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Country cooperation frameworks and related matters

Extension of the first cooperation framework for technical cooperation among developing countries

Note by the Administrator

1. In its decision 95/23, the Executive Board allocated 0.5 per cent of the core programme resources for the promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) on a global basis and within the United Nations development system during the programming period 1997-1999. The first cooperation framework for TCDC (DP/TCDC/REC/1) covering this period was approved by the Executive Board at its second regular session 1997. It focuses on two broad categories of activities: (a) support for sustainable human development through TCDC, with particular emphasis on poverty eradication, environment, production and employment, trade, investment and macroeconomic management and (b) the promotion of TCDC through policy formulation and coordination, capacity enhancement and information support. A results-based management strategy emphasizing programme focus, coherence and outcomes has been put in place.

2. Since its approval, the Administrator has submitted to the Executive Board two separate annual reports on the implementation of the TCDC cooperation framework, in 1997 (DP/1998/17/Add.3) and 1998 (DP/1999/21). In addition, a biennial review of progress covering the same period was submitted to the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its eleventh session, held in June 1999 (TCDC/11/1-3). The High-level Committee expressed the view that the TCDC programme had helped to deepen South-South policy dialogue and intellectual exchanges on a number of important issues of sustainable human development and globalization; enhance South-South sharing of experiences and networking of knowledge institutions; and improve the United Nations system coordination and support for such cooperation. In its decision 11/1.B of 4 June 1999 the High-level Committee "commends the efforts of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries in orienting its activities fully in line with the new directions strategy" for TCDC.



3. In the light of the decision to extend the original programming period and resource allocation for 1997-1999 to cover 1997-2000 and the need to deliver effectively on the newly introduced UNDP strategic results framework, it is necessary to extend the TCDC programme for one more year, beginning on 1 January 2000. Such an extension would also allow the Special Unit to undertake a comprehensive review of the programme during the first half of 2000. The results attained and lessons learned would then be fully taken into account in the preparation of the next TCDC cooperation framework, which is expected to be submitted for consideration by the Executive Board during its first regular session 2001.

4. In view of the above, the Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first cooperation framework for technical cooperation among developing countries for one year, beginning on 1 January 2000.
