

164. Both the terminal report and the financial statement dated 28 and 30 May 1992 respectively were submitted by TWN.

165. The Office of the Chairman utilized US\$10,800 allocated for reproduction and dissemination of the SUNS bulletin in New York. The breakdown of these expenditures was presented to the Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts PGTF but has yet to be formally submitted to UNDP.

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

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$25,000

Duration: One week

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 on 29 May 1990.

166. The cost of participation of Committee members at the fifth and sixth meetings was covered by this project.

167. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for four members who attended the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 5-7 July 1990) was \$11,971. The financial report of expenditures for this meeting was submitted to UNDP on 27 December 1990.

168. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for four members who attended the Sixth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 24-26 June 1991) was \$12,102. The financial report of expenditures for this meeting was submitted to UNDP on 20 May 1992.

169. A cash balance of \$972 was utilized to finance the participation of members attending the Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF, the cost of which was covered by project INT/90/K08 - Support to the Committee of Experts of the PGTF. The financial report of the spent cash balance will be submitted to UNDP shortly.

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

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

PGTF input: \$78,000

Duration: Five and a half months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 in December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CERID is dated 17 December 1990.

170. The terminal report of the project was submitted by CERID on 13 August 1991. The financial report on expenditures related to the project was submitted by CERID on 30 December 1991.

(9) 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

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$250,000

Duration: Sixteenth months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and the G-77 in December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and UNCTAD is dated 14 December 1990.

171. The implementation of this project has been completed and the terminal report distributed to Member States on 16 June 1993.

172. The Office of the Chairman has utilized US\$3,000 allocated by PGTF for the reproduction and distribution of the terminal report to Member States. The financial report on these expenditures will be submitted to UNDP shortly.

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

Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$83,700

Duration: Two years and four months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document signed by UNDP and SELA on 20 September 1989.

173. A copy of the terminal and financial reports forwarded by SELA to UNDP on 12 February 1993, were made available by SELA to the Office of the Chairman.

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

Submitter: Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) in Uruguay

PGTF input: US\$120,000

Duration: Twelve months

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 12 and 21 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and ALADI is dated 18 December 1990.

174. The terminal report of this project was forwarded by ALADI on 7 April 1993. The financial report is being awaited.

175. The Committee recommended that a complete English language version of the terminal report be prepared by ALADI and that the summary already submitted be distributed by the Chairman of the Group of 77 to all Member States.

B. Projects under implementation

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

Submitter: Government of Algeria

PGTF input: US\$65,450

Duration: One year

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 respectively on 13 and 12 October 1989. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CNIDE is dated 9 November 1989.

176. By letter dated 13 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Director-General of CNIDE to submit the project's terminal report as well as a cumulative and definitive statement of expenditures which were scheduled to have been received by the Office of the Chairman by 1 February 1991.

177. The new Director-General of CNIDE acknowledged receipt of the Chairman's request in a letter dated 4 May 1992. The letter stated that the project's terminal report was under preparation and would be submitted at a later date.

178. A progress and financial report dated 30 May 1992 was forwarded by the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations in a note verbale dated 11 August 1992.

179. A request for an updated progress report was made by the Chairman of the Group of 77 in a letter dated 19 May 1993.

180. The Office of the Chairman was allocated US\$500 from PGTF for reproduction and distribution of the terminal report to Member States. This amount will be expended as soon as the terminal report is submitted by CNIDE.

181. The Committee requested that the terminal report of the project be submitted by CNIDE before the next session of the Committee.

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

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

PGTF input: \$90,000

Duration: Eighteen months

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

Number: INT/89/K04/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by ICPE and UNDP respectively on 11 and 18 June 1991.

182. By letter dated 16 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 conveyed to the Director of UNDP's Special Unit for TCDC the recommendation made by the Sixth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 24-26 June 1991), which called on executing organizations currently implementing projects to present their progress reports as scheduled in the project documents in order to effectively follow up the implementation of such projects.

183. UNDP made available to the Office of the Chairman a copy of a facsimile message dated 26 May 1992 which described the action taken by UNDP on this matter. However, it is a cause of concern that no progress report has yet been forwarded to the Office of the Chairman one year after the request was made.

184. The Committee recommended that the Chairman reiterates his request for a progress report of the project.

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

Submitter: Government of Nigeria

PGTF input: US\$100,000

Duration: 12 months

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

Number: INT/89/K09/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 19 and 20 June 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council of Nigeria) is dated 1 November 1991.

185. The Chairman of the Group of 77 made a request for a progress report in a letter dated 19 May 1993 which is being awaited.

(4) Provision of consultancy services by CARICAD

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

PGTF input: \$45,000

Duration: Two years

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 1 and 27 June 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CARICAD is dated 5 October 1990.

186. By letter dated 14 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Executive Secretary of CARICAD to submit a progress report as well as a cumulative statement of expenditures.

187. The new Executive Secretary of CARICAD acknowledged receipt of the Chairman's request in a letter dated 10 June 1992. The letter stated that the outstanding reports on the project were under preparation and would be submitted at a later date.

188. The Executive Director of CARICAD submitted a terminal report in the form of a letter dated 7 October 1992 with a financial statement annexed thereto.

189. As acknowledged by CARICAD itself, funds provided by PGTF were misallocated as it was done without prior approval on the part of the Group of 77.

190. The sub-contract agreement provided that CARICAD would submit an analytical report for distribution by the Office of the Chairman to all members of the Group of 77.

191. The Committee expressed its deep concern on the unauthorized reallocation and expenditure of resources provided by the PGTF for this project and recommended that the Chairman of the Group convey this concern to the CARICAD Secretariat and the concerned governments. Furthermore, the Committee was of the view that these practices should not occur in the future.

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

Submitter: Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$58,000

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/89/K12/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and SELA respectively on 2 and 19 October 1991.

192. By letter dated 16 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 conveyed to the Director of UNDP's Special Unit for TCDC the recommendation made by the Sixth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 24-26 June 1991), which called on executing organizations

currently implementing projects to present their progress reports as scheduled in the project documents in order to effectively follow up the implementation of such projects.

193. UNDP made available to the Office of the Chairman a copy of a facsimile message dated 26 May 1992 which described the action taken by UNDP on this matter. No further information has been received regarding the status of implementation of this project.

194. The Committee recalled that the guidelines for utilization of the PGTF state that if a project is not implemented within two years after its signature, the allocation would be reverted to the PGTF and the project resubmitted to the Committee of Experts. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 inform the SELA secretariat that such condition would be met if the project implementation does not start before October 1993.

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

Submitter: National University of Costa Rica

PGTF input: US\$84,800

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/90/K01/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by UNDP and G-77 respectively on 1 and 16 July 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the Foundation of Science, Art and Culture of the National University of Costa Rica (FUNA) is dated 15 October 1991.

195. A progress report and a financial statement, both at 31 December 1992, have been forwarded by the National University of Costa Rica.

(7) 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

Submitter: Autonomous Institute of the National Library of Venezuela

PGTF input: US\$94,500

Duration: Three years

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 19 and 20 June 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and the National Library of Venezuela Preservation Center (NLVPC) is dated 17 July 1991,

196. By letter dated 13 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Director of NLVPC to submit a progress report as well as a cumulative statement of expenditures. Both the progress report and the financial statement dated 26 May 1992 were received by the Office of the Chairman on 27 May 1992.

197. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request an updated progress and financial report of the project.

(8) 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

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

PGTF input: US\$95,000

Duration: Nine months

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

Number: INT/90/K03/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 24 April and 6 May 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Group of 77 and CERID is dated 24 April 1991.

198. A progress report on the project in the form of a draft in-depth review paper was submitted by CERID in March 1992.

199. By letter dated 14 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Director of CERID to submit a financial report of expenditures for the first tranche of US\$78,000. A financial report of expenditures as at 31 March 1992 was submitted by CERID in May 1992.

200. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the terminal report for the project.

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

Submitter: Department of Agriculture of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$110,000

Duration: Two years

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 20 and 21 December 1990. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (on behalf of the Department of Agriculture of Malaysia) is dated 8 March 1991.

201. By letter dated 15 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Department of Agriculture of Malaysia to submit a progress report as well as a cumulative statement of expenditures.

202. The Committee received two progress reports, one at 31 December 1991 and the other for January-June 1992, forwarded by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations on 6 October 1992, and took note of them.

(10) *Organic rice farming system*

Submitter: Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)

PGTF input: US\$85,000

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/90/K06/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 20 and 21 December 1991. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (on behalf of MARDI) is dated 8 March 1991.

203. By letter dated 15 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested MARDI to submit a progress report as well as a cumulative statement of expenditures.

204. The Committee received a progress report, as of June 1992, forwarded by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations on 6 October 1992, and took note of it.

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

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$214,800

Duration: Five years

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

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

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

205. The Office of the Chairman made a request to UNDP on 11 December 1991 for a disbursement of \$US5,000 intended for the translation, reproduction and dissemination of an informative brochure on PGTF. US\$948.60 were spent for this purpose. A financial report on these expenditures was submitted to UNDP on 20 May 1992.

206. The remaining cash balance of US\$4,051.40 plus the unspent cash balance of project INT/89/K14 in the amount of US\$927 which remained in the ECDC Account were both utilized to finance the participation of members attending the Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992). The Office of the Chairman made a request to UNDP on 20 May 1992 for an additional US\$10,000 from this project to cover expenditures relating to the Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts. Thus, funds available in the ECDC Account to finance the participation of Committee members totaled US\$14,978.40.

207. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for five members who attended the Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF in 1992 was US\$22,108.70. Total project funds available in the ECDC Account for this meeting were short by US\$7,130.30. This amount is to be reimbursed by UNDP.

208. Travel, subsistence, and terminal expenses for members attending the Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF will be covered by the ECDC Account. A financial report will be submitted to UNDP immediately after the meeting with a request for reimbursement of meeting expenditures.

209. The Committee expressed its understanding that the expenses related to the participation of the Chairman of the Committee in either the meetings of Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee (IFCC) or the Annual Meetings of the Group of 77, as appropriate, to present the report of the Committee of Experts and be available to provide the necessary information and clarifications, fall within the scope of this project. The Committee therefore recommended that the necessary adjustment be made to the project document accordingly.

(12) 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

Submitter: Steering Committee of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Duration: Two years

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

Number: INT/91/K01/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 13 and 21 November 1991. Sub-contract agreements have been signed separately with chambers of commerce and industry of the following countries acting as regional focal points: Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon (23 January 1992), the Chamber of Commerce of Bogota (4 March 1992), and the Federation of Pakistan of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (14 December 1992).

210. The Office of the Chairman is awaiting the report of the Sixth Meeting of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Developing Countries Members of the Group of 77, held in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 5 to 8 April 1993, which undertook a review of the project.

211. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the outstanding report on an urgent basis so that it could be made available to participants at IFCC-VIII, to be held in Panama in August 1993.

(13) Public Enterprises Rationalization Project

Submitter: Government of Saint Lucia

PGTF input: US\$60,800

Duration: Six months

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

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

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

212. By letter dated 15 April 1992, the Chairman of the Group of 77 requested the Government of Saint Lucia to submit a progress report. This request was reiterated in a letter from the Chairman of the Group of 77 dated 19 May 1993.

213. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request the outstanding reports on the status of implementation of this project.

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

Submitter: Government of Argentina

PGTF input: US\$88,000

Duration: One year

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

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 22 and 28 October 1992. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the President of the "Centro de Investigaciones para la Transformación (CENIT) of Argentina is dated 6 November 1992.

214. The Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Group of 77 request a progress report for consideration of the Committee at its next session.

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

Submitter: Raul Prebisch Foundation

PGTF input: US\$60,700

Duration: 3 months

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

Number: INT/92/K02/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 6 November 1992 and 9 March 1993. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the President of the Raul Prebisch Foundation is dated 14 December 1992.

215. The Committee took note that an extension of three months to complete the project, from three to six months, was requested in March 1993 and recommended that copies of the published works of Raul Prebisch be distributed to all member countries of the Group of 77.

(16) *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*

Submitter: Group of 77 in Geneva

PGTF input: US\$250,000

Duration: One year

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

Number: INT/92/K03/A/90/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 16 November and 12 December 1992. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and UNCTAD is dated 14 December 1992.

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

Submitter: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia

PGTF input: US\$81,600

Duration: One year

Approval: 16th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1 October 1993)

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

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP on 10 December 1992. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations (on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia) is dated 10 February 1993.

(18) *African Agency for Biotechnology*

Submitter: Government of Algeria

PGTF input: US\$150,000

Duration: One year

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

Number: INT/92/K06/A/95/99

Date of signature of relevant documents: Project document was signed by G-77 and UNDP respectively on 16 and 20 April 1993. Sub-contract agreement between the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Algeria to the United Nations (on behalf of the Secretariat of State for Scientific Research of Algeria) is dated 3 May 1993.

C. Projects under preparation still to be implemented

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

Submitter: Government of Madagascar

PGTF input: US\$30,000

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

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

216. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992) recommended that the allocated funds to this project would revert to PGTF if the Government of

Madagascar did not identify the name of the executing organization by the next regular session of the Committee of Experts.

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

218. The Committee considered that the terms of the project and the allocation of funds for this project have been approved, on the basis of the Committee's recommendation, by the Fourteenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in New York in 1989. Therefore, it is not within the Committee's competence to amend such a decision and the project should be implemented within the approved terms of reference and budget.

219. Furthermore, the Committee considered that if this project proposal is not implemented by the next regular session of the Committee in 1994, the allocated funds should be reverted to PGTF. Finally, the Committee was of the view that a revised project proposal could be submitted by the Government of Madagascar as a new proposal for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

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

Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$140,000

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

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

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

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

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

222. The Committee took note of the decision by UNDP not to provide catalytical financial support to this project. The Committee therefore recommended that the sponsors of the project should identify other sources of financing for the project and to inform the Committee accordingly.

(3) Development of Agriculture Database for ASEAN

Submitter: Government of Malaysia

PGTF input: US\$94,000

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

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

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

225. The Committee recommended that the preparation of the project document and sub-contract agreement be expedited with a view to an early implementation of the project.

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

Submitter: Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), Gaborone, Botswana

PGTF input: US\$90,000

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

226. The Office of the Chairman has been informed by UNDP that it is preparing the project document in cooperation with SADCC.

227. The Committee recommended that the preparation of the project document and sub-contract agreement be expedited with a view to an early implementation of the project.

(5) Group of 77 Information Bulletin

Submitter: Office of the Chairman of the Group of 77/Inter Press Service

PGTF input: US\$26,560

Duration: One year

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

228. Although the project document and sub-contract agreement are still under preparation, the activities of the project began in January 1993 as scheduled.

229. This publication had previously received financial support from PGTF for a period of four years, from 1988 to 1991, through project INT/88/K01. The publication of the *Journal* could be continued in 1992 thanks to an offer made by IPS to continue its participation in the project without financial remuneration in 1992.

230. The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts of PGTF (New York, 29-30 June 1992) approved funding for one year beginning in January 1993 while stressing the importance of finding a permanent arrangement for the publication of the *Journal of the Group of 77* before the end of

the project in 1993 in order to ensure its continued publication. The Committee also emphasised the need of enhancing the capacity of the Office of the Chairman to assume the responsibility for the publication of the *Journal* on a regular basis.

231. On the basis of a recommendation from the Chairman of the Group of 77, the Committee was of the view that an additional one-year support should be given to the *Journal of the Group of 77*, and in this regard recommended that US\$26,560 be allocated to this project. However, the Committee reiterated its view that regular activities could not be financed from PGTF resources and that a permanent arrangement should be found for its continued publication.

D. Projects not implemented and allocated funds reverted to PGTF

(1) *Interregional Trade Financing Facility*

Submitter: UNCTAD

PGTF input: US\$40,000

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

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

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

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

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

PGTF input: US\$15,000

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

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

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

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

235. The meeting of the panel of experts on MSIN which was to have considered the project document related to the feasibility report, could not be convened given that the required number

of 15 countries needed to launch the project could not be reached. The Committee of Experts of PGTF recommended that this project proposal be resubmitted at an appropriate time.

(3) Action Committee on Inter-enterprise Cooperation

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

PGTF input: US\$35,000

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

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

236. The approved amount should have reverted to PGTF in 1992 as no matching contribution was received by 31 December 1991.

237. In accordance with the decision of the 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting (New York, 1-2 October 1990), the approved amount for this project would be reverted to PGTF if the matching contribution of US\$ 35,000 from the Action Committee was not received by 31 December 1991.

238. In a letter dated 20 December 1991, the Executive Director of ICPE informed that contributions had been secured from several enterprises from developing countries amounting to US\$41,500. However, the list of contributors was made up of enterprises from developing countries that were not members of the Action Committee. Member States that have notified the Office of the Chairman of their intention to join or participate in the Action Committee are Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

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

240. The 14th Annual Ministerial Meeting recommended that this project proposal be resubmitted at an appropriate time if no matching contribution was received by 31 December 1991. The allocated funds were thus reverted to PGTF.

Summary of project proposals recommended for adoption

241. In summary, the Committee recommended that seven projects avail from the financing of PGTF and resources allocated to this end amount to US\$531,941. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
1. African Agency for Biotechnology.	150,000.00
2. Agricultural database for ASEAN in utilization operations research	94,000.00
3. Feasibility study for a subregional center for agricultural machinery in the CEPGL subregion	43,000.00
4. Feasibility study for establishing a Central American hydrographic cooperation program.	38,500.00
5. South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)	59,881.00
6. Guidelines and tools for a common industrial policy for Mercosur	120,000.00
7. Journal of the Group of 77	<u>26,560.00</u>
TOTAL	531,941.00

242. According to the information provided by UNDP, total available resources for funding new project proposals in 1993 amount to approximately US\$600,000. This amount includes the interest expected to be earned from 1 June to 31 December 1993. A detailed breakdown of the financial status of PGTF is provided in Annex II.

243. 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.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

244. The Committee agreed that the deadline for the submission of project proposals by Member States for the consideration at its next regular session will be 31 March 1994. At this session, the Committee will also consider the project proposals referred to para. 7 of this report.

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Financial status of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund
for ECDC/TCDC as of June 1993¹

Unexpended resources as of 1 January 1993	\$6,525,849.00
Add: Interest earned as of 15 June 1993	<u>\$233,195.84²</u>
Total resources	\$6,759,044.84
Less: Project disbursement recorded in 1993:	

INT/92/K01 - South. Cone Common Makt	88,000.00
INT/92/K02 - Raul Prebisch	60,700.00
INT/92/K03 - GSTP	200,000.00
INT/92/K04 - ASEAN Simulation Model	81,600.00
INT/92/K05 - ASEAN Agri. Databank	94,000.00
INT/92/K06 - Biotechnology	<u>150,000.00</u>
	\$674,300.00

Balance of funds (total resources less disbursed funds)	\$6,084,744.84
Less: Reserved resources (Fund's capital)	<u>\$5,000,000.00³</u>
Remaining funds	\$1,084,744.84

Consisting of obligated/earmarked funds as follows:

(i) Obligated:

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

INT/89/K12 - SELA, Germ Plasm	58,000.00
INT/89/K13 - SUNS	200.00
INT/90/K01 - Mangrove	35,300.00
INT/90/K02 - 16th-18th C.	31,500.00
INT/90/K08 - PGTF, Phase II	199,800.00
INT/90/K09 - Veterinary	140,000.00
INT/92/K03 - GSTP	50,000.00
INT/92/K07 - SADC	<u>90,000.00</u>
	\$604,800.00

¹As submitted by UNDP.

²Estimated 1993 interest (1 January-15 June) from bonds and time deposits: \$233,195.84 only posted in account at end of 1993.

³Deposited in long-term high-yield bonds.

(ii) Earmarked funds approved:

INT/89/K08 - Monetary Fund (Madagascar)	30,000.00	
INT/92/K08 - G-77 Bulletin	<u>26,560.00</u>	
	\$91,560.00	
Total obligated/earmarked funds (\$604,800 + \$56,560)		\$661,360.00
Available for new projects (\$1,084,744.84 - \$661,360)		\$423,384.84 ⁴

⁴This does not include the interest earnings for the July-December period, estimated at approximately \$250,000 to be posted at the end of the year.